

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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*"Our hopes for a more just, safe, and peaceful world can only be achieved when there is universal respect for the inherent dignity and equal rights of all members of the human family."*

- UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

**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 October 2018, the team of Control Arms Foundation of India (CAFI) and Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network (MWGSN) received great news. Ms. Binalakshmi Nepram, Founder and Secretary General, CAFI and MWGSN, was awarded the prestigious Anna Politkovskaya award for her consistent work in defending human rights and standing up for victims in conflict zones. This was followed by the team hosting the second part of the Training of Trainers on Diversity, Gender Justice and Inclusion on October 4 and 5, 2018 at the iconic India International Center. On October 26, Ms. Nepram led the Second Campus Dialogue Series on Global Gun Violence in Connecticut, USA. Our team also visited and followed up with work in our project areas in Nagaland along with the European Union. Furthermore, the team is zealously working with parliamentarians on drafting an Anti-Racism bill to be presented in the winter session this year. Apart from this, MWGSN team is committed to supporting 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 October 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



**TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON DIVERSITY, GENDER JUSTICE AND INCLUSION, OCTOBER 4 AND 5, 2018 AT INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTER**

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SECOND CAMPUS DIALOGUE SERIES ON GLOBAL GUN VIOLENCE, OCTOBER 26, 2018, CONNECTICUT, USA



TEAM NAGALAND VISIT WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION OCTOBER 29-31, 2018, NAGALAND

## NEWS OF THE MONTH

### MEDIA REPORTS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2018



#### [Training of Trainers on Diversity, Gender Justice and Inclusion](#)

On October 4 and 5, 2018, Control Arms Foundation of India, Multiple Action Research Group, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network and National Coalition on Race and Gender Issues in collaboration with Martha Farrell Foundation and Youth Ki Awaaz organized the second part of the Participatory Regional Level Training of Trainers under the project 'Deepening Diversity, Women's Rights and Democracy: Working Towards Addressing Racial Discrimination and Gender Based Violence with Special Emphasis on Sexual Violence in Conflict Areas'.

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### CAFI IN MEDIA



#### [Indian campaigner wins award for helping women facing violence](#)

#### [Activist Binalakshmi Nepram, Who Left India Amid Threats, Wins Top Award](#)

#### [Manipur Activist Binalakshmi Nepram Bags Prestigious International Award](#)

#### [Binalakshmi Nepram wins award for helping women facing violence in NE](#)

#### [Binalakshmi Nepram, a rights activist, wins prestigious 2018 Anna Politkovskaya Award](#)

#### [Manipur human rights crusader in exile chosen for world's top award](#)

#### [Indian campaigner wins award for helping women facing violence](#)

#### [Award for Indian campaigner for supporting women survivors of violence in northeast India](#)

#### [Binalakshmi Nepram, a rights activist, wins prestigious 2018 Anna Politkovskaya Award](#)

#### [Indian activist wins award for helping women facing violence](#)

[Indian female campaigner wins award for helping women facing violence](#)

[Rights Activist Binalakshmi Nepram Wins Prestigious Anna Politkovskaya Award](#)

[Binalakshmi Nepram and Svetlana Alexievich : winners of 2018 RAW in WAR Anna Politkovskaya Award](#)

[This Indian activist has won the top award for investigative journalism](#)

[12 years on, Politkovskaya murder still unsolved](#)

["We really need you, Anna!": Svetlana Alexievich, Binalakshmi Nepram write to Anna Politkovskaya](#)

[12 years on, Politkovskaya murder still unsolved](#)

[Another cap on Binalakshmi Nepram](#)

[Activist awarded for 'speaking out' on AFSPA](#)

[Exiled Manipuri activist bags Anna Politkovskaya award](#)

[Visiting scholar wins prestigious humanitarian award](#)

[Forced To Flee India, NE Women Gets International Award For Human Rights](#)

[Human Rights activist Binalakshmi Nepram wins Anna Politkovskaya Award](#)

## ARTICLES

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### DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

**Experiences and Perceptions of Discrimination among Dalits and Muslims**

Source: *epw.in*

**Outsiders in Our Home Land- Reconstructing the North East identity**

Source: *northeastindia24.com*

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### PEACE BUILDING AND DISARMAMENT

**If we want to build peace, we can't keep women out**

Source: *reliefweb.int*

**UN chief calls for emergency measures to increase women in peace operations**

Source: *business-standard.com*

**Women's participation vital to success of national peace-building efforts: moot**

Source: *dailytimes.com.pk*

**Disarmament Week 2018: How much do you know about scale of firearm-related violence globally?**

Source: *firstpost.com*

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### SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT

**India calls for UN sanctions against terrorists involved in sexual violence**

Source: *timesofindia.indiatimes.com*

**India nudges UN to turn glare on trans-border sexual violence**

Source: *telegraphindia.com*

**Sexual violence against girls and women has been a savage feature of conflict for centuries**

Source: *japantimes.co.jp*

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## NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

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### ASSAM

**16 children go missing in a month, 8,443 children in 5 years- How safe are Children?**

Source: *The North East Today, 1 October 2018*

**Man convicted for rape-murder of minor girl in Assam**

Source: *The North East Today*, 2 October 2018

**Woman tonsured, partially stripped for opposing marriage of underage son**

Source: *The North East Today*, 7 October 2018

**12-yr-old boy molested by private tutor in Guwahati, booked**

Source: *The North East Today*, 9 October 2018

**3 men accuse Taj Group Hotel in Guwahati of racial profiling, harassment**

Source: *The North East Today*, 15 October 2018

**4 arrested for raping minor girl in Digboi**

Source: *The North East Today*, 19 October 2018

**Human trafficking racket busted in Sivasagar**

Source: *The North East Today*, 22 October 2018

## **MANIPUR**

**Legal awareness Programme on Mentally Disabled Persons  
POCSO and Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Scheme**

Source: *IT News*, 3 October 2018

**Mother files complaint to DGP and Social Welfare Director against staff of Women Helpline**

Source: *The Sangai Express*, 5 October 2018

**Lecture on Child Abuse and Sex Education**

Source: *PRO Cell IGAR(s) \**, 5 October 2018

**Maoist reopens alleged rape case of a lady from Thangmeiband by an MLA**

Source: *IT News*, 12 October 2018

**Minor girl alleges rape by uncle**

Source: *The Sangai Express*, 12 October 2018

**Court awards man 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for raping three-year old minor**

Source: *Imphal Free Press*, 20 October 2018

**Maoist send tough words against rapists**

Source: *IT News*, 22 October 2018

## **MEGHALAYA**

**Women Sensitised On Legal Rights**

Source: *The Shillong Times*, 6 October 2018

**Rape Accused Surrenders**

Source: *The Shillong Times*, 23 October 2018

## **MIZORAM**

**Man gets 18-year jail term for raping minor**

Source: *The North East Today*, 14 October 2018

## **NAGALAND**

**Shocking: Minor raped by step-father in Meluri**

Source: *The Morung Express*, 14 October 2018

## **TRIPURA**

**29 year-old arrested for rape attempt on minor**

Source: *The North East Today*, 17 October 2018

**Teacher tries to outrage modesty of minor student, arrested**

Source: *The North East Today*, 22 October 2018

**7 cases of crime against women registered during Durga Puja**

Source: *The North East Today*, 22 October 2018

## **DELHI NCR**

**FIR registered against spiritual healer for allegedly raping 24 year old woman dcw**

Source: *uniindia.com*

**15 year old trafficking survivor from Jharkhand dies after months of suffering**

Source: *hindustantimes.com*, Oct 11, 2018

**Domestic hell**

Source: indianexpress.com, October 1, 2018

**Delhi man raped niece for four years to 'treat her manglik dosh'**

Source: newsnation.in, 02 October 2018

**Nun who protested against rape accused Bishop Franco Mulakkal faces wrath**

Source: wefornews.com, October 25, 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

### Advocacy Meetings with Parliamentarians

#### Delhi

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##### Support, Peace & Diversity

##### Centre

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