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**
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

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

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: dailylimes.com.pk

Disarmament Week 2018: How much do you know about scale of firearm-related violence globally?
Source: firstpost.com

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

NEWS FROM NORTHEAST

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
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 Diboi
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
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

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