

MONTHLY  
**NEWSLETTER**  
1 OCTOBER, 2018

**"If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective."**

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Dear Friends,

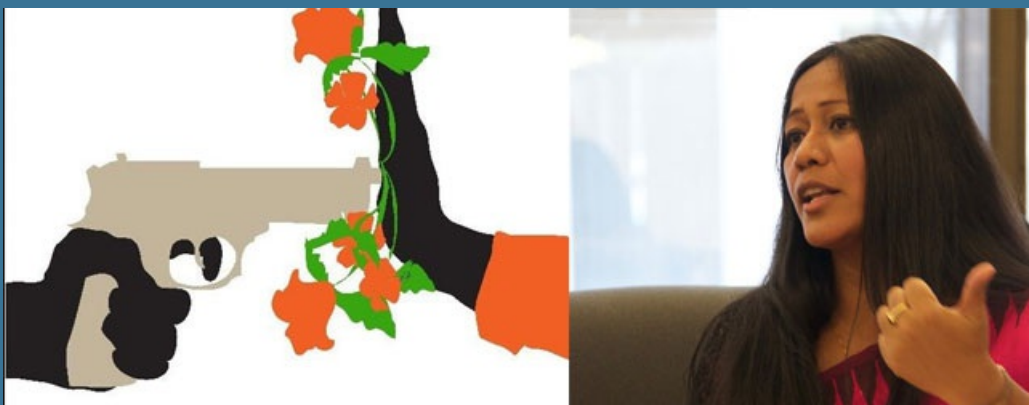
*Warm greetings from Control Arms Foundation of India & Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network.*

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 September 2018, Founder and Secretary General of CAFI and MWGSN, Ms. Nephram delivered a speech on "Working Together to End Gun Violence: The Story of How Women in Manipur Worked to Mitigate Violence in South Asia's Longest Running Armed Conflict" at Otis College, Connecticut, USA on September 5 2018. Following this, CAFI and MWGSN held a successful panel discussion and prelaunch of the book titled "Addressing Democracy, Diversity, Racial and Gender-Based Violence with special emphasis in Conflict Areas" edited by Ms. Binalakshmi Nperam and published by the New York Universal Publishing House. This was held at the India Habitat Centre on 21 September 2018. The CAFI and MWGSN team have also been working with PRIA (Participatory Research in Asia) and Martha Farrell Foundation to host the second part of the Training of Trainers on Diversity, Gender Justice and Inclusion on October 4 and 5, 2018. Throughout the month, many of our Community Justice Workers continue to reach out and report as well as handle cases of human rights violations in different villages all across the northeast in our project areas. 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 September newsletter here, providing news related to the aforementioned events, 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



September 5, 2018 - Ms. Binalakshmi Nephram, Founder and Secretary General, Control Arms Foundation of India and Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network at the Otis Library, Connecticut, USA speaking on Working Together to End Gun Violence: The Story of How

Women in Manipur Worked to Mitigate Violence in South Asia's Longest Running Armed Conflict".



September 21, 2018 - Panel Discussion and Prelaunch of the book on "Addressing Democracy, Diversity, Racial and Gender-Based Violence with Special Focus on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones in India" at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

## NEWS OF THE MONTH

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



#### [Addressing Democracy, Diversity, Race and Gender-Based Violence](#)

A new book born out of three years of intensive research across Northeast India and the National Capital Region of Delhi (Delhi NCR) focuses on the rising intolerance in the world's largest democracy....

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#### [CAFI launches book](#)

In an event organised by Control Arms Foundation of India in collaboration with Multiple Action Research Group (MARG) and India Habitat Centre (IHC) with support from EU, a book titled 'Addressing Democracy, Diversity....

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#### [Nepam to speak at Otis Library](#)

Writer-Activist Binalakshmi Nepam will speak at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Otis Library, 261 Main St., Norwich.....

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## ARTICLES

### DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

#### **Colour me right: It's time to end colourism in India**

Source: [aljazeera.com](#), 10 Sept 2018

#### **India's cultural diversity on display**

Source: [tribuneindia.com](#), Sep 30, 2018

#### **Vice President Naidu hails India's cultural diversity, pushes for inclusive nationalism**

Source: [timesofindia.indiatimes.com](#), Sep 2, 2018

#### **Why the young from India's northeast are building bridges with the country's big cities**

Source: [qz.com](#)

### PEACE BUILDING AND DISARMAMENT

#### **Intersections of violence against women and girls with state-building and peace-building: Lessons from Nepal, Sierra Leone and South Sudan**

Source: [reliefweb.int](#), 22 Sep 2018

#### **India third highest in gun-related deaths, firearm mortality rate "beats" China, Pakistan, Bangladesh: US study**

Source: [counterview.net](http://counterview.net), September 07, 2018

### **Half the World's Gun-related Deaths Occur in Just 6 Countries, Including the U.S.**

Source: [science.howstuffworks.com](http://science.howstuffworks.com), September 17, 2018

### **Empower women to resolve global challenges**

Source: [timesofindia.indiatimes.com](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com), September 26, 2018

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## **SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT**

### **Bangladesh, UN sign up to address sexual violence against Rohingyas**

Source: [dhakatribune.com](http://dhakatribune.com), September 29, 2018

### **The world is failing women and girls whose bodies have been weaponised**

Source: [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com), September 5, 2018

### **What drives women over the edge?**

Source: [dailypioneer.com](http://dailypioneer.com),

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## **NEWS FROM NORTHEAST**

### **ASSAM**

#### **53-yr-old auto rickshaw driver jailed for molesting minor**

Source: [The North East Today](http://The North East Today), 7 September 2018

#### **28-yr-old engineer arrested for trying to marry minor in Bongaigaon district**

Source: [The North East Today](http://The North East Today), 10 September 2018

#### **3 NE states among 12 with high rates of child marriage & teenage pregnancy: Report**

Source: [The North East Today](http://The North East Today), 14 September 2018

#### **Man arrested for allegedly raping minor inside van in Baksa district**

Source: [The North East Today](http://The North East Today), 18 September 2018

#### **Girl sold in Ghy by mother & son, rescued from Siliguri red light area**

Source: [The North East Today](http://The North East Today), 20 September 2018

#### **Assistant Sub-Inspector arrested for physically assaulting two women in PS**

Source: [The North East Today](http://The North East Today), 20 September 2018

#### **19 held for stripping & assaulting woman with chilli powder**

Source: [The North East Today](http://The North East Today), 23 September 2018

#### **Assam teen escapes rape attempt by 4 men who kidnapped her in Goalpara district**

Source: [The North East Today](http://The North East Today), 25 September 2018

#### **4,130 rapes & over 15,000 dowry cases reported in state the last 2 years**

Source: [The North East Today](http://The North East Today), 25 September 2018

### **MANIPUR**

#### **Saving rape Victims: actions on sentiment and anger might ruined the minor victims**

Source: [IT News](http://IT News), 1 September 2018

#### **Rape accused remanded for 4 more days in Police Custody**

Source: [IT News](http://IT News), 2 September 2018

#### **On the run rape accused held**

Source: [The Sangai Express](http://The Sangai Express), 2 September 2018

#### **Fast track investigation cell necessary to curb crimes against women and children: Acting Chairperson MHRC**

Source: [The Sangai Express](http://The Sangai Express), 9 September 2018

#### **Take up action against teacher who touched girl student inappropriately: AMSU**

Source: [The Sangai Express](http://The Sangai Express), 9 September 2018

#### **Youth lynched on charge of lifting two wheeler**

Source: [The Sangai Express](http://The Sangai Express), 14 September 2018

#### **Sit-ins demand justice for victims of alleged extra Judicial killings**

Source: [The Sangai Express](http://The Sangai Express), 2 September 2018

#### **Midnight rape, say MUTA, MUSU, MUSA**

Source: [The Sangai Express](http://The Sangai Express), 22 September 2018

## MEGHALAYA

**Man, 65, arrested for raping minor granddaughters in Meghalaya**

Source: *The Morung Express*, 1 September 2018

**Father sexually molests 10-yr-old daughter, mother forgives husband for the crime**

Source: *The North East Today*, 3 September 2018

**16-year-old girl abducted in SWGH; taken to Assam**

Source: *The North East Today*, 8 September 2018

**NE has emerged as hub of human trafficking: Meghalaya HC Chief Justice**

Source: *The North East Today*, 24 September 2018

## MIZORAM

**14-year-old brutally gangraped in Chamdud**

Source: *The North East Today*, 6 September 2018

## NAGALAND

**Mob tries to enter jail in search of murder accused**

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

## TRIPURA

**Woman humiliated with garland of shoes over alleged affair in state**

Source: *The North East Today*, 27 September 2018

## DELHI NCR

**Domestic hell**

Source: *indianexpress.com*

**Self-styled Godman arrested for raping woman in Delhi**

Source: *newindianexpress.com*, 30th September 2018

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

Source: *newsnation.in*

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

### October 4 and 5, 2018 - Training of Trainers on Diversity, Gender Justice and Inclusion

Seminar Hall I and II, India International Centre, 40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi - 110003  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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