Women, War & Peace:
Armed Conflict, Arms Proliferation and Women’s Non Violent Peace Efforts in Manipur, Northeast Region of India, home to South Asia’s Longest Running Armed Conflict


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Binalakshmi “Bina” Nepram, born in Manipur Nation currently located in India's Northeast region next to Myanmar, is an indigenous scholar and civil rights activist spearheading work on making women-led peace, security and disarmament meaningful. She is author of five books, her two most recent being “Where are our Women in Decision Making on UNSCR 1325” (2016) & “Deepening Democracy, Diversity and Women’s Rights in India” (2018).

In 2004, she co-founded India’s first civil society organization for conventional disarmament issues, Control Arms Foundation of India. In 2007, Binalakshmi launched the Manipur Women Gun Survivor Network. Bina has represented Indian civil society in many meetings of the United Nations in both Geneva and New York.

She is a recipient of Ashoka Fellowship, Dalai Lama Foundation’s WISCOMP Scholar of Peace Award (2008), the Sean MacBride Peace Prize (2010), and the CNN IBN Real Heroes Award (2011). In 2015 Forbes (India) listed Binalakshmi in 24 “Young Minds of India that Matter”. Bina was also awarded with “Women Have Wings” Award from USA in 2016 and in 2017, she received Telegraph Newspaper Excellence Awards 2017 for her work with indigenous women survivors of armed conflict in Manipur and in October, she was named along with 2015 Nobel Literature Laureate from Belarus, Svetlana Alexievich as winner of Anna Politskovaya Award 2018.

Bina completed her work in August 2018 as a Visiting Scholar at Columbia University, New York in Indigenous Studies Program & recently joined Connecticut College’s Gender and Women Studies Department & Walter Commons Global Studies as IE-SRF Scholar-In-Residence.

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