



NEN NEWSLETTER

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Dear Readers,

Over the past two months, North East Network celebrated women leaders and their continued efforts towards advancing women's rights. There has also been a notable focus on conserving our rich biodiversity and knowledge of indigenous communities and ensuring rights of children. We are sharing a glimpse of it all through this Newsletter.

Interface cum Awareness Meeting on POCSO Act



15th February: In the district of Udalguri, Assam, NEN organised an Interface highlighting the prevalence of child sexual abuse in societies. The resource person Miguel Das, Executive Director, UTSAH, provided valuable insights about the legal framework and provisions of the Prevention of Children from Child Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012 through an interactive session. This gathering, attended by approximately 70 participants, provided a valuable platform for initiating conversations that can help communities ensure a safe and secure childhood for every child. [Read more](#)

Biodiversity: Building a Shared Future for All Life



6th - 7th March: 202 diverse stakeholders from 23 villages and 6 districts of Nagaland, including farmers, community leaders, women and youth, attended the 15th NEN Biodiversity Festival. Day 1 focused on the synergy between conservation and livelihoods; and traditional grass coat making and cotton processing. Day 2 highlighted the connection between biodiversity conservation, indigenous food systems and lifestyles. The seed exchange among 12 farming communities and community voices was an important part of this festival celebrating biodiversity. [Read more](#)

One Billion Rising (OBR) 2024

“Rise for Freedom: Be the New World”

14th February



Assam: Rising together against GBV through varied creative means in six districts

Meghalaya: Commemorating OBR with poster making and musical performance

Nagaland: Fostering a collective social consciousness among school students

International Women's Day (IWD) 2024

"Inspire Inclusion"

NEN celebrated women of all identities and their agency, their substantive contributions from homes to public spaces and their efforts towards transformational change. [Read more](#)



ASSAM

Around 700 participants took part in the IWD celebrations across 6 districts of Assam. The campaign's highlight was diverse sports activities, folk dances and songs, and felicitation of women peer leaders and community members.

MEGHALAYA

120 participants, including women peer leaders, faculty and students, outreach workers, community leaders, and health workers, gathered in Madanryting, Shillong, to celebrate IWD.



NAGALAND

Over 370 women in Phek and Kohima districts joined NEN Nagaland for IWD celebrations. Together, IWD 2024 was about celebrating women's contributions, discussing issues on gender equality, and promoting women's health and well-being.



Heartiest Congratulations to Monisha Behal



We congratulate the Chairperson of North East Network- Dr. Monisha Behal on receiving the first Rajabala Das Award and the Prag Prerona Award! Your tireless efforts towards ensuring women's rights in the NER of India is truly an inspiration for all of us. Thank you, Ben Baideo for being the pillar of this organisation.

Congratulations C Tsurila

C Tsurila received the Nagaland State Commission for Women (NSCW) Award 2024! She has been associated with NEN and SEWA Nagaland since the year 2019.

We celebrate her achievements and her commitment to the cause of women's rights in the region of Shamator.



Kudos to the Spirit of Solidarity

Over 70 dedicated volunteers join together to carry out the floor casting work for the reconstruction of the NEN Resource Centre in Chizami. Thank you everyone for your support. Together, we can build a brighter future.

Turning Homesteads into Food Forests

In the villages of Telijan and Kenduguri, a transformative two-day workshop on natural farming was led by Farmer Samir Bordoloi of Spread NE. Women, youth and men joined together to create homestead food forests, cultivating a sustainable future.



29 YEARS OF NORTH EAST NETWORK



NEN commemorates its foundational day on 22nd March, celebrating nearly three decades of advancing women's rights in the North East region of India.

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“ To build a just, equitable, sustainable future for me, for ourselves, for not just humans, but all beings, we need to come together; to colearn, to collaborate and to identify what we really care about.”

- Wekoweu Tsuhah
State Coordinator,
NEN Nagaland

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

World Environment Day 2024 (5th June): World Environment Day 2024 will be observed in all three states of Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

Changing Patterns of Climate Change & Gendered Vulnerabilities: Feminist voices from NE India - North East Regional Dialogue & Exchange (10th -11th September)

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