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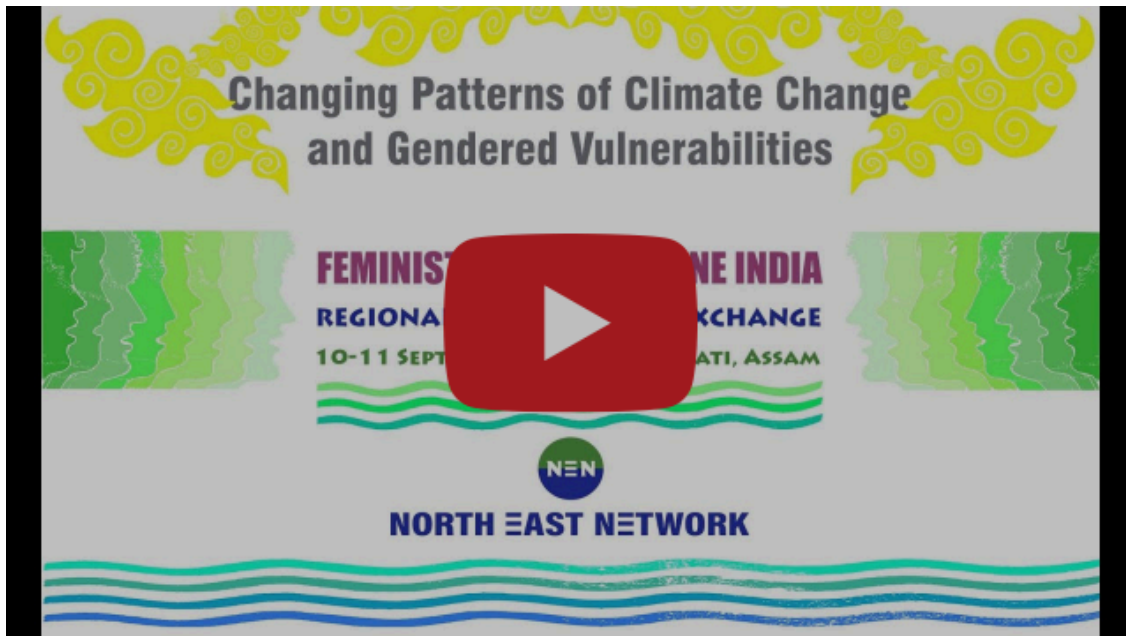
Dear Readers,

The past months at North East Network have been a powerful reminder of the strength found in collective action. Together, we have explored the intersections of gender and climate change, celebrated the resilience of rural women, and equipped youth with tools for advocacy and change.

Each initiative reflects our commitment towards shaping a more inclusive world. Join us as we revisit these moments!

Feminist Voices for Climate Justice: NE Regional Dialogue 2024

The NE Regional Dialogue highlighted the position, role, and contributions of women from diverse identities in climate justice discussions, often overshadowed by patriarchal perspectives with limited representation of women leaders in key debates and dialogues. Around 117 participants from eight states of North East India gathered to participate in this Regional Dialogue & Exchange - Changing Patterns of Climate Change and Gender Vulnerabilities: Feminist Voices from NE India in September. Women leaders at the dialogue emphasised the need for justice, equality, and the inclusion of grassroots voices in climate action. [Read more](#)



[Click on this link for a glimpse of the NEN Regional Dialogue and Exchange 2024](#)

Celebrating Women's Leadership: Assam



Over 108 participants gathered to learn from the resilient journey of Dr. Birubala Rabha and her indomitable voice against witch-hunting in Assam. These sessions, organised by NEN and led by resource persons - Dr. Chitralekha Baruah, Mamoni Saikia, and Kumoli Rabha, brought together youth and support group members to delve into her relentless struggle against the deeply ingrained practice of witch-hunting in Assam. [Read more](#)

A Journey Towards Youth Leadership in Laitkseh: Meghalaya

Through NEN's capacity-building programme, 12 young participants, including 6 girls and 6 boys, from Laitkseh village of West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya, were equipped with skills and knowledge on gender, rights and entitlements in order to drive positive changes in their communities. In this programme, they were also motivated to creatively express their thoughts and views through the medium of photography. [Read more](#)



Right to food for a better life and a better future: Nagaland

NEN Nagaland, in collaboration with G.M. Government High School Chizami, observed World Food Day at Chizami village, Phek district. The campaign initiated conversations on climate change and the food crisis, while creating awareness on indigenous food systems and community knowledge, with interactive sessions, a poster exhibition, and a food recipe competition involving 32 students and 8 teachers.

International Day of Rural Women (IDRW) 2024

"Rural Women Growing Food for a Secured Tomorrow"

This IDRW, North East Network celebrated the stories, challenges, and triumphs of rural women, recognising the cultural and economic importance of their expertise and their efforts in building a secure and gender-equal future.

Engaging in National and International Platforms



NEN is engaged as part of the Civil Society Steering Committee for India to review the progress made in the last three decades on gender equality which was adopted 30 years ago in the 4th World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995. Along with Swayam and Point of View, NEN organised an online consultation on gender based violence against women and gender diverse persons to bring together civil society organisations and document their experiences of working on GBV in private, public and digital spaces.



Anurtia P. Hazarika, Executive Director (I/C) of NEN and Vilazonuo, Project Lead, NEN Nagaland, attended the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review, which was held in November 2024 in Bangkok. The conference was a key milestone in the 30-year regional review of progress in implementing within the Framework for Beijing Platform for Action. Vilazonuo spoke on NEN's work around organising women into collectives for farming and weaving in a side event, "Realising Rights of Women Farmers for a Resilient Future - challenges and opportunities" organised by MAKAAAM, ETC Group, SOPPECOM & UN Women.



Anurita, Iaimanda A. Ryngksai, State Coordinator, NEN Meghalaya, and Rashmi Rekha Borah, Project Lead, NEN Assam, attended the Aman National meeting held at Patna, sharing the space with 60 representatives from 28 organisations. Established in 2006, the primary objective of the network is to support survivors of domestic violence by providing case referral services and capacity building across the country.



Babli Basumatary, Associate Project Lead, NEN Assam, took part in the National Consultation on "Understanding the Nature, Forms and Implications of structural violence against rural women in the context of Agrarian Distress" held in New Delhi organised by MAKAAAM, SOPPECOM, ISST and FPC.

Rashmi Rekha Borah & Wekoweu Tsuha, State Coordinator, NEN Nagaland attended the 10th anniversary and General Assembly of the Vikalp Sangam at Kutch, Gujarat. The

event was held at Khamir and attended by 100+ participants.



‘Women's Organisations and Movements in North East India’

Dr. Monisha Behal, Chairperson of NEN, delivered a Memorial Lecture on the occasion of 3rd Prof. Aparna Dutt Mahanta Memorial Lecture, organised by UGC Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University.

The brutal rape and murder of a doctor in RG Kar Hospital shocks us all and shows once again how unsafe workplaces are for women in India. NEN stands in solidarity, joining the rally on 14th August and condemning all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls.

Reclaim the Night: Standing in Solidarity

Saneki **Weaves**
participated in the
Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav in
Hyderabad, where
President Droupadi Murmu
graced our stall adorned
with the vibrant ethnic
motifs from Assam.



For Rural Women's Rights

Let's ensure that rural women have access to resources, knowledge, and opportunities necessary to build resilient communities and to take leadership roles in driving sustainable development.



Crafting a New Dawn

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With Hope and Resilience for the year ahead!



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