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Gender justice and peace in North East



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Northeast India (/taxonomy/term/2367) Women Initiative for Peace (NEIWIP) expressed grave concern over (/taxonomy/term/2166) the ongoing situation in Nagaland (/taxonomy/term/1597) after the government decided to reserve 33 per cent of the seats for women.

“We would like to humbly share that in other parts of Northeast India (/taxonomy/term/2367) such as (/taxonomy/term/2291) Assam there have been talks of increasing the reservation for women in local body election from 33 per to 50 per cent,” said the organization at a statement.

According to the organization, Manipur (/taxonomy/term/64), a minimum of 33 per cent members of the panchayat and a 30 per cent reservation in the urban local body election is for women. However, despite this, of the total of 466 seats in the assemblies of eight northeastern states, only 24 (5.15 percent) are women.

The organization observed that the 60-member assembly in Arunachal (/taxonomy/term/2194) Pradesh and Manipur (/taxonomy/term/64), there are (/taxonomy/term/1690)2 (/taxonomy/term/1690) and 3 female legislators respectively. Assam has (/taxonomy/term/2164)8 (/taxonomy/term/2164) women MLAs among 126 elected representatives while Tripura (/taxonomy/term/1738) has five women lawmakers in the 60-member house. Mizoram has only 1 women MLA out of the 40 elected representatives.

They appeal to all the right minded people to work collectively for ensuring inclusion and participation of women in decision making forums and spaces.



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