Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Control Arms Foundation of India & Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network.

India is a land of great diversity consisting of 29 states and 7 union territories. Often the term "Unity in Diversity" has been used to reflect the country's immense diversity. It has also been used to promote the various socio cultural differences of the many communities settled in vastly different regions. "Diversity" means more than just acknowledging and/ or tolerating differences. The concept signifies respect and appreciation of different cultures, race, ethnicity, gender, socio - economic status, age, physical abilities etc; and in our country, there is much need to support and protect diversity. Individuals and groups must be valued and be freed from prejudice. Hence, it is extremely important to foster a climate of equity and mutual respect which are intrinsic for a peaceful nation to grow and develop.

"Deepening Diversity Women Rights and Democracy in India" is a program Control Arms Foundation of India (CAFI) started with an aim to address the issues of increasing violence against women and girls in conflict zones as well as the rise in case of growing intolerance and racial violence in India. CAFI is closely working with committed stakeholders to contribute in solving the issues of Gender Based Violence (GBV) especially in conflict zones of India and racial discrimination in the country. The goal is to deepen diversity and to raise awareness on the injustice prevailing all across India. By adopting mechanisms such as improved and strengthened civil society responses, taking initiatives, engaging local authorities and government structures as well as international efforts, the focus is on the need to solve these issues. Through these efforts, CAFI hopes that it will help in ensuring an inclusive and sustainable growth in India.

In the month of July 2018, there was a training of paralegal volunteers in Nagaland where 37 participants from 11 districts from the state were trained. The focus of the training remained - understanding rule of law, basic values and features of the Constitution, governance structures and state machineries, Criminal justice system, Law relating to crimes against women and girls - sexual offences, trafficking, sexual offences against children (POCSO), victim compensation procedures and access to justice and legal aid. Furthermore, Binalakshmi Nepram, Founder of Manipur Women Gun Survivor's Network and Control Arms Foundation of India participated in the United Nations High Level Political Forum on sustainable development goals from July 9 - July 18, 2018 at the United Nations headquarters. Alongside this, the team is zealously working on organizing trainings on Diversity and Gender in Assam and in Delhi NCR in the month of August. The team is also committed to providing support to victims of sexual and racial discrimination continued along with documentation of many sexual and domestic abuse cases all across the Northeast of India. Please find the July newsletter here, providing news related to the aforementioned conference, Peace Building processes, Gender Based Violence, Sexual Violence, Racial Discrimination and the efforts of CAFI and MWGSN to ensure diversity and inclusion.

RECENT CAFI AND MWGSN ACTIVITIES

State Legal Training for Para legal Volunteers in Nagaland

NEWS OF THE MONTH

NEWS REPORT OF THE MONTH OF JULY

How Is Sexual Violence Normalised In India?
The National Crime Records Bureau of India (2015) reports an alarming situation of sexual violence in India stating that on an average 92 women are raped every day.
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CAFI IN MEDIA

THE (EM)POWER LIST 2018: BINALAKSHMI NEPRAM
While the larger part of our country doesn’t face the unpredictability of gun violence, in the North-Eastern state of conflict-ridden Manipur, it’s not abnormal for ordinary civilians to be senselessly gunned down.
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Binalakshmi Nepram at the United Nations High Level Political Forum
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Binalakshmi makes strong call on protection of world’s indigenous people at UN
Governments of the world including India met at a historic meeting held from July 9 to July 18 at United Nations Headquarters in New York City.
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ARTICLES

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Racial Discrimination On Indian Campuses Exists, Let Us Show You
Source: edtimes.in

Caste in the time of identity politic
Source: www.dailypioneer.com

Indian diversity remains an untapped resource
Source: thehansindia.com

PEACE BUILDING AND DISARMAMENT

Using Data to Link the Status of Women to Peace and Security
Source: newsdeeply.com
Women key ‘influencers’ and ‘changemakers’ in society: moot
Source: dailytimes.com.pk

India is running out of options in Kashmir. Involving women in peace process can make the difference
Source: scroll.in

SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT

Rape in conflict zones a multi-faceted and underreported crime
Source: www.swissinfo.ch

 Calls for India to protect ‘invisible’ children after 30 girls raped in shelter
Source: news.trust.org

More than five years after the Delhi gang-rape, India is still no country for women
Source: washingtonpost.com

In The Long History Of India, We Are At Another Tipping Point: Sexual Violence
Source: youthkiawaaz.com

‘Why I pushed for passage of the anti-trafficking bill’
Source: timesofindia.indiatimes.com

NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

ASSAM

2 women assaulted in separate cases of violence
Source: The North East Today, 1 July 2018

50-year-old man held for raping minor sent to judicial custody in Nagaon
Source: The North East Today, 3 July 2018

Man arrested for facilitating state MLA to rape wife
Source: The North East Today, 9 July 2018

22-year-old girl rescued, one held for sex trafficking
Source: The North East Today, 13 July 2018

Assam train killings: Main accused held, confessed to rape-murder; accomplice on the run
Source: The North East Today, 13 July 2018

17-year-old girl molested, two youths held
Source: The North East Today, 14 July 2018

15-year-old trafficked girl rescued from Rajasthan
Source: The North East Today, 18 July 2018

13-year-old abducted girl rescued from Dhubri
Source: The North East Today, 19 July 2018

Two minors go missing from Kamakhya Railway Station
Source: The North East Today, 21 July 2018

Assam has highest rate of violent crimes, kidnappings & abductions among all states
Source: The North East Today, 22 July 2018

Chetia's daughter raises bill at UN council
Source: www.telegraphindia.com, Jul 05, 2018

MANIPUR

Murder accused husband sent to judicial custody
Source: The Sangai Express, 4 July 2018

7 years Rigorous Imprisonment for rapist
Source: The Sangai Express, 8 July 2018

Excursion tour for women affected by domestic violence
Source: The Sangai Express, 16 July 2018

Sit in protest on crime against women held at Ukhrul
Source: The Sangai Express, 19 July 2018

MEGHALAYA

Minor Who Resisted Rape Dies
**Man Marries Minor Girl After Rape**
Source: The shillong Times, 17 July 2018

**Commission Educates Women Of Their Rights**
Source: theshillongtimes.com, 28 July 2018

**WCD For Enhanced Penalty For Sexual Assault On Male Children**
Source: theshillongtimes.com, 22 July 2018

**City Doctor Accused Of Sexual Assault Of Minor**
Source: theshillongtimes.com, 8 July 2018

**MIZORAM**

**Man gets 12 years imprisonment for raping minor**
Source: The North East Today, 24 July 2018

**NAGALAND**

**12-year old girl found dead with throat slit in Dmu**
Source: The Nagaland Post, 1 July 2018

**Phom organizations condemn rape of minor**
Source: The Nagaland Post, 2 July 2018

**AMK objects to bail for rapiat**
Source: The Nagaland Post, 18 July 2018

**PVSU condemns rape attempt**
Source: The Nagaland Post, 24 July 2018

**DELHI NCR**

**Don’t feel welcome in India, face racism: African students**
Source: www.asianage.com, 10 July 2018

**Teenager raped by friend’s father at sleepover in high-end Gurugram society**
Source: www.newsnation.in, 08 July 2018

**Nagaland women raped in Delhi’s Dwarka, 2 held**
Source: www.tribuneindia.com, 20 July 2018

**One in four girls fears being abducted, assaulted or raped in public places: Survey**
Source: theprint.in, 03 July 2018

**Women’s safety to remain a mirage in India until schemes to protect them take care of caste and class divisions**
Source: www.firstpost.com, 05 July 2018

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

**Training on Diversity and Gender**
August 3 and 4, 2018
Don Bosco Institute, Kharghuli, Guwahati, Assam

To be followed in New Delhi.

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