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Welcome to our July 2021 Newsletter!

The second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has spread swiftly across North East India, forcing us to re-think and re-innovate our strategies yet again. We have kept in constant touch with all our teams and

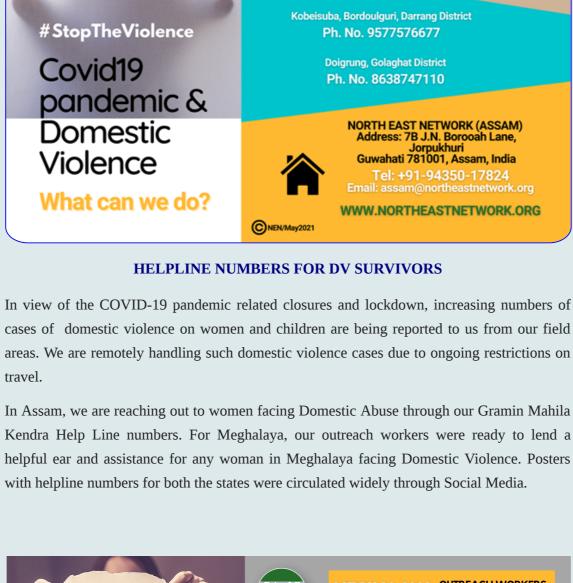
beneficiaries through virtual mediums. During the months of April, May

and June, many of our outreach programs had to be postponed. Instead we focussed on raising awareness among the communities on Domestic Violence and supporting frontline workers, to provide gender-sensitive public awareness and assistance to the most vulnerable segments so that the impact of the crisis on girls and women is mitigated.

Gender discrimination & violence against women

ASSAM REACH OUT TO US THROUGH GRAMIN MAHILA KENDRAS

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Violence

What can we do?

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WED 2021 was observed on 4th and 5th June through multiple virtual events by NEN in Assam. Local community members from 6 districts of Assam joined through a Virtual Exhibition to show case their creative side and protect the environment with up-cycled

products made from waste materials! Field team members of NEN in Assam also celebrated

In Nagaland, we began with a full day of social work at the Resource Centre Campus in

WED by recycling waste materials.

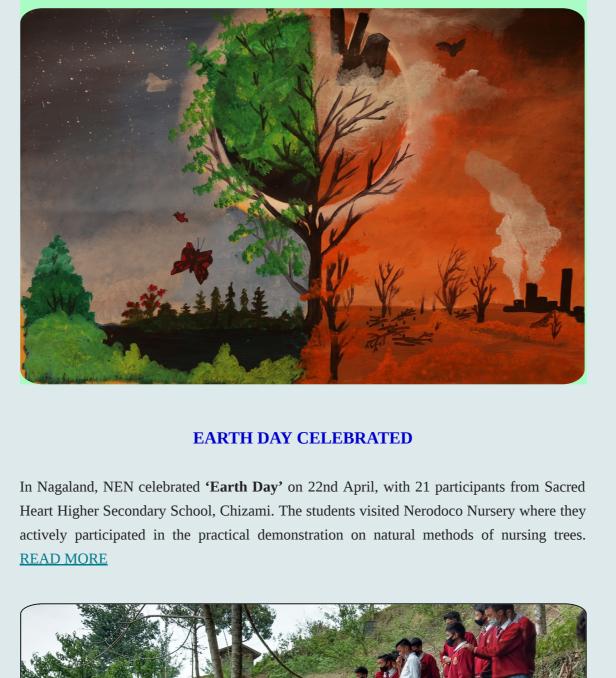
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Natural Resource Management & Livelihood



On WED, NEN Meghalaya received this beautiful painting from Shanborlang Lyngdoh Marshillong. He is a student and farmer from Wahsiej village in South West Khasi Hills District. The painting is a symbolic demonstration of man's greed and the destruction it will unleash on future generations unless we come together to build and maintain the environment.



livelihood projects in Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland. NEN continues to support weavers and tailors who has been associated with us by providing yarn and paying timely wages. NEN in its vision, is supporting marginalised households and vulnerable women to overcome this unprecedented financial and psycho-social crisis.

SUPPORTING WOMEN WEAVERS

During the lockdown, weavers of North East India have been facing many challenges like getting orders, procuring raw materials and delivering finished products. The pandemic has affected household incomes of many beneficiaries who have been working with us in our



mitigation of the trafficking of minors. We as a women's organization are cognisant of the fact that young boys and girls are hired as child labour from socio-economically marginalised tribal and Adivasi communities, into middle class families in Assam and sent to urban areas for domestic work or in small factories, termed as 'Company work'. It is a widespread phenomenon. The murder of Sumila Ronghangpi has as vicentian as oppression and deprivation of socially marginalised communities like Karbis of Assam. The socio-economic circumstances in which these children become victims of child labour, trafficking and other physical/ mental and sexual abuses must be taken into account. Sending a young minor, like the case of Sumila Ronghangpi, is done by penniless parents who consider it is one mouth less to feed, perhaps some extrainceme, and the possibility that the family taking in the child will educate her/him (something that is often promised by host families). Child labour is a criminal offence and it violates their constitutional right to education. The incident of Sumila Ronghangpi once again has brought out the issue of non-implementation of protracted structural violence as a result of the caste and class based hegemonic system. Recommendations:

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MEMORANDUM

A 12-year-old girl was murdered on 22"d April 2021 and her body burnt in Raha, in Assam's Nagaon district. The minor girl, originally hailed from West Karbi Anglong district near Nagaon, was allegedly killed by the Assamese family with whom she had worked as a domestic help.

We recommend that the Assam government commissions a fact-finding study or survey the illegal practice of minors being trafficked for domestic labour and sexual exploitation addition the study should include the audacious attitude and the illegality of those famil employers who are using young girls/boys as child labourers, especially in context of y notification in the Janasanjog by the Commissioner. North East Network appeals for mitigation of the trafficking of minors.

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Even as we strongly call for action against the perpetrators of the recent child murder and for a stop to the trafficking of Karbi girls, the legal system should be galvanized to book the accused /culprits committing murder and alleged sexual assault of Sumila Ronghangpi under appropriate sections of law. The case should be tried in the fast track court so that speedy and

Assam made headlines last year for being the most unsafe place for women as per the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, as the state topped the list in the rate of crimes against women. The crime rate stood at 166 (per lakh population) whereas the national average was 58.8 in 2018. In a horrific incident of gender based violence, a minor girl from Karbi Anglong was allegedly burnt alive by her employers on April 22, 2021. NEN submitted a Memorandum on 11th May 2021, to the One-man Enquiry Committee constituted by the Government of Assam to hold a public hearing on the death of Sumila Ronghangpi.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT!

NEN is looking to fill several positions with qualified individuals who are willing to carry forward NEN's work and mission in NER.

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