by the Government of Assam to hold a public hearing on the death of Sumila Ronghangpi. An appeal submitted a Memorandum on 11th May 2021, to the One-man Enquiry Committee constituted to investigate the incident.

Karbi Anglong was allegedly burnt alive by her employers on April 22, 2021. The minor girl, aged only 15, had been forced into domestic labour and had refused to work after being insulted.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, as the state topped the list in the rate of crimes against women in 2020. The average was 58.8 in 2018. In a horrific incident of gender based violence, a minor girl from the remote village of Assam made headlines last year for being the most unsafe place for women as per the NCRB data.

During the lockdown, weavers of North East India have been facing many challenges like unprecedented financial and psycho-social crisis. A livelihood project in Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland is supporting marginalised households and vulnerable women to overcome this unprecedented financial and psycho-social crisis. NEN is supporting marginalised women through social and economic empowerment initiatives.

In Assam, we are reaching out to women facing Domestic Abuse through our Gramin Mahila Kendra Help Line numbers. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic related closures and lockdown, increasing numbers of cases of domestic violence on women and children are being reported to us from our field workers. We are remotely handling such domestic violence cases due to ongoing restrictions on travel.

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 have continued to support vulnerable women and girls through virtual training modules, online workshops and tele-counseling sessions.

The impact of the pandemic on vulnerable sections of the society has been immense. Women and girls, especially, have faced increased pressures due to the lockdown and the economic downturn.

The National Network of Women's Organisations (NNWO) and the Asian Women's Human Rights Centre (AWHRC) have come together to address the gender-based violations.

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In Meghalaya, we continued with our Ecosystem project, an initiative to support local weavers and tailors who have been associated with NEN by providing yarn and paying timely wages. NEN continues to support weavers and tailors who have been working with us in our livelihood projects in Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

EARTHDAY CELEBRATED

On 22nd April, with 21 participants from Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School, Chizami. The students visited Nerodoco Nursery where they actively participated in the practical demonstration on natural methods of nursing trees.

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

In Assam, 19 cases of violence against women were reported during mid April. The students were encouraged to share their own opinions on VAW and relevant issues related to gender equality. This was part of our EARTHDAY CELEBRATED campaign.

Restoration, "Earth Day" on 5th June, NEN continued its campaign with the local community members at Chizami on a pre-celebration event held on 4th June. Following the theme of EARTH DAY CELEBRATED, we started with a full day of social work at the Resource Centre Campus in Rongia, Kamrup District. A women’s organisation from North East India who came together in the cleaning and plantation drive at the community land in Chizami.

WOMEN SHINE!

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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 waste products made from waste materials! Field team members of NEN in Assam also celebrated EARTHDAY CELEBRATED with the local community members at Chizami by recycling waste materials.

We truly thank all our donors, partners and well wishers for your staunch support towards our work. Without your support, it would not have been possible for NEN to continue our work in the region. We are grateful for your unwavering support and look forward to your continued support in the future.