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 June 2018, CAFI and MWGSN observed the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict on the 19th of June, by launching posters on the theme. Our partners across the northeast of India also underook public action to commemorate the day to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence, to honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world to pay tribute to all those who have courageously devoted their lives to and lost their lives in standing up for the eradication of these crimes. Following this, on the 25th of June, Founder and Secretary-General, Binalakshmi Nepram joined in the global convention of the third United Nations conference to Prevent, Combat, Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms/ Light Weapons. Our commitment to provide 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 June 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

Undertaking public action to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

More Photos >>
Ms. Binalakshmi Nepram, Founder and Secretary-General attends the third United Nations conference to Prevent, Combat, Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms/ Light Weapons.

NEWS OF THE MONTH

MEDIA REPORTS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2018

The Martha Farrell Award Honoured Valuable Contributions In Women's Empowerment
Martha Farrell Award for excellence in women's Empowerment has been instituted to honour Dr Martha Farrell and her ideals of gender equality, feminism and women empowerment in everyday life.
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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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ARTICLES

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
MHA sets up panel to look into 'racial discrimination' faced by Northeastern people
Source: indi.anexpress.com

Adhere to human rights norms in National Register of Citizens: UN to Sushma
Source: timesofindia.indiatimes.com

Gender diversity improves in logistics
Source: timesofindia.indiatimes.com

SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT
India Most Dangerous Country For Women, US In 10 Worst: Survey
Source: ndtv.com

United Nation's Report Reveals Over 10,000 Children Maimed, Killed In World Conflicts In 2017
Source: indiatimes.com

Children faced with increasing "despicable" violence in conflict in 2017
Source: xinhuanet.com

PEACE BUILDING AND DISARMAMENT
What Peacekeeping Can Learn from Peacebuilding: The Peacebuilding Dimensions of the A4P
Source: reliefweb.int

How to Integrate Peacebuilding Into Humanitarian Aid Work
Source: newsdeeply.com

A Verifiable Path to Nuclear Disarmament by Piet de Klerk & Robert Floyd
Source: project-syndicate.org

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
Panel discussion on social and gender issues
Source: timesofindia.indiatimes.com

The Rule of Law and Human Rights - Fundamentals for the 2030 Agenda and Sustaining Peace
Source: undp.org

Resolutions are needed for peace and justice, not institutions
Source: aninews.in

NEWS FROM NORTHEAST
**ASSAM**

Five girls, boy rescued from human traffickers  
*Source: The North East Today, 6 June 2018*

Sex racket busted in a spa at Guwahati  
*Source: The North East Today, 7 June 2018*

Man arrested after girl commits suicide  
*Source: The North East Today, 9 June 2018*

Man accused of raping daughter slits wife’s throat in court  
*Source: The North East Today, 16 June 2018*

Man arrested for showing porn videos to minors in Guwahati  
*Source: The North East Today, 18 June 2018*

Crime against women on the rise in state, says report  
*Source: The North East Today, 21 June 2018*

**MANIPUR**

Government negligence hinted on child sexual abuse case of Manipur  
*Source: IT News, 1 June 2018*

Girl drugged in passenger bus, robbed  
*Source: The Sangai Express, 1 June 2018*

Mother of rape survivor appeals for swift action against accused  
*Source: The Sangai Express, 1 June 2018*

Woman escapes from the claw of a rapist after giving him a hard kick  
*Source: IT News, 3 June 2018*

NSCN-IM terminates cadres for attempting rape to a married lady; sentence 5 years imprisonment  
*Source: IT News, 9 June 2018*

World Vision India launches a campaign that aims to end child sexual abuse by 2021 in Manipur  
*Source: IT News, 10 June 2018*

One arrested for capturing and sending nude pictures of woman over WhatsApp  
*Source: The Sangai Express, 12 June 2018*

Woman alleges rape attempt by a neighbour  
*Source: Imphal Free Press, 22 June 2018*

**MEGHALAYA**

Meet On POCSO Act on Tuesday  
*Source: The Shillong Times, 17 June 2018*

Crimes Against Women Take Place Of Militancy in NGH  
*Source: The Shillong Times, 20 June 2018*

Missing Girl's Body Recovered in Garo Hills  
*Source: The Shillong Times, 22 June 2018*

**MIZORAM**

300 children from Northeastern states found in shelter home  
*Source: The North East Today, 4 June 2018*

Mizoram: 53-year-old sentenced to 15 years' rigorous imprisonment for raping minor  
*Source: The North East Today, 16 June 2018*

**NAGALAND**

Organizations condemn rape  
*Source: The Nagaland Post, 1 June 2018*

CHILDLINE 1098 launched in Mokokchung  
*Source: The Nagaland Post, 2 June 2018*

CHILDLINE Dimapur conducts programme on Child Rights  
*Source: The Nagaland Post, 7 June 2018*

NSCW condemns Mkg rape incident  
*Source: The Nagaland Post, 12 June 2018*

Mkg town public meet on crimes against women today
Ex-gratia paid to June 10 rape victim

TRIPURA

Tripura: State govt raises compensation for women victims of crime

Tripura lauds step for HIV positive children adoption

Body of woman found, husband absconding at Radhanagar

Tripura police bust trafficking racket, 2 minors trafficked from Bangladesh through Sonamura

DELI NCR

We are not your Chinkis

After Ram Rahim and Asaram, now rape case against Daati Maharaj; woman alleges rape inside Shani Dham

Canadian, 20, alleges rape by Delhi hotel manager

QCrime: Kenyan Woman Gangraped; Fired Worker Shoots at HR Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JULY

TRAINING OF PARALEGAL VOLUNTEERS
9 - 10 July At KOHIMA, NAGALAND

Diversity and Gender Justice Training in Manipur and Delhi

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