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North East Network (NEN) is a women's rights organisation working for women irrespective of their diversity and regardless of ethnicity, sexual/gender identity different abilities, culture and space. NEN also connects to different civil society organisations on development and social justice issues within North East India.

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FOREWORD



North East Network is into its 24th year of her existence and the year 2018-19 has been as exciting as the past years, but with more activities in the field of environment, governance, and social justice. NEN also went into a review of its work this year, which indicates that we have to deal with the challenges in our work. We have extended our work to more rural areas and it only gladdens my heart that young people in schools, rural women and communities living in power structures are coming together to comprehend the values of sharing and accommodating other points of views.

NEN's team has grown, despite the departure of several others and I congratulate them for the tremendous work done in the extended villages of Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland, dealing with issues of adolescent learning, violence, spreading knowledge around biodiversity and good governance.

The Annual Report depicts the above with clarity and openness.

Dr. Monisha Behal
Chief Executive Officer
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STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

North East Network has successfully furthered its efforts to combat gender based violence by engaging with communities as well as government agencies. This year, it has continued its focus on securing women's access to economic, political, social and cultural rights and entitlements and has spread livelihood generation programme through natural resource management to previously uncharted areas.

In Assam, what began as an attempt to create a pool of feminist grassroots women leaders with only 30 women, now has spread to six districts through a ripple effect. This was possible through a sustained process of capacity building, trainings and exposure trips in the last 3 years. These women have now become peer leaders who have created a support system for women survivors of violence in their own villages. Amongst other things, they monitor various government schemes and policies, thus influencing the government departments to become more accountable towards the delivery of their services in the communities. They have successfully managed to influence local bodies to include women in formal spaces like Gram Panchayats, Local Committees as per the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, Village Defence Parties and Nari Suraksha Samities. The women are leading NEN's initiatives, in several districts, while promoting the hand & waist loom tradition of Assam

As part of the South Asian Young Women Leadership and Mentoring (SAYWLM) programme, in which NEN is a participant, community young women leaders (CYWLs) from communities in Phek district, Nagaland are being trained by a young NEN member. Designed as a movement building and feminist leadership programme, it adopts diverse strategies in training and mentoring the CYWLs with the intent to build a second line of feminist leaders in the community.

Persistent efforts in Meghalaya to combat gender based violence, particularly in professional spaces, have led not only to awareness of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act but also adoption of the Internal Complaints Committee in various government and non governmental institutions including schools.

In context of rural work, NEN recognizes the potential of traditional weaving in the state, and we have initiated a weaving programme for rural women in Ri-bhoi district with the objective of enhancing their socio-economic status and providing them with sustainable livelihood options.



All India Millet Sisters Network First Annual Convention



Capacity building for the YWL



Inauguration of a Grameen Mahila Kendra at Golaghat in Assam

WHO WE ARE

OUR VISION is to build a society in the North East region (NER) that upholds gender justice, equity and respect for human rights.

WHAT WE DO

North East Network (NEN) : NEN connects to different civil society organisations on development and social justice issues within North-East India. It was set up as part of the preparatory process for the Beijing World Conference on Women in 1995. In the 20 years since its establishment, NEN has become a platform to address women's human rights.

NEN is one of the first organisations in the North East to combine activism with advocacy from a liberal feminist perspective, conveying critical gender issues through dialogue and dissemination.

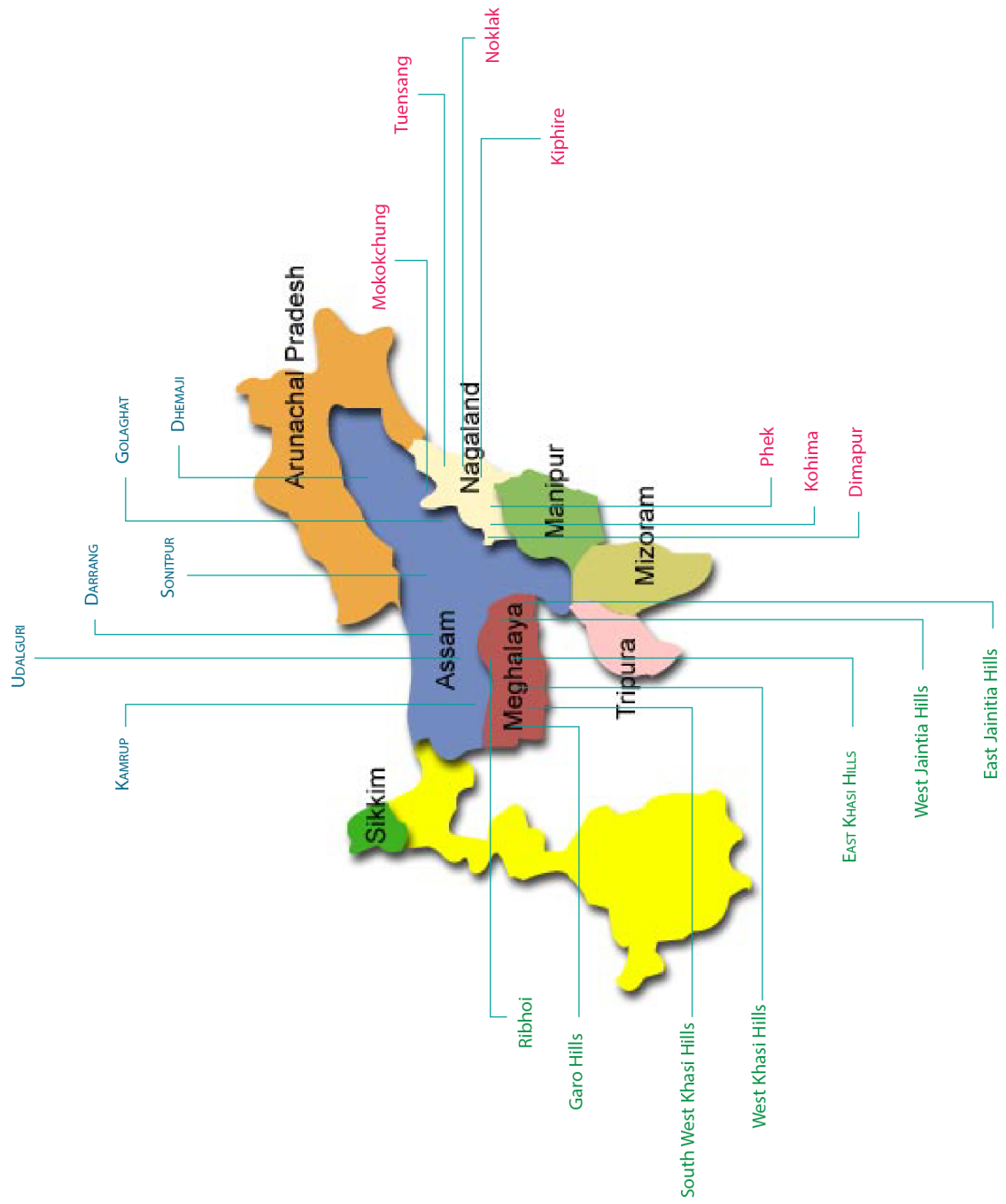
STRATEGY

The strategic purpose of NEN is to create a gender-just society against the backdrop of inadequacies where access to rights, entitlements and opportunities are distant among communities in India's NER. Thus, NEN has aimed at women's rights agenda to deal with (a) Gender Based Discrimination and Violence Against Women, (b) Governance and State Accountability and (c) Natural Resource Management along with Livelihood opportunities. NEN undertakes the following four strategies to facilitate the above:

- Action oriented Research & Documentation
- Knowledge Building/Training
 - Community Activism
 - Policy Advocacy



OUR REACH AND SCALE



GENDER BASED DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

One of NEN's core thematic areas, fighting GBDVAW has been high on this year's agenda as well. This involved extensive awareness drives by our barefoot counsellors in the remote districts of Assam and Meghalaya, setting up and running Gramin Mahila Kendras in three districts in Assam and the successful functioning of Iolynthi, a one stop crisis centre for survivors of violence in Shillong.

Knowledge Building



In all the regions that we work in, we realise that the root cause of Gender based Violence arises from the inability of women in a community, social or professional group to seek justice or even through legal systems. NEN tries to fill this gap through various sensitization programmes on non discrimination, gender parity to begin with and eventually on laws that are enacted by the government.

Knowledge building is prioritized by NEN in all three states of the NER by engaging with diverse categories of people. In building the knowledge of communities and civil society organizations, the idea is to leave them with the capacity to hold their governments responsible for their actions and to bring notice on the lack of implementation of relevant laws and schemes. For instance NEN Nagaland has been engaged with bringing up women leaders through the strategies mentioned above. Over the last 1 year, the CYWLs are exploring issues affecting women, identifying discrimination and understanding challenges.

We do this by interacting closely with the women collectives, researching and documenting oral histories of women.

Capacity of the grassroots leaders on gender-based discrimination, violence against women and legal remedies was strengthened through a Workshop on Gender, Patriarchy, Violence against

Women along with appropriate legislations for peer leaders and community mobilisers in the 6 districts in Assam. Exposure trips often sensitize our women leaders on issues of Economic, Social, Cultural and Political Rights thus making linkages between them and government agencies. Traditional and participatory games have contributed greatly to communities becoming aware on violence against women and children.

In Meghalaya and Assam we have trained the staff about alternative safe spaces and shelter homes. This was through feminist counselling skills and legal remedies to enable better handling of cases of violence that they receive frequently. In Assam, a similar programme was held for employees of a State Telecom Company, (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited), titled Women's Safety in the Workplace and legal remedies.

NEN's members try to improve health based response to violence through initiatives in different hospitals of Meghalaya such as organizing a Health Camp in Goenka Hospital; Training on the government's guidelines on Medico Legal Services was conducted for doctors and nurses of Ganesh Das Hospital and NEIGRIHMS and Civil Hospitals of West Khasi Hills district. Here, we have also enhanced the understanding of the development sector on GBV through trainings to the employees of other non-governmental organizations.



Engaging the Youth

We believe that articulating the dangers of gender based discrimination/ violence should begin with the young. School children constitute a significant section of our outreach in Assam and Meghalaya. Here, 5 districts of Udalguri, Kokrajhar, Dhemaji and Kamrup in Assam have been covered through our gender sensitization programmes. In Meghalaya we have successfully reached out to students and faculty members alike in institutes like Mawsynram Border Area College and Loreto Convent, a premier educational institution in Shillong. These workshops have created a forum for the youth to discuss gender relations, gender bias and attitudes through creative mediums like story-telling, film screening, puppetry, art etc.



Universal children's Day for 34 children of the community leaders in Shillong



Puppet Show on 'What is a Girl? What is a boy'?



Interaction session with the Youth in Shillong.

Community Activism

We have participated in and facilitated a number of initiatives to actively take action towards combating violence and discrimination against women and children. In Meghalaya we influenced the setting up of Internal Committees for the prevention of sexual harassment in thirty educational institutions. Our activism against child sexual abuse (CSA) has been through conducting Personal Safety Education Programmes for school children and their mothers. We have engaged relevant stakeholders like the Sessions Judge in a dialogue on the challenges and gaps in implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. In a conscious effort to bring about gender reforms in the Church, NEN facilitated a dialogue between church leaders and the International Justice

Mission titled 'Addressing and Redressing Social Justice in the community' which has influenced the former to open their institution to a discussion on women and gender disparities - a significant achievement. Through meetings, discussions and training NEN has strengthened the capacities of community women to address and redress GBDVAW in their localities. A pool of grassroots women leaders and 19 support groups (Chuburi Committees) were formed in the 6 districts in Assam. Nagaland's sensitization on gender cuts across all their activities, be it during weaving, farming, church based workshops or school programmes.

16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

ASSAM



- Sports Competition among women in Golaghat.
- In Dharikathi, Sonitpur a play titled "Felani" was performed on violence against women, peace and conflict resolution
- In Golaghat feminist activist Mridula Kalita spoke on gender-based discrimination and violence against women and girls.

MEGHALAYA



- A rally and Street Play to create awareness for 'Safe Spaces for Women in Public and Private Sphere'
- Felicitating grassroots women workers and the youth for furthering the cause of women's rights and fighting GBV.

NAGALAND



- In Dimapur and Phek, we brought together unorganized women workers, women rights activists and youth for a conversation on VAW in the community through experience sharing, drama, music.

International Women's Day

ASSAM



- Sports competition, cultural programmes, public meetings in Golaghat, Udalguri, Darrang, Kamrup, Sonitpur, an opportunity for women to break barriers, participate and claim spaces which are otherwise masculine.
- Talk on "Impact of Religious Fundamentalism on Women" in Guwahati by Dr Arupa Patangia Kalita, Sahitya Academy Awardee.

MEGHALAYA



- Awareness campaign on laws to deal with violence and abuse of women and children.
- A debate on 'Empowered Women in a Matrilineal Set Up: A Myth or Reality.'
- A felicitation of women achievers in Rambrai, West Khasi.

NAGALAND



- Bringing together diverse stakeholders, particularly farming communities from various tribes in the Biodiversity Festival in Chizami to celebrate the lives of women farmers and their contribution to food, nutrition and ecological security.

Advocacy

We understand that for women to be free from violence, a multipronged strategy must be adopted that is tailor-made to suit to context of each region that we work in.

NEN, in Meghalaya, has been protesting against the Khasi Social Custom of Lineage Bill passed by the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council that threatens to strip a Khasi woman of Schedule Tribe status and all privileges associated if she marries a non-tribal. Clearly, tradition and culture is used as a shield but violates women's rights to expression and choices. NEN has been advocating with other like-minded women's groups and the State Commission for Women in submitting a Memorandum to the Governor of Meghalaya, opposing the Bill.

Our community women leaders are also demonstrating transformative leadership skills and advocating for the social rejection of discrimination against women. Action research studies in Nagaland, by community leaders, on issues of single women, the impact of alcoholism on women and their reproductive health issues are indicative of change in the social sphere.



GOVERNANCE AND STATE ACCOUNTABILITY

NEN focuses on women getting access to entitlements, legal justice systems, and inclusive political participation. In this context we have been resourcing state agencies by imparting awareness for the effective implementation of pro-women laws that deal with gender based violence and marginalisation.

Knowledge Building



We have worked towards enhancing good governance and the accountability of various state departments by leading important discussions on issues of women's safety, and enabling compliance to relevant laws through trainings and discourse. In Assam, employees at various positions of the Social Welfare department (from 24 districts) were given orientation by NEN on the pro-women laws and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act (SHWWP).

NEN in Meghalaya led a similar training for Internal Committee members of all government departments in the state. It has facilitated a series of inter-departmental dialogue and workshops on legal provisions to deal with GBV and their implementation. Collaborations were between the Health and Police departments including a few Churches in dialogue over the subject. This has resulted in the acknowledgement that violence against women and children is a major health issue.

A regional consultation on Budget Justice and Fund Allocation, under the Union budget took place in collaboration with People's Budget Initiative with 8 civil society organizations at Guwahati in July 2018, that resulted in a charter of demands, presented at

the national consultation on "Budget Justice: Agenda for the Next Five Years" in New Delhi.

Women were mobilized by NEN under the aegis of Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), where discussions on topics admittedly nascent and perhaps less debated, in general, within the NER took place. We have aided in visibilizing their work, collectively engaging in campaigns. These women leaders comprise potential and existing leaders of community women organisations and SEWA in 5 districts- Phek, Dimapur, Kiphire, Kohima and Tuensang.

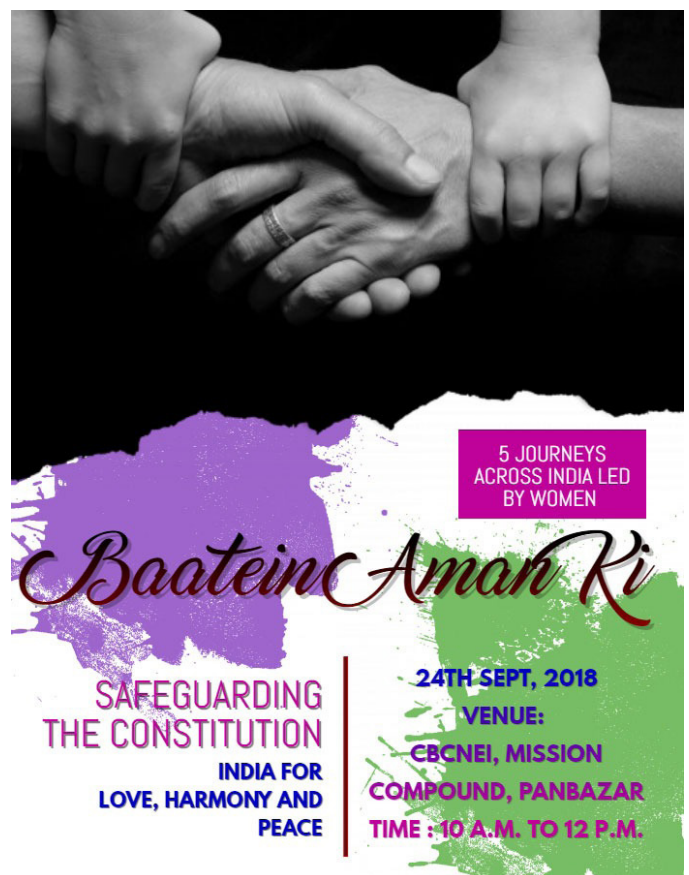
Interface meetings between women leaders and the police, in Meghalaya, have brought considerable confidence and self esteem to the women. The interaction bridged an understanding and the gap between them—truly monumental step towards a responsive state mechanism for ensuring justice to victims of violence. Through constant 'nudging' by us, the Meghalaya police have worked towards a cadre of gender trainers. This is gradually catalysing a chain reaction to creating a sustainable model of spreading gender awareness within the Police department. NEN hopes to pursue this effort in a process oriented way.



Community Activism

NEN Assam in collaboration with more than 11 local organisations co-hosted a Yatra (march) for Baatein Aman Ki, a national campaign to fight back against the targeted attacks on the constitutional rights of women in India, which witnessed the participation of more than a hundred people from different districts.

NEN's Field Investigators in the State organized protests in their districts on the rising crimes against women, in collaboration with local organizations, demanding justice for victims of such crimes and calling upon the state to ensure safety and security for women and girls in public transportation. Through community meetings with women, men, frontline workers and government departments, we have mobilized more than 2000 women to claim their rights and government entitlements.



ADVOCACY

Advocacy with the government is important to us and 2018 was a success. The Directorate of Social Welfare in Assam has registered 3 Gramin Mahila Kendras of NEN as service providers under the PWDV Act, a result of our effort on the implementation of SHWWP Act and PWDV Act.

The protest on rising crimes against women in Assam culminated in the submission of a Memorandum to the Honourable Prime Minister through the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup District, voicing concerns over delayed justice for survivors of sexual violence, and unsafe public and private spaces asking for immediate and effective solutions.

With our Meghalaya community women leaders we began facilitating registration of women construction workers under the Meghalaya Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board. The effort has been to enable these workers to claim social security schemes in Mawryngkneng of East Khasi Hills District.

NEN in Nagaland organised a public meeting with local authorities in a Supermarket at Dimapur and a 'Sales Day' at Kohima, which brought together more than a hundred Street Vendors with members of SEWA. This event visibilised the role and contribution of women vendors and the challenges they face, as women vendors, in full view of appropriate government officials. On the occasion of World Food Day NEN Nagaland also submitted a Memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Phek district seeking recognition of women farmers' contribution and knowledge on agro .biodiversity. In addition NEN sought their support over ecological agriculture, market infrastructure, access to credit and capital amongst others



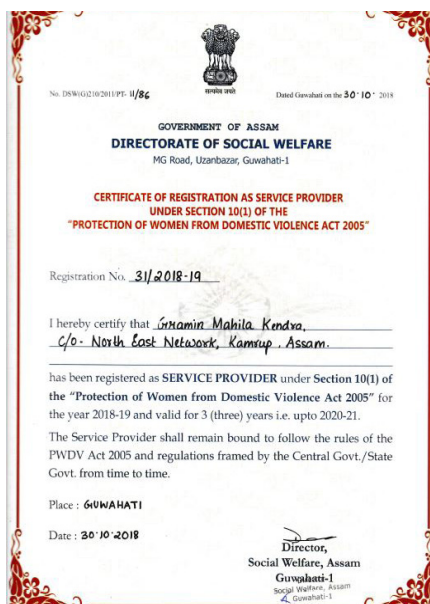
March on Rising Crimes against Women in Assam



International Human Rights Day



International Rural Women's Day



NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND LIVELIHOOD

We continue to work closely with the women farming communities in promoting indigenous food and farming systems, developing crafts, and strengthening community based institutions and women leadership. The purpose is to ensure that more people in northeast India enjoy greater food security, income, prosperity and resilience through significantly more equitable and sustainable food systems.



Knowledge Building

Our weavers in Assam and Nagaland have earned praise in the region (and outside), and NEN makes sure that they are constantly upgrading their skills. At the same time we reiterate that they do not lose sight of their larger goal toward a gender just and equitable society for themselves. In Assam women weavers were given training on impressing traditional designs on glass. This was followed by a workshop on natural dyeing processes. Exposure visits were made to learn and encourage team building. In Nagaland the art of film making is a knowledge well adopted by two members of NEN who have further trained 11 grassroot women from Phek District and their films have been seen and appreciated by a large audience in YouTube. Most of their short films are on the work of women farmers, their crafts and the status of street vendors in Nagaland. Some of them are

Bamboo- a boon for Humankind
Thread and Colours
Dawn to Dusk- The journey of rural women

Made by women from the Chakhesang tribe, these films

NEN Farm School 2018

capture the community's intrinsic relationship to their land, forest and seeds. The films are available on You Tube

NEN, through its association with Mahila Kisan Adhikar Mancha (MAKAAM- a women's Farmer Rights Forum), was part of developing an action plan to strengthen women's voices in claiming forest rights and forest based livelihoods through a workshop on "Forest Rights and Gender" at Guwahati. Well attended by representatives from Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya and Assam Meghalaya we saw the setting of the Shillong Chapter of MAKAAM as a result of this association.

Building a sustainable future requires youth engagement to take our initiatives forward. The NEN Farm School continues to bring together young urban-based students to reconnect with their local culture and traditional farming systems. Topics covered include local food systems, soil management, seed banking, pollination, bee-keeping, community life & culture through classroom and hands-on training.

Forest Rights and Gender Workshop.



The week long session was facilitated by 15 resource persons drawn from community knowledge holders, the ICAR-KVK, Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM), Academia and our team.

Community Activism

NEN's endeavour to further rural women's livelihood security, through sustainable processes, is now more important than ever. Thus we support women farmers in getting their work, their indigenous food systems recognized and their voices heard in the realm of public and policy paradigms.

Organizing mini markets for women farmers in Meghalaya's Mawthadraishan block through trained women leaders and creating awareness on seed banking (in villages of Mawkrywat, West Khasi Hills), are initiatives to promote sustainable agriculture and ensure food security.

Our annual Biodiversity Festival in Nagaland saw the convergence of farmers, community leaders, development activists, scientists, and the government who witnessed seed exchange amongst farming communities while partaking in their traditional food pot luck, folk music and discussions. Interestingly the Community Seed Banks, (CSB) facilitated by NEN, now exists in 10 villages of which 2 from Dzulhami and Chizami were acknowledged in this festival. CSBs have become an important platform to exchange seeds, reviving traditional seeds, enabling farmers' easy access to local and good quality seeds, safeguarding farmers' right over seed sovereignty.

Villages like Akhegwo in Phek district and Phor area in Weziho Block are engaging in millet farming, with enthusiasm, as a result of meetings and a Biodiversity Festival held at Akhwego, which was supported by the Village Councils. The technological support received from the State has greatly encouraged the farmers in Sekrezu area of Phek district to increase millet production.



Biodiversity Festival



Millet based sustainable agriculture



NEN Farm School

NEW INITIATIVES



Village Women's Centre/ Gramin Mahila Kendra – A room of one's own!

Within a time span of just one year the Gramin Mahila Kendras (GMK) in Assam's Golaghat, Darrang and Kamrup districts became popular safe spaces for women, to share, inform and express experiences of violence. Led by our Field Counsellors the women have resolved 58 cases in the centers. Even if difficult, the GMKs are challenging the social and cultural norms that legitimize and perpetuate violence through the medium of community meetings, film screening, art expressions and drama.

While working on gender based discrimination in Meghalaya, there was a realization that a major issue that renders women more vulnerable to poverty, exclusion and poor health is the issue of teenage pregnancies. To address this we have begun interacting with adolescents in schools and shelter homes as awareness programmes. A case in point is that of an Open Day Shelter in Nongmynsong and a government school in Mawryngkneng. To enhance community response for survivors of domestic violence in Meghalaya we have built a cadre of eight Outreach Workers in East and West Khasi Hills District. They are equipped with knowledge and training expertise to identify survivors, negotiate with village authorities for solutions by involving the youth in meetings too. These women are now being trained by Martin Luther Christian University to be certified counsellors. The NEN Resource Centre now hosts support group meetings for underprivileged women survivors of violence and those vulnerable led by a counsellor. The

idea of this space is to encourage these women claim rights and entitlements and find their own voice against injustice.

Tourism is a key economic sector in Meghalaya. We at NEN are trying to link nature and culture for facilitating sustainable development in the rural areas. We have collaborated with the Association for Conservation and Tourism, an NGO based in Sikkim for a first phase programme on tapping appropriate strategies for integrating biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods opportunities. People from districts of East, West, South West Khasi Hills and Ri Bhoi are gradually becoming exposed to ideas from programmes such as these.

In Nagaland, NEN has gone deeply into sensitizing communities on indigenous food systems thus leading to health and nutrition campaigns, workshops and researching on the Micro Nutrient Rich Species as well as climate Resilient Species of 4 villages of Phek, Phor, Chizami and Pathso Nokeng. This project is a collaborative effort between NEN and NESFAS, supported by REC.



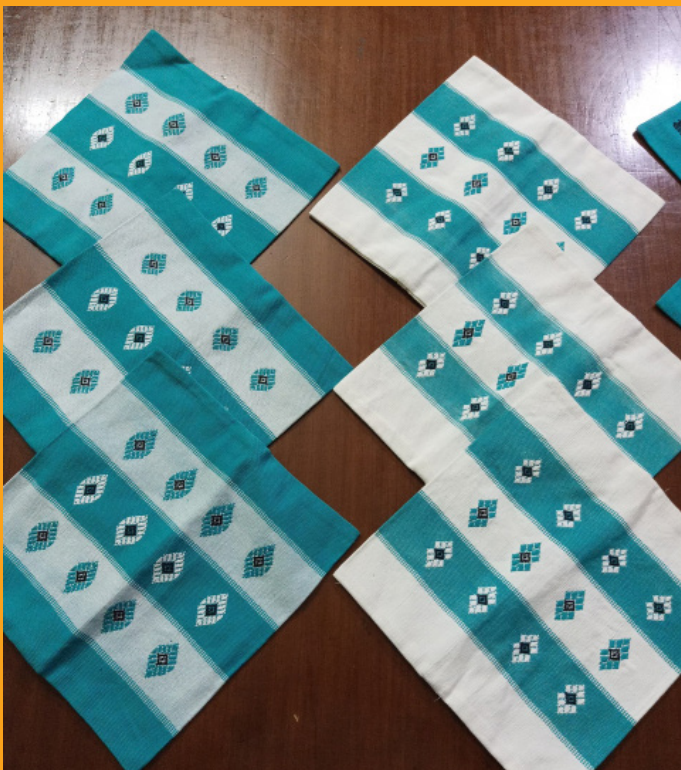
SANEKI WEAVES

Well into its second year now, Saneki Weaves is a popular product known for its ethnic motifs. The NEN core team continues mentoring community women to weave cotton products complete with traditional and indigenous designs. This year the weavers took part in the North East Craft and Organic Fair along with their Chizami counterparts and were featured in platforms such as Fibre2Fashion. The five-day exhibition was a unique integrated approach in facilitating linkages to the crafts and organic sector of the region. During the reporting period, Saneki has been part of 13 exhibitions held across regions.

More than 60 women coming from diverse socio-religious backgrounds and locations are engaged with us with an increase in expressing their interest. Single women, women with disabilities and women below the poverty line are our weavers in action.

NEN facilitates the weavers' access to government schemes, addresses issues of violence and thus, promotes economic, social and cultural rights of women.

In Meghalaya, we have begun working with traditional weavers in Korstep, Ri-Bhoi District, recognizing that reviving traditional weaving culture in the state will lead to economic empowerment of rural women alongside upholding of their social and cultural rights.



CHIZAMI WEAVES

An initiative to provide sustainable livelihoods to rural women while promoting the textile tradition of Nagaland, CW is on its 11th year and continues to grow its network throughout Nagaland, promoting their products around the world in its capacity. Chizami Weaves participated in 11 exhibitions- organized by TRIFED-Delhi, NEDFI-Guwahati, IIC-Delhi, Hornbill Festival- Nagaland, NABARD-Kerala, and others, bringing visibility at the National level.

This year 42 weavers were given intensive training in their communities to learn and enhance their skills, giving better opportunities. Chizami Weaves has opened its doors to visiting young students from the Institute of Art and Design (Delhi) to teach the art of weaving at Chizami - and will continue to promote and preserve the art.

In 2018-2019, 310 weavers participated in the livelihood initiative of Chizami Weaves, where the weaver earned from a few thousand to Rs. 42930 (the highest paid weaver from Khomi Village, Phek).

Chizami Weaves currently has an outlet at NEN Centre- Chizami , Kohima, Guwahati and Shillong. Besides these outlets, the products are available at local stores like Fusion Store in Dimapur, Made in Nagaland in Kohima, People Tree in Goa and Artisans in Mumbai. They have a strength of about 600 Weavers.



KNOWLEDGE BUILDING: NEN TEAM

NEN has consistently engaged in building the professional capacities of its staff, field investigators and community leaders to encourage commitment on one hand and promote innovative development processes. Here are a few highlights

- A Consultation on Progress Towards Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 5 in Guwahati organised by Common Health, Sahaj, Gujarat, & The Ant, Chirang.
- Games for Change sharing and promoting the game kits 'Be a Jagrik' organized by ComMunity- The Way Foundation.
- A workshop on Sexuality in Shillong organized by Talking About Reproductive and Sexual Health Issues (TARSHI) from New Delhi.
- A Seven Day Training on Project Cycle Management in Guwhati, organized by Assam Don Bosco University.
- Engaging Men in Violence Against Women, a dialogue with Mr. Harish Sadani from Men Against Violence and Abuse (MAVA), organized by NEN in Shillong.
- A National NGO Accountants Network Convention on Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) Rules and Regulations and GST, in Hyderabad, organized by Financial Management Service Foundation, New Delhi.
- A National Training Report on Case Work Strategies and Law organized by Swayam in Kolkata.
- A Two day Annual Convention of All India Millet Sisters Network (AIMS) in Shillong organized by the Deccan Development Society, Hyderabad and NEN.



EXPOSURE TRIPS



NEN Assam visits its Shillong counterpart



Visit to Bhoomika's support centre in women's thana, Hyderabad



NEN takes school students from Ri-Bhoi for a trip to Nongpoh



NEN's staff visits the ANT in Chirang, Assam

GREEN HUB- A Meaningful Partnership



It is a youth and community based fellowship that uses video as a way to engage and empower young people from all over the NER on biological conservation and social change. Well into its 4th year, more than 30 organisations have collaborated with Green Hub across the NER, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh. Every year almost 40 short documentaries, covering a wide range of topics from opium addiction, deforestation, human-animal conflict, traditional knowledge to community conservation and the biodiversity of the region are produced through the fellowship.

Green Hub fellows, with an alumni of 68 now, come from areas as remote as Karbi Anglong district in Assam and districts in Arunachal Pradesh. Fellows, Wanmai Konyak (Nagaland) and Serlibon Timungpi (Karbi Anglong) have begun working on 'The Forest Project' for the regeneration of forests and the protection of existing biodiversity through community participation. Other alumni, Pelevizo Meyase, received a grant from the National Geographic Society for Research and Exploration for a film and awareness project on his own village, Khonoma, in Nagaland.

Most fellows at GH have seen a transformative change in their life and circumstances; and are building a network to effect social change and ecological conservation. A plan is underway to merge the work of the Fellows with our social initiatives. NEN in Assam has collaborated, for instance, to create a more ecologically sensitive youth in the districts through workshops on biodiversity, natural conservation and women's role in them.



Supporter Stories

NEN is deeply grateful for the continued and generous support that we have received from our community representatives and field investigators from remote villages in all three states. Their commitment and passion is an inspiration. By fighting patriarchy, standing up for their fellow women, learning filmmaking to further nature conservation efforts each one of them has become part of our movement to take forward Women's Human rights.



Parijat Bora of Udalguri district has been associated with us since 2018. So far she has woven beautiful stoles and dress materials and fine hand towels. By dint of hard work, she has earned Rs 8367 (USD 118) over a period of 11 months. She says, 'With my earnings, I am financially supporting the education and medical needs of my two children. I weave for 3-4 hours in day and work at the loom for 10 days in a month. This enables me to maintain work life balance. I am happy to work in the family agri-farm and weave at the same time. One important learning is that accurate sizes are important to capture the market demands. Through NEN I have travelled and seen the world outside. The trainings on gender and patriarchy have been empowering. I want to continue to weave my dreams.

Wekulo Sekhamo, a Participatory Video Volunteer trained by NEN says,



"I asked my father and my brothers if I could attend the film making training at NEN and thankfully they all agreed. When we first started filming, we were teased and ridiculed. Many a times, we were hesitant of going out into the field to shoot. It was very discouraging initially when the people around us did not take our work seriously. Eventually, our first film 'The promise of Plum' screened in the village was widely appreciated and we finally got recognition as filmmakers. The message of the film was also received very well, and resulted in an increase in the cultivation of Plum in the following years. Not only has NEN provided me the opportunity to upgrade my skills but has also changed my perspective as a woman"

One community worker (name withheld to maintain confidentiality) from West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya, has been assisting women in her village in reporting cases of domestic violence, attempt to rape, Child Sexual Abuse and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of girls as well as helping people in availing social security schemes. This has built publicity of her role and strengthened her relationship with the women folk. Witnessing this, the Secretary Shnong (Secretary of the village) raised a complaint in the Dorbar Shnong (similar to Village Panchayat) and summoned her for a trial on grounds that she had taken village matters on her own hand. However, the men in her community came in her support and went to the extent of demanding a resignation of the Secretary. Her personal life has gradually changed in terms of parenting skills, relationship with her spouse and other family members. She is gradually breaking gender stereotypes in the family and community.

OVERALL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

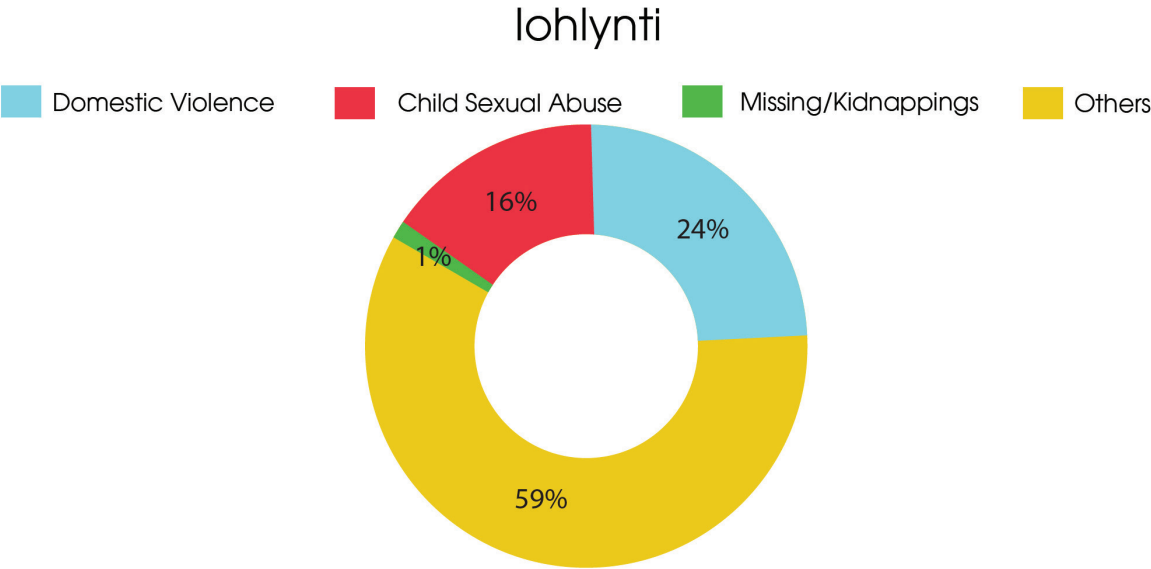
Our extensive work in the States of Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland vary in terms of locations, engagement groups and our approach different contextual problems in the region. We have worked with 170 government and civil society partners in furthering our goals and engaged with over 13000 men, women and children. In Assam, we have been able to reach out to 69 villages including Municipal wards across 18 Gram Panchayats in 6 districts of Assam. Last year our barefoot counsellors in three districts provided psycho-social counselling to 103 women while continuing to interact with those that had come to them earlier with cases of gender based discrimination and violence against women.

These community women leaders have also played a crucial role in linking women from their areas with various social security schemes. As many as 2,121 men and women in Assam have been encouraged in claiming these schemes while 662 people have successfully availed them. In Meghalaya, 883 families were supported in applying for different social security schemes out of which 666 applications were addressed and approved.

Community workers in Meghalaya have assisted 38 women and 8 children in reporting cases of domestic violence and child sexual abuse, respectively, to the concerned authorities. Approximately 1500 women and 234 men were sensitized, 5 women collectives were supported in building linkages with stakeholders both government and non-government, in addressing gender based discrimination.

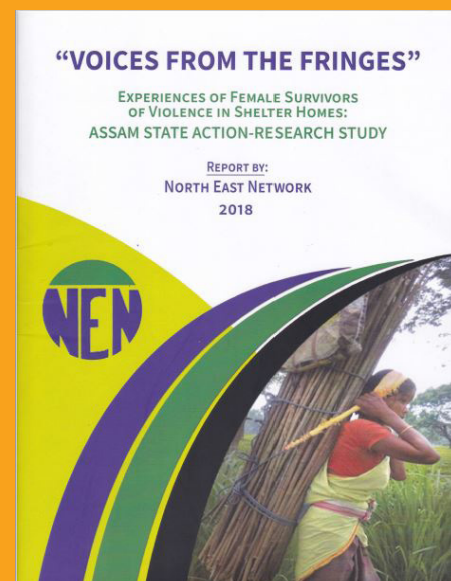
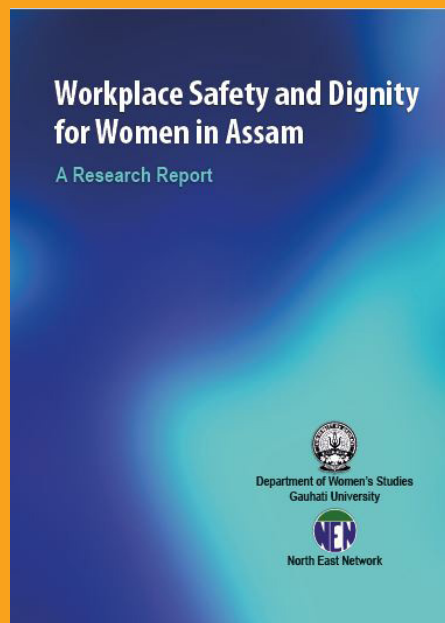
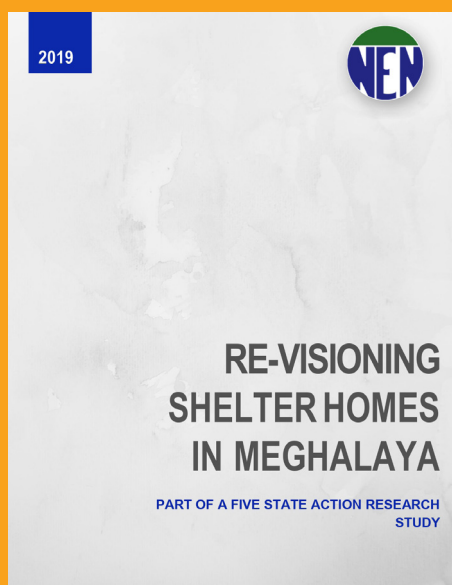


Well into its eight year now, lohlynti, our One Stop Centre in Shillong has come to handle an increasing number of cases of survivors of violence. Currently located in Ganesh Das Hospital, and run in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare, Health and Family Welfare, Government of Meghalaya, the centre provides counselling services and assists



In Nagaland, we have been able to reach out to 58 locations spread across 6 districts of while working on ensuring the sustainability of livelihoods and resources through natural resource management. This year we expanded to 22 new locations of Phek and Tuensang district on the issue of indigenous food and farming system as a resilient and sustainable alternative to commercial agriculture. Trained community women filmmakers have been instrumental in visibilising this work.

Research and Publications



As part of our efforts to better understand the issues we work with, NEN has undertaken and published various action research studies this year.

Voices from the Fringes- Experiences of Female Survivors of Violence in shelter homes, Assam State Action Research: This report is part of an All India study in 5 states. In order to bring out women's voices from the fringes, an attempt has been made to qualitatively understand the experiences of women who have left their families and are seeking an alternate shelter and their access to state entitlements.

Workplace Safety and Dignity for Women In Assam: A Research Report by the Department of Women's Studies, Gauhati University and NEN. This research delves into the nature and current scenario of SHWWP in Assam, analysed from both academic and activist angles using a feminist lens. It assesses the implementation of the SHWWP Act, 2013 and women's access to justice.

Single Women- an Intersectional Identity: An action research carried out by women leaders in Kohima on the socio economic status of Single women in Naga society. It was disseminated and a discussion on the same ensued with the participation of the research team, women activists and representatives for the State Resource Centre for women.

Re-Visioning Shelter Homes in Meghalaya: An initiative of the national network on shelter homes called Lamlynti-Chittara-Neralu. Findings from this study were shared in the national meeting in Delhi and in Meghalaya, with relevant stakeholders. The study elucidated the voices of those female survivors' experience who are currently living, have lived or are at the risk of living in the shelter homes.

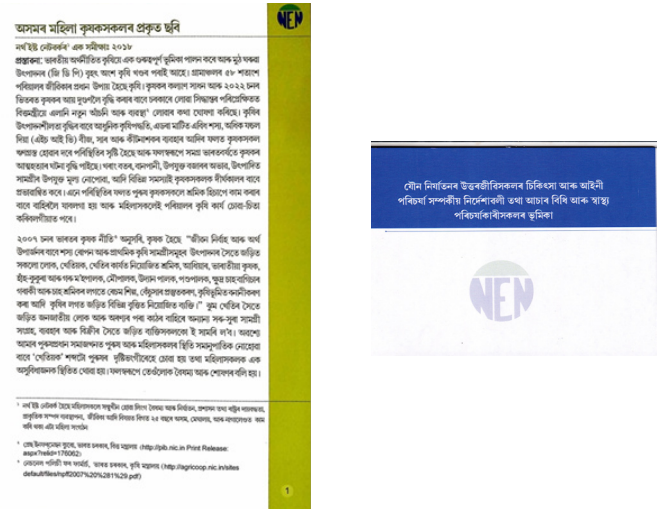
A collaborative study commenced in July 2018 between NEN and the University of Edinburg, in an attempt to explore the relationship between structural inequalities and access to justice with state entitlements in the city of Guwahati, Assam. The study is titled **From the Margins: Exploring Low-income Migrant Worker's Access to Basic Services and Protection in the context of India's Urban Transformation**. The researchers are also looking at violence and health, as well as alternative parameters of analysis, for low-income migrant workers in Guwahati and its peripheries

Information, Education and Communication

NEN is consistently trying to create material for dissemination of knowledge pertaining to gender laws, natural resource management and best practices in all thematic areas.

Women farmers in Assam - A Reality Check: A survey was conducted across 8 districts of Assam on women farmers' rights and entitlements, through community meetings using Participatory Action Learning (PAL), on 300 of them. This resulted in a Factsheet which portrayed women's access to the following: Land inheritance and ownership, financial credit and services, health services, employment and other social services.

A booklet on Guidelines and Protocols for Medico-Legal Care for Survivors/Victims of Sexual Violence and Role of Health Care Providers has been developed by Assam for health care providers to develop an appropriate understanding of sexual violence and the needs and rights of survivors/victims of sexual violence.



External Visits External Visits and Gestures of Appreciation

Seno Tshuh of NEN Nagaland participated in a 12 day Campaigning for Conservation (C4C) training on "Farming for Biodiversity" in Vietnam's Ba Vi National Park between August 6-18, 2018. Seno was richly exposed to innovative farming for diversity solutions by using social marketing and technical knowledge provided by local partners.

In October 21-27, 2018 Seno attended the Food Sovereignty Week at Sweden on the invitation of Swallows-India Bangladesh, a partner of Millet Network India too. The event brought together different stakeholders- small scale farmers/ agriculture, organizations from different parts of the world to create a broader discussion about food sovereignty.

Rita Banerji, Director of Green Hub (A NEN and Dusty Foot collaboration), received the RBS Earth Heroes' Inspire Award 2018, towards her contribution of her spirited work on conservation and environment through films. Inspiring local youth of the region this award was well deserved and the Vice President of India handed over the Award to her at Delhi.



Monisha Behal, CEO of NEN was presented with the Outlook Business 'Women of Worth' award at the WOW 2019 event held in Kolkata, in February 2019, for her incredible work that continues to empower women in the North-East region of India. Outlook acknowledged Monisha's life's work through 24 years of North East Network and beyond.

Ms Behal was also felicitated in the MG Changemakers series initiated by MG Motor India at Mumbai in August 2018. Produced by The Better India, a campaign that highlighted the path-breaking work of six women catalysts of change, Monisha spoke about the region and her appeal to give value and recognition to the contribution of many other women in the NER.

In recognition of her work at the grassroots level, the Mercedes Benz Company felicitated Monisha in an event called the She's Mercedes, in August 2018, along with three other women, in Guwahati, Assam.

Behal, in her comment, expressed her happiness that Corporates in India are now beginning to recognize people like her that have worked in rural areas for years.

- The Police Training School in Shillong, appreciating NEN's efforts for its constant engagement with their trainees, recognized us for our high echelon of services. This is indicative of the important linkages that NEN has built in the region through constant engagement.
- Niva Das, field assistant, Kamrup district of Assam received Student Social Engagement Award, 2018 from WAY Foundation for her relentless efforts towards ending gender-based discrimination and violence against women.



MEGHALAYA TIMES

Women approach Gov against KHADC Lineage Bill

SHILLONG, July 30: The claims of the Chief Executive Member (CEM) of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC), Hispreaching Son Shylla wherein he has said that the KHAD (Khasi Social Custom of Lineage) (Second amendment) Bill, 2018 passed by the Council has the support of indigenous women took a hit on Tuesday as women activists have demanded that the Governor, Ganga Prasad does not give his assent to the said bill.

“The proposed amendment clearly seeks to excommunicate and ostracize a Khasi woman who marries a non-Khasi and her children, in contravention to our customary practices, human rights law and our Constitution,” these activists said.

Meghalaya State Commission for Women (MSCW) chairperson Theilin Phanbuh, State Commission for Protection of Child’s Rights (SCPCR) chairperson Meena Kharkongor were among the signatories of the memorandum submitted to the governor on Monday. The others include Civil Society Women’s Organization (CSWO), Thma U Rangli Juki (TUR), North East Network (NEN), Faith Foundation, Ka Lympung Ki Seng Kynthei (KLKSK) and senior journalist, Patricia Mukhim....

THE ASSAM TRIBUNE

Women’s Wall formed in the city

Guwahati, 1 Jan, 2019: Keeping solidarity with ‘Women’s Wall’ in Kerala to uphold the right to equality of women, a ‘Women’s Wall’ was formed by the Axom Mahila Sangha, Pragatisheel Nari Sanstha, AIDWA Assam, North East Network, Foundation for Social Transformation and Shishu Sarothi here today.

In 2018 the Supreme Court had passed a verdict removing the ban from women on entering the Sabarimala Temple in Kerala. After the verdict, many organizations and individuals have challenged and protested against the Supreme Court Judgement, thereby reiterating the stereotypical notions of impurity and pollution associated with menstruation violating the constitutional rights of women’s freedom of religion.

Women’s Day Programme to spread message of equality and change

Guwahati, March 6 2019: A number of leading women’s organizations in the State are coming together on the occasion of International Women’s day on March 8 to observe the day in a befitting manner and spread the message of equality and change. All India Democratic Women’s Association, Asom Mahila Sangha, Asom Pragatisheel Nari Sanstha and North East Network in association with some leading citizens of society will celebrate the day to ensure State Accountability and to promote and protect women’s rights in various fields.

A discussion on religious fundamentalism and its impact on women will be held on the occasion on March 8 from 11 am at Gauri Sadan near the Dighalipukhuri. Distinguished author, Arupa Patangia Kalita and women leaders from different fields will take part in the discussion.

THE INDIAN EXPRESS

The ‘Barefoot Counsellors’ of Assam who tackle women’s problems anywhere, anytime

Usha Devi’s phone rings off the hook but she doesn’t mind. “It could be 2 in the morning but you will never find my phone switched off,” says the 50-year-old of Sipajhar in Assam’s Darrang district. “Often people ask me what my work timings are. The truth is I don’t have a timetable — if you’re doing social work, it’s a 24/7 commitment,” says Devi.

Last month, she got a call around midnight from a shopkeeper in a village nearby. “He told me ‘Baideo (sister), a woman, with hair open, is roaming around the road in tears,’” she recalls. There was no time to waste, says Devi, who immediately alerted her network, made a few calls to the nearest police station and got the woman back to safety. “She had been thrown out of her house by her husband in a fit of drunken rage,” Devi explains.

Calls of this nature to Devi aren’t a rarity. Sometimes the women sob, sometimes they speak in hushed undertones. Devi, who studied up till Class 12 and grew up in the village of Joljoli in Mangaldai, is a barefoot counsellor, or a grassroots level counsellor whose job is to “provide emotional, psychological support to aggrieved women.” In 2016 — trained under an initiative started by women’s rights organisation North East Network (NEN) headquartered in Guwahati — Devi would counsel women, from villages near and far, out of her living room.

She was not the only one. In Mirza, Junumoni Das — also trained by NEN's barefoot counselling initiative — would meet survivors in her drawing room. Then a year back, some miscreants threw stones at her window. "People get threatened when they see women talking to each other — the village is small, and so is the mindset. I guess that is why they attacked," says Das, 43, and a mother of one. Soon after the incident, the organisation decided to set up dedicated counselling centres realising that 'counselling from living rooms' was no longer a viable option.

Today the initiative functions out of three counselling centres in part of rural Assam: Sipajhar in Darrang, Doigrung in Golaghat and Mirza in Kamrup. And it is in these spaces that women, from villages near and afar, come to discuss their problems. "It's a variety of issues — trafficking, sexual abuse, alcoholism, domestic violence. Whatever it may be, our job is to listen," says Das, seated behind the desk at the Mirza centre.....

FIBRE 2 FASHION

Looming Hope

...This North East Craft and Organic Fair saw the participation of artisans and weavers from the handloom-handicraft sector as well as farmers, producers and organisations developed under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER) scheme. The five-day exhibition itself was a unique integrated approach in facilitating linkages to the crafts and organic sector of the region. The handlooms and textiles section of the exhibition saw active participation of 25 entrepreneurs from different states of the Northeast.

Organisations and brands such as the North East Network's Saneki and Chizami Weaves, Art Core and Earth Craft, Silk Culture, Ava Creations, Zomil Handloom, Onia Handloom, Prativa Brahma and others exhibited their hand-wovens. Traditional designs of different communities were displayed with the prime focus being on hand woven cotton and banana fabrics, silk and natural dyes.

MORUNG EXPRESS

TIME TO WAKE UP FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE- International Women's Day observed at 10th Edition of NEN Biodiversity Festival.

Chizami (March 8th): Chutso T, Pochury women farmers from Akhegwo village grows a tiny gourd on her jhum land that she has not seen anywhere else. Indigenous to her land, she exchanged the seeds of this gourd with women farmers from Ghatashi village in Phugoboto who gave her in turn, a unique variety of axone (soya bean) that grows in their land.

'Make sure you grow them on poor and rocky soil!' Chutso instructed on how best to grow the gourd while speaking at the 10th edition of the Biodiversity Festival at the North East Network's Resource Centre in Chizami village in Phek District on March 8th.

On the brink of losing Indigenous knowledge around biodiverse agriculture, particularly pertaining to millets, 25 women in Akhegwo came together and revived their millet based agriculture system through the....

NEN MEMBERS IN ACTION

As Resource Persons: Dr. Monisha Behal, Anurita P Hazarika, Nilanju Dutta, Rashmi Rekha Borah, Junumoni Das and Mijanur Rahman, Joy Grace Syiem, Gina Phanbuh, Balarisha Lyngdoh, Catherine Kyndiah and Arnica Kharnaioir, Wekowieh Tsuhah and Seno Tsuhah have been resources to several organizations and institutions.

Government: 181 Women Helpline, Assam, Gauhati University, Assam, All India Radio, Assam, Assam Administrative Staff College, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kamrup, Assam, Inland Water Transport Department, Government of Assam, NIPCCD Regional Campus, Assam, Tezpur University, Sonitpur, Assam, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati Asian Institute of Nursing Education (AINE), Guwahati, Assam.

Meghalaya Police, Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute, North East Police Academy, Reserve Bank of India, North East Space Applications Centre, National Institute of Fashion Technology, College of Teacher Education, North Eastern Hill University, All India Radio, Shillong and Meghalaya Aids Control Society.

Nagaland State Environment & Forest Training Institute (SEFTI), Nagaland University Lumami, Kalpavriksh, Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of Nagaland, GIZ CCA-NER, LWSIT, ATMA Mokokchung, SIRD, IIAD, Office of the DC Phek, Kalpavriksh.

Non-government: Central Agriculture University, Meghalaya, Centre for Microfinance & Livelihood (CML), Guwahati, Assam, Diya Foundation, Kamrup, Assam, Gauhati Division Insurance Employees Association (GDIEA), Guwahati, Assam, Green Hub, NEN Assam, Handique Girls College, Guwahati, Assam, Helpline Foundation, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) College of Education, Guwahati, Assam Foundation for Social Transformation (FST), Guwahati, Assam, Inclusive and Sustainable Livelihood an NFI conclave, Lions Club Guwahati CARE, Assam, Mind India, Guwahati, Assam, Nething, Guwahati, Assam, National Law University and Judicial Academy (NLUJA), Amingaon, Assam, Northeast Live, Guwahati, Sarpara Milan Sangha, Kamrup, SMC'89, Guwahati, Social Action for Appropriate Transformation and Advancement in Rural Areas (SATRA), Darrang, The ANT, Chirang, Assam, UTAH, Guwahati, Women in Governance (WinG), Guwahati.

Jettwings Institute of Hospitality Management, Unitarian Church, Green Hub, Village Defence Party (Nongwar), Faith Foundation, Woodland Institute of Nursing, SEWA Nagaland, CCB Shillong, FST, local women organizations.

As members of SHWWP Internal Committees

This year Anurita P Hazarika, Nilanju Dutta, Rashmirekha Borah, Joy Grace Syiem, have become part of the ICCs of various organizations and institutions.

Assam: Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati, Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited, Guwahati, Assam Police Headquarters, Guwahati, Assam Power Distribution Company Limited, Barak Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Guwahati, Centre for Microfinance & Livelihood (CML), Guwahati, Directorate of Social Welfare Office, Kaapro Management Solution Pvt. Ltd, Guwahati, KV CRPF Amerigog, Guwahati, Life Insurance Corporation of India, Guwahati Divisional Office, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Office of the Chief Engineer, Irrigation, Purabi Dairy, the West Assam Milk Producers Co-operative Union Ltd., Guwahati.

Meghalaya: Office of the Commandant 6th Battalion, Office of the Additional Director General of Police- CID, North Eastern Space Applications Centre, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, All India Radio Office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit), Border Areas Development Department, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Agriculture Department, General Administration Department, Secretariat Administration Department, Directorate of Social Welfare, Information & Public Relations Department, Directorate of Housing, Office of the Chief Engineer Water Resources Department, Election Department, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Labour Department, Power Department, Legal Metrology Department, Office of the District Commissioner, East Khasi Hills (EKH)- LC member, District Social Welfare Organization- EKH, Rynjah State Dispensary, Office of the Medical and Health Officer, Pomlum PHC, Office of the Senior Medical & Health Officer- MMSD Mawlai, Chillli Breeze Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Office of the Senior Medical & Health Officer- Mawroh PHC .

Members of other Committees

Meghalaya: Joy is a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Aide et Action MEPP Meghalaya Project
Nagaland: Member, Regional Advisory Committee on Off-farm Sector Development (NABARD), Member, Scientific Advisory committee (KVK-ICAR), Member, Insightshare Network, Member, Mahila Kisan Aadhikar Manch (MAKAAM), Member, Sustainable Development Forum of Nagaland (SDFN), Member, Millet Network of India.

Eminent Resource Persons to NEN

Meghalaya: Harsh Sadani, Rupa Chinai, Raj Basu, Jashoda Chettri, Sangeeta Rege, Anupriya Jha, Mrudula Sawant, Ramya Anand, Vani Viswanathan, Rovina Bastian, Guru Raj, Ms Alcy Lyngkhai, Dr Ardonister Lyngdoh, Ivyreen Warjri, Annie Sohtun, Dr Joy Lyngwa, Dr Debbie Pari, Rebina Subha, Jennifer War MLCU, Bitalinda Majaw, Shannon Massar, A. Rangad, Naphibanmer Laso, Prakash Diwaker, Bibhu Dutta Sahu, Narmohan Das, Dr. Adreena Lyngdoh, Ganesh Das Hospital, Hali Bareh, Woman Farmer, Dr. W. Shangpliang, Ioanis Wahlang, I. Tariang

Assam: Adv. Vrinda Grover, Amrita Nandy, Ananya Basu, Anke Schuermann, Antara GG Choudhury, Debasmita Ghosh, Dip Saikia, Dr Polly Vauqueline, Gitanjali Ghosh, Jahir Mansuri, Jennifer Liang, Miguel Queah, Mridula Kalita, Prof. Anuj Kapilashrami, Prof. Jeevan Sharma, Raghavendra Madhu, Rosemary Viswanath, Sangeeta Regge, Sreekala MG, Ujjwala Kadrekar

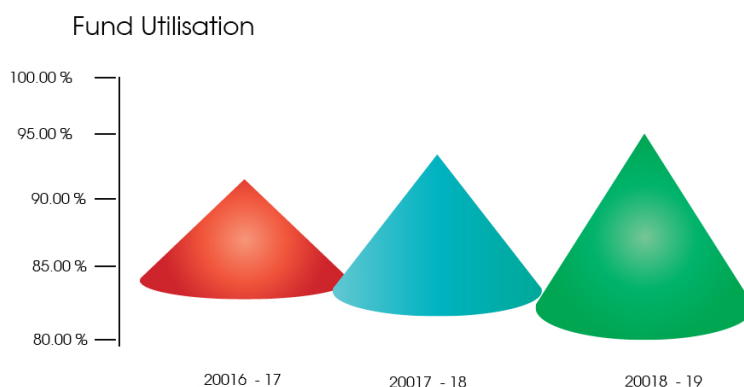
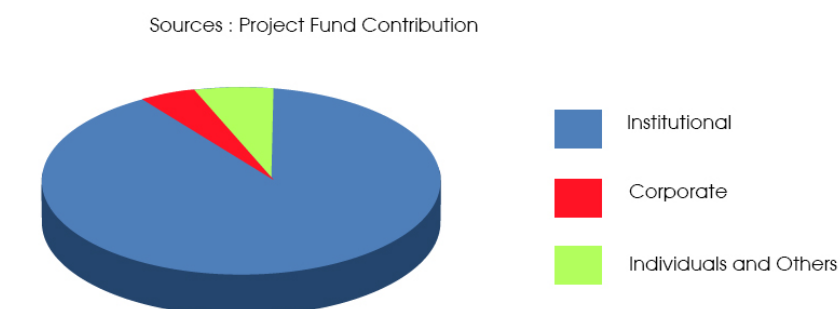
Nagaland: Rajesh Sundarajan, Avile Vetso, Dr. Nesatalu Heise, Vengota Nakro, Rukmini Rao, Soma KP, Gracy Aye, Ella Mary, Orenthung Lotha, Kezhosano Kikhi, Sanjib Rana, Rupa Chinai, Niketu Iralu, Kheseli Chishi, K. Khalo, Shyamal Mukherji, Neiko-u Chirhah, Dikhwetsou Wezah, Mesilhiu Akami, Zulhiye Chirhah, Tasethsulou T. Kapfo, Kezukahau Wezah, Khenemvu L. Mero, Er. Khuvoi Vese, Dr. Samhita Barooah, Dr. Esther Longkumer, Wetshe Thopi, Kilentola Jamir, Dr. Wetshe T. Mero, Luchui Fithu, Rosemary Viswanath, Sreekala M.G, Pelevizo Meyase, Tshetsolo Naro, Bano Vinito, Dr. Debal Deb, Bano Haralu.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

Financials

We are grateful for the support provided by all our stakeholders, especially donors and volunteers who provide resources necessary to further our work and mission. NEN ensures that the contributions received are utilised for addressing discrimination and violence against women in both public and domestic spheres, and ensuring safer spaces ,strengthening women’s collectives, gender justice, equality , protecting the environment and biodiversity through innovative natural resource management and livelihood initiatives

The following diagram represent project grants and donations received by NEN in the Financial Year 2018-19.



NORTH EAST NETWORK
GUWAHATI, ASSAM

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2019

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To Opening Balance		By Project Expenses (Schedule 'A')	
Cash in Hand	2,76,212.89	Capital Expenses	1,79,500.00
Cash at Bank	1,69,22,527.13	Revenue Expenses	2,83,63,648.79
Liabilities	(18,46,959.00)		
Advances	10,62,484.92	* Okum Guest House Expenses	53,857.00
Fixed Deposit	2,32,81,689.16	* Handloom	1,20,053.90
	3,96,95,955.10	Training & Workshop	79,103.00
		* Training on Weaving at Chizami	
* Donation & Contribution Received		Weaving material Purcl	2,76,360.00
Project Fund (Schedule 'A')	2,90,47,884.30	Other Expenses	6,13,100.74
General Fund	75,91,397.00		8,89,460.74
	3,66,39,281.30		
		* Training & Counselling Expenses (APPI)	
* Interest on Savings Account		Revenue Expenses	53,11,710.40
Project Fund	1,13,689.26	Capital Expenses	10,490.00
General Fund	5,95,727.01		53,22,200.40
	7,09,416.27		
		* Administrative Expenses	
* Interest on FD Account		Salary & Wages	4,53,022.91
General Fund	47,84,512.94	Audit Fees	23,500.00
	47,84,512.94	Printing & Stationery	97,945.00
		Bank Charges	6,685.71
* Other Receipts		Travelling & Conveyan	1,51,232.00
Project Fund	100.00	Postage & Courier	2,187.00
General Fund	13,30,381.33	Repairs & Maintenance	1,28,338.00
	13,30,481.33	Insurance Premium	86,003.00
		Resource Fees	12,500.00
* Okum Guest House	85,070.00	Annual Maintenance C	53,600.00
	85,070.00	Electricity Charges	10,645.00
* Liability Waiver	2,00,000.00	Honararium	26,870.00
	2,00,000.00	Fuel Cost	17,055.00
* Handloom	2,72,157.00	Professional Fees	1,25,169.00
	2,72,157.00	Food & Accomodation	3,16,333.00
* Jironi	27,800.00	Employee PF	46,505.37
	27,800.00	General expenses	1,45,155.00
		FC Refund	9,890.00
			17,12,635.99
		* Capital Expenditure	
		Flat Purchased	49,00,000.00
		Furniture	11,100.00
		Geyser	13,800.00
		Air Conditioner	77,900.00
		Fire Extinguisher	1,500.00
		Microwave oven	4,400.00
		Inverter	35,200.00
		Aquaguard	12,130.00
		Refrigerator	11,000.00
		Computer	1,37,205.90
			52,04,235.90
		* Closing Balance	
		Cash in Hand	2,28,066.90
		Cash at Bank	1,97,42,441.04
		Liabilities	(7,97,319.29)
		Advances	14,66,577.03
		Fixed Deposit	2,11,80,212.54
			4,18,19,978.22
Total (Rs.)	8,37,44,673.94	Total (Rs.)	8,37,44,673.94

For and on behalf of
North East Network

Munish Chandra
ESTD. 1995

Place : Guwahati
Date : 27.08.2019

As per our report of even date
For : H.K. Agrawala & Associates
Chartered Accountants
FRN 319293E

CA Harish K. Agrawala
Partner
Membership No : 054776

H.K. Agrawala & Associates
Guwahati

NORTH EAST NETWORK
GUWAHATI ASSAM
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2019
GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (Rs.)	INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To Okum Guest House Expenses	53,857.00	By Donations & Contribution Received	75,91,397.00
* Handloom	1,20,053.90		
* Training & Workshop	79,103.00	* Interest on Savings Account	
* <u>Tranning on Weaving at Chizami</u>		General Fund	5,95,727.01
Weaving Material Purchased	2,76,360.00		
Other Expenses	6,13,100.74	* Interest on FD Account	
		General Fund	47,84,512.94
* <u>Tranning & Counselling Expenses(APPI)</u>			
Revenue Expenses	53,11,710.40	* Other Receipts	
		General Fund	13,30,381.33
* <u>Administrative Expenses</u>			
Salary & Wages	4,53,022.91	* Okum Guest House	85,070.00
Audit Fees	23,500.00	* Liability Waiver	2,00,000.00
Printing & Stationery	97,945.00	* Handloom	2,72,157.00
Bank Charges	6,685.71	* Jironi	27,800.00
Travelling & Conveyance	1,51,232.00		
Postage & Courier	2,187.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	1,28,338.00		
Insurance Premium	86,003.00		
Resource Fees	12,500.00		
Annual Maintenance Charges	53,600.00		
Electricity Charges	10,645.00		
Honararium	26,870.00		
Fuel Cost	17,055.00		
Professional Fees	1,25,169.00		
Food & Accomodation Cost	3,16,333.00		
Employee PF	46,505.37		
General expenses	1,45,155.00		
FC Refund	9,890.00		
	17,12,635.99		
* Depreciation	12,88,535.00		
* Excess of Income over Expenditure			
Transferred to Balance Sheet	54,31,689.25		
	1,48,87,045.28		1,48,87,045.28

For and on behalf of
North East Network

Place : Guwahati
Date : 27.08.2019

As per our report of even date
For : H.K.Agrawala & Associates
Chartered Accountants
FRN 319293E

CA Harish Kr. Agrawala
Partner
Membership No : 054776



NORTH EAST NETWORK
GUWAHATI ASSAM
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2019

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs.)	ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
<u>FC FUND ACCOUNT</u>		<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
Opening Balance	2,29,04,721.13	(As per Schedule 'B')	1,17,01,091.37
Add: Net Surplus transferred from I & E Account	54,31,689.25	<u>INVESTMENT</u>	
	2,83,36,410.38	Fixed deposit	2,11,80,212.54
	6,40,980.00		
Less: Transfer to Project Fund	2,76,95,430.38		
		<u>CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES</u>	
Add: Addition to Fixes Asset out of Project Fund	1,79,500.00	Cash in Hand	2,28,066.90
	2,78,74,930.38	Cash at Bank	1,97,42,441.04
		Advances	14,66,577.03
<u>PROJECT FUND ACCOUNT</u>			2,14,37,084.97
(As per Schedule 'A')	77,67,616.21		
<u>CORPUS FUND ACCOUNT</u>	1,78,78,523.00		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	7,97,319.29		
		TOTAL (Rs.)	5,43,18,388.88
	5,43,18,388.88	TOTAL (Rs.)	5,43,18,388.88

Schedule 'C' - Notes on Account and Significant Accounting Policies

For and on behalf of
North East Network

Place : Guwahati
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Partnerships

1. Akhil Nepali Mahila Samiti
2. Bethany Society, Meghalaya
3. Faith Foundation
4. Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong
5. Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute
6. Meghalaya State Commission for Women
7. Meghalaya State Resource Centre for Women
8. Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority
9. North East Slow Food and Agrobiodiversity Society, Meghalaya
10. National Institute of Fashion & Technology
11. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills
12. Office of the District Child Protection Officer, (West Khasi Hills)
13. Office of the District Social Welfare Officer (West Khasi Hills & East Khasi Hills)
14. State Institute of Rural Development, Meghalaya
15. Voluntary Health Association of Meghalaya (Female Injecting Drug Users project)
16. Fernando Transit Shelter Home
17. Wanphai Nongrum – You and I Café
18. Unitarian Church, Shillong
19. ITDEM- Indigenous Tribal Development & Empowerment Mission
20. SURE- Society for Urban and Rural Empowerment
21. Bosco Integrated Development Society
22. Grassroot NGO Shillong
23. SofMEDA-
24. NERCORMP, West Khasi Hills
25. Ri Bhoi District Police
26. Police Training School, Mawroh
27. Seng Kynthei Mawngap
28. NESAC
29. Shatjingshai Social Service Society
30. Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes
31. Women Social Welfare Organization Laitkseh, West Khasi Hills
32. Mawthadraishan Area Women Council Association
33. Synjuk Ki Seng Kynthei Mawthadraishan Area
34. Synjuk Ki Seng Kynthei Rambrai Area
35. Mawsynram Border Area College, Mawsynram
36. Support Group of Women, Shillong
37. Association for Conservation and Tourism, Sikkim
38. Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakam, Meghalaya
39. District Legal Service Authority, West Khasi Hills
40. District Legal Service Authority, East Khasi Hills
41. Synjuk Ki Seng Kynthei Rambrai Area, West Khasi Hills
42. Malaya Foundation, Bangladesh
43. Block Labour Office, Mawryngkneng Block, EKH
44. Block Labour Office, Nongstoin Block, WKH
45. Block Development Officer, Mawryngkneng Block, East Khasi Hills
46. Meghalaya Police, Government of Meghalaya
47. International Justice Mission, India
48. Men Against Violence and Abuse, Mumbai
49. North Eastern Police Academy, Meghalaya
50. iLEAD a project of Aide et Action, Shillong
51. Vimochana – Forum for Women's Rights, Bangalore
52. Jagori, New Delhi
53. Action India, New Delhi
54. Nazariya – A Queer Feminist Resource Group, New Delhi
55. Ekta, Tamil Nadu
56. Visthar, Bangalore
57. Sangama, Bangalore
58. Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya
59. Directorate of Health Services, Government of Meghalaya
60. North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences
61. Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong
62. Gender Sensitization and People Friendly Project, Karnataka
63. National Health Mission, Meghalaya
64. 181 Women's Helpline, Assam
65. Action India, New Delhi
66. AJM English Medium School, Kokrajhar, Assam
67. All India Democratic Women's Association, Guwahati, Assam
68. All India Students Federation, Assam
69. Aman Network, India
70. Anhad, New Delhi
71. Assam Mahila Sangh, Guwahati
72. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Guwahati, Assam
73. Bholabari High School, Udalguri, Assam
74. Bhoomika, Hyderabad, Telangana
75. CEHAT, Mumbai, Maharashtra
76. Democratic Youth Federation of India, Assam
77. Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Assam.
78. Dhemaji Town High School, Dhemaji, Assam
79. Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Assam
80. Ekta, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
81. Foundation for Social Transformation, Guwahati, Assam
82. Gauhati University, Assam.
83. Human Rights Law Network, Guwahati, Assam
84. Jagori, New Delhi
85. Kalaigaon Girls High School, Udalguri, Assam
86. Kalaigaon Higher Secondary School, Udalguri, Assam
87. Lamlynti Chittara Neralu network, India
88. Mahila Kisan Adhikar Manch (MAKAAM) network, India
89. National Institute on Public Cooperation and Child Development, Assam
90. Navjyoti Madrasa, Kokrajhar, Assam
91. Navratna Higher Secondary School, Dhemaji, Assam
92. Nazariya, New Delhi
93. People's Budget Initiative (PBI) network, India
94. Sadou Axom Pragatisheel Nari Sanstha, Guwahati, Assam
95. Sangama, Kerala
96. Sishu Sarothi, Guwahati, Assam
97. Students Federation of India, Assam
98. The Ant, Chirang, Assam
99. Vimochana, Bangalore, Karnataka
100. Vishtar, Bangalore, Karnataka
101. CREA
102. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) RC – NEH, Barapani Meghalaya
103. Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)
104. Mahila Kisan Adhikar Manch (MAAKAM)
105. Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), Nagaland
106. Baptist Theological College (BTC), Pftusero
107. Sustainable Development Forum Nagaland (SDFN)
108. North East Initiative Development Agency (NEIDA), Kohima
109. Millet Network of India (MINI)
110. Deccan Development Society (DDS) Hyderabad
111. North East Slow Food & Agrobiodiversity Society (NESFAS), Shillong
112. Society for Urban & Rural Empowerment (SURE), Meghalaya
113. Social Service Centre (SSC) NGO, Meghalaya
114. S-STEP, Assam
115. Ashadeep, Assam
116. Impulse NGO, Shillong
117. Grassroots, Shillong
118. Green Hub, Tezpur
119. Chizami Range Public Organisation (CRPO)
120. Tata Steel Rural Development Society (TSRDS), Jamshedpur
121. Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADHAN), Odisha
122. Foundation for Social Transformation (FST) Guwahati
123. GIZ-CCA NER
124. Congregation of Christian Brothers (CCB), Shillong, Meghalaya
125. Chizami Town Baptist Church
126. Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT), Assam
127. Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD) New Delhi
128. Community Media Trust, Deccan Development Society
129. Indian School of Development Management (ISDM), New Delhi
130. Kanchendzonga Conservation Committee (KCC)
131. Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture (RRA) Network
132. Take One Productions, Kohima
133. Kalpavriksh
134. WALO, Mon
135. Rongmei Baptist Association (RBA)
136. ATMA Mokochung
137. Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Porba
138. Nagaland Bee- Keeping and Honey Mission (NHBM)
139. Kohima Municipal Council (KMC)
140. Sikkim Organic Mission
141. NABARD
142. Nagaland State Legal Services Authority (NSLSA)
143. Labour & Employment Directorate, Govt. of Nagaland
144. Kohima District Legal Service Authority (KDLA)
145. Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Phek District, Government of Nagaland
146. Women Resource Development Department, Govt. of Nagaland
147. Department of Agriculture, Government of Nagaland
148. State Environment and Forest Training Institute (SEFTI), Government of Nagaland
149. State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Government of Nagaland
150. State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW), Government of Nagaland
151. Youth Action for Rural Development (YARD), Kohima
152. SEWA-Bharat, New Delhi
153. UNWOMEN, New Delhi
154. Slow Food International
155. Insightshare, UK
156. A Growing Culture, USA
157. Centre for Creativity & Sustainability Study & Consultancy, Vietnam
158. Maleya Foundation, Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh
159. Akehta Sangtamlarü Tshingmujang (AST)
160. Kiphire,
161. Yimchungberu Arihako Shamator Town (YBAST),
162. Pochury Mothers Association (PMA) Meluri,
163. Chizami Women Society (CWS), Enhulumi Women Society,
164. Zhavame Women Society,
165. Razeza Women Society,
166. Losami Women Society, Phuhgi Women Society,
167. Dzulhami Women Society,
168. Thürütsüswü Women Society,
169. Sumi Women Society,
170. Ruzazho Women Society

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1. Directorate Of Social Welfare & EKH Deputy Commissioner Office, Shillong
2. Amhi Amchaya Arogyasathi, India
3. Assam State Biodiversity Board, India
4. Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, India
5. Bread for the World, Germany
6. Cattani Fund, Belgium
7. Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability, India
8. Deccan Development Society/ Millet Network of India, India
9. Directorate of Social Welfare & Deputy Commissioner Office, India
10. Ford Foundation, USA
11. Global Fund for Women, USA
12. Misereor, Germany
13. North East Slow Food & Agro biodiversity Society, India
14. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, India
15. Paul Hamlyn Foundation, UK
16. People and Nature Fund, India
17. Rural Electrification Corporation, India
18. The University of Edinburgh, UK
19. United Nations Development Programme, India
20. World Wildlife Fund, India
21. Bread for the World (BFDW), Germany
22. Misereor, Germany
23. Global Fund for Women (GFW), USA
24. Rural Electrification Corporation, India
25. North East Slow Food & Agro biodiversity Society (NESFAS)
26. Cattani Fund, Belgium
27. Deccan Development Society/ Millet Network of India, India
28. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Phek

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