New Year Greetings & Welcome to our January 2021 Newsletter!
The entire NEN family wishes you a rejuvenating new beginning for the year. The past year was a turbulent one and setbacks happened to us, just like for the rest of the world. During the concluding months of 2020 we carried forward our work for women's rights with renewed fervour. In this Newsletter, we share with you some of our activities during the months of October, November and December 2020.
Gender discrimination & violence against women

The ‘16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence’ is observed globally every year from 25th November till 10th December. The past year, the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affected the working population around the world, especially women, who also had to face a steep escalation in domestic violence.

NEN joined the Campaign for the year 2020 with vigour and enthusiasm! Various events were organised across Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland to spread awareness on preventing gender-based violence in private and public spaces.
In Assam, the Campaign for the year 2020 was launched in the districts of Darrang, Dhemaj, Kamrup, Golaghat, Karbi Anglong and Udalguri. On 26th November, students of Dahali Karka High school, Nahira, Kamrup painted graffiti on the school’s boundary wall. The theme of the art work was 'Gender equality and Ending Gender-based Discrimination against Women and Girls'.

A public meeting on the issue of domestic violence was organised at Kalaigaon, Udalguri on 27th November. On the same day another event at Deithor High School, Karbi Anglong was kicked off with an interactive session with students from the school and local youth. The students painted several walls of the school, all following the themes of ending gender-based discrimination and violence.
Carrying forward the theme of ‘Ending Gender-based Violence Against Women and Girls’, a group of 12 people comprising of support group members and youths from Doigrung came together and wrote **slogans on walls** at Doigrung main market in Golaghat, on 28th November.

**Awareness Posters** developed by NEN on GBDVAW and rights of women workers from the unorganised sectors were put up in public spaces at Dhemaji district.

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market in Golaghat. On 2nd December, Awareness Posters developed by NEN on GBDVAW and rights of women workers from the unorganised sectors were put in public spaces at Dhemaji. On 4th December, 2020, in Assam’s Daulguri village of Darrang district, NEN initiated a meeting to highlight the bleak outcomes of early marriage.

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NEN in Meghalaya launched a debate on the theme: “**Youths’ responsibility in mitigating Violence against Women and Children especially during Covid-19**” in Nongshillong, West Khasi Hills District that witnessed the involvement of youth from different villages.

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We witnessed a surge in crimes against women and children in Meghalaya during the lockdown period. As an organisation we registered 66 Domestic Violence cases in just a span of 5 months. North East Network collaborated with the Meghalaya Police, West Khasi Hills District and the Village Organisation of Laitkseh village for an interface programme on 26th October 2020.
With the goal of reaching out to a larger audience and sensitising them on the issue of Domestic Violence, a Street Play was enacted in Paltan Bazaar area, Shillong in collaboration with the Aganwadi workers. READ MORE

We also organised a Bike Rally within Shillong to spread awareness on Gender based Violence, on 5th December, 2020. READ MORE.

Winners of “FACE ART COMPETITION”.

I AM A SURVIVOR NOT A VICTIM

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Grassroots leaders are often placed far from mainstream or established institutions in-spite of being the backbone of every community. There is a critical need to develop leadership skills of women at the grassroot level. With this aim, a one day workshop on ‘Developing Leadership skills for Grassroots women’ was organised in Plasha village, Ri- Bhoi District of Meghalaya on November 30, 2020 as part of the 16 Days Activism Campaign against Gender Based Violence. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from 52 women weavers.

In Nagaland, we launched a Poster Drawing Competition on 14th November 2020 under the theme “Reimagining a World without Gender-Based Violence”. We received remarkable response from 31 young artists from Chizami, Phek, Pfrutsero, and Kohima.
Click here to view more poster submissions, and list of winners!

NEN Nagaland in collaboration with Family Planning Association India (FPAI) Nagaland Branch and SEWA Kohima organised a seminar on "Women Reproductive Health and Rights" on 8th December, 2020. This seminar was organised to create awareness surrounding the issue of Women Reproductive Health and Rights and to identify such health concerns and, assist them in seeking the help they need.

We held a Public Awareness Campaign on 10th December, at Chizami Village under the theme "Reimagining a World without Gender Based Violence" and organised a series of sports event with the communities during the closing of the 16 Days campaign.

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VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR OSC STAFF

With more than 50 participants participating from 8 districts of Meghalaya, a 5 Days Virtual Training for the staff of One Stop Centers and Swadhar Greh from Meghalaya was held from 30th November to 4th December 2020. The objective of the training was to build the capacity of the newly recruited team of OSCs on feminist counseling skills, understanding of gender related concepts and legislations for women as well as to facilitate rehabilitation and support in a survivor centered manner.

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A similar online training for OSC staff was also initiated by NEN in Assam. The training was held for the OSC staff of 11 districts of Assam between 7th to 11th December, 2020. There were 40 participants from OSCs of 11 districts (Kamrup Rural, Kamrup Metro, Darrang, Dhemaji, Udalguri, Sonitpur, Golaghat, Karbi Anglong, Sibsagar, Tinsukia and Dibrugarh) of Assam.

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Online training on
Strengthening One Stop Centres in Assam to provide Multi-Sectoral Response to Violence
organised by Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Assam, North East Network & Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT), Mumbai

7 - 11 December, 2020

Natural Resource Management & Livelihood

TRAINING FOR TRADITIONAL WEavers
While weaving defines the cultures and behaviors of the indigenous people of Nagaland, modernisation and commercialisation has affected the traditional art-form. To boost and stimulate preservation of traditional weaves, we organised a 5-day residential weaving training, at North East Network Resource Centre, Chizami from the 9th to 13th November, 2020. A total of 14 participants from Enhulumi, Chizami, Chizami Town, Sumi, Mesulumi, and Thetsumi benefited from this training.

**CELEBRATING WITH STREET VENDORS**

On the occasion of International Street Vendors’ Day, 14th November 2020, a Street Awareness Campaign was carried out by NEN in Nagaland. The campaign focused on sensitising the Street vendors about Nagaland Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Rules 2019, their rights and obligations, and highlight the significant contribution of women Street vendors to their families and society at large. It was in collaboration with Self Employed Women Association (SEWA), Nagaland.

**BAMBOO EXCHANGE LEARNING WORKSHOP**

In the Naga community, bamboo is used comprehensively in every sphere of life. To highlight the significance of bamboo within Naga Culture and the importance of conserving bamboo plantation in combating climate change, a two-day exchange learning workshop on Bamboo was organised at NEN Resource Centre, Chizami on 18th and 19th November 2020.
ANNUAL BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL
The annual Biodiversity Festival by NEN with local partners in Nagaland, was held under the theme “Celebrating Resilience of Biodiverse Community”. Held at Thetsumi Phek District, on 15th December, 2020. Indigenous seeds were put up for display by four *khels* during the seed exhibition, followed by a food value addition training for volunteers.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

**Green Hub Fellowship 2021**
Green Hub is a project of NEN, engaged in empowering youth in environmental and conservation education through the visual medium.
Applications invited for

Green Hub Fellowship 2021

LAST DATE: 28TH FEBRUARY, 2021

For complete details visit:
https://northeastnetwork.org/the-green-hub-fellowship-2021-2022/

To fill up the application online, please click here.

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