



Women and Peace

A listing of organizations
working for
women's rights *and* peace
in India
2015

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WOMEN AND PEACE: AN INCOMPLETE SOUTH ASIAN DIRECTORY

This project originated in a quest to identify potential partners for peace-related projects. That quest shifted shape, but we kept the kernel of the work and expanded its scope to include all SAARC member countries.

We started with the question, “Which women’s organizations work on peace?” But given that feminists define peace as far more than the cessation of conflict and hostilities, the term was hardly a filter. After all, peace is also empowerment, engaged citizenship, good governance, sustainable development and a free flow of information and expression. As we identified organizations across a spectrum of activities, we began to tag them with ‘keywords’:

- Peace and conflict transformation
- Women’s rights and empowerment
- Capacity building and community mobilization
- Governance and policy advocacy
- Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development
- Information and communication

The keywords are simply intended to help in our search to identify resources and partners, not to narrowly define an organization’s work in any way.

The directory is the product of a desk-based Internet search. We invite you to email us with names and website addresses for organizations you think should be included. Email us at prajnyatrust@gmail.com.

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| Cultural Academy for Peace | Ernakulam | Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development; Information and communication | culturalacademy@gmail.com | 19 |
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| Joint Women's Programme(JWP) | Gurgaon | Women's rights and empowerment; Governance reforms and policy advocacy | jwp@airtelmail.in | 22 |
| Mahila Shanti Sena (MSS) | New Delhi | Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization | rammurti_2000@yahoo.com | 23 |
| Mahila Utthan Samiti (MUS) | New Delhi | Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development | | 24 |
| Mahila Sarvangeen Utkarsh Mandal (MASUM) | Pune | Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development | masumfp@bsnl.in, masum.puneindia@gmail.com | 25 |
| National Alliance of Women (NAWO) | New Delhi | Governance reforms and policy advocacy; Women's rights and empowerment | nawo.india@gmail.com | 26 |

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| North East India Women Initiative for Peace (NEIWIP) | Imphal/ New Delhi | Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Governance reforms and policy advocacy | cafi.communique@gmail.com | 29 |
| North East Network (NEN) | Guwahati | Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development | assammen@yahoo.co.uk | 30 |
| Olakh | Vadodara | Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Information and communication | olakh.space@gmail.com | 31 |
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| SAHR WARU Women's Action & Resource Unit | Ahmedabad | Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development | sahrwaruad1@sancharnet.in | 34 |
| Sakhi | Thiruvananthapuram | Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization | sakhikerala@gmail.com | 35 |
| Sangat | New Delhi | Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization | sangat@sangatsouthasia.org | 36 |
| South Asia Forum for Human Rights (SAFHR) | New Delhi | Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment | | 37 |
| Sree Mukti Sanghatana | Mumbai | Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Governance reforms and policy advocacy | smsmum@gmail.com sms@streemuktisanghatana.org | 38 |

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| WOMEN IN SECURITY CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND PEACE (WISCOMP) | New Delhi | Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Governance reforms and policy advocacy | wiscomp2006@gmail.com | 41 |
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| Women's Research & Action Group (WRAG) | Mumbai | Women's rights and empowerment; Governance reforms and policy advocacy | wrag2009@gmail.com, info@wragindia.org | 44 |

ALEXIS CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT

<http://www.acwd.in>

Keywords: Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development; Capacity-building and community mobilization.

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Factfile

- The ACWD was inaugurated on 25th December 2012 and is run under the able leadership of its chairperson Ms Arzin A. Ansari. It is a youth led Think Tank that conducts research and provides consultancy in areas such as public policy, strategy, law, management, economics and information technology.
- It is also engaged recruiting bright young minds for various projects as interns and members to promote efficient functioning, develop fresh ideas and to provide the students with exposure to the pressing problems being faced by women in the world today.

Areas of activity

The centers activities on women empowerment involve:

- Educating underprivileged women through the project “each one, teach one” in which each volunteers take up the task educating at least one women.
- Creating awareness about various crimes against women by “crime against women” project conducted in colleges and workplaces.
- Providing free legal assistance and guidance to women through establishment of legal aid camp.
- Regular seminars and discussions for the youth to research solutions and ideas for implementing various schemes for women empowerment.
- Networking with international organizations like UN Global Impact and UN civil society network.

Note

- ACWD has unique project where they help the elderly women in old age homes by making youth interact with them and exchange ideas from their experiences.

ALL INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

<http://www.aiwc.org.in/>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity Building and communication mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development

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Factfile

- Established in 1927, it is one of the oldest women welfare organizations in the country and ever since its commencement it has actively worked for progress and welfare of women by helping them to utilize the fullest Fundamental rights conferred on them by the constitution of India. AIWC is recognized the world over as a premier organization working for empowerment of women.
- AIWC is headed by Mrs Veena Kohli who is the President of the organization.

Areas of activity

AIWC's capacity building activities include:

- Skill-based literacy programmes for women in remote areas as well as in urban slums to empower them economically.
- Community health services especially for women through Mobile Health Vans reaching areas where there are negligible facilities for health care.
- Regular leadership/Capacity building through training programmes for women.
- Training and awareness workshops on energy conservation and energy efficiency are conducted.
- Capacity building programmes on water, waste management, sanitation, herbal gardens and planting of trees for sustainable economic development.

Note

- The Shilpkala Utsav which is a famous women artisan's craft bazaar is annual exhibition that AIWC organizes annually to promote women entrepreneurship.

ALOCHANA

<http://aalochana.net>

Keywords: Capacity building and community mobilization; Information and communication

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- Aalochana is a Pune-based documentation and research centre for women. The aim of the centre is to systematically contribute in the process of documentation, research, and dissemination with special emphasis on Maharashtra.
- Over the years, Aalochana has become one of the significant resource and training centers for lot of outreach programs, in the western region of India.

Areas of activity

Alochana carries out the following activities:

- Providing the space for meeting, reading, sharing experiences and ideas and discussing work, on women's issues.
- Alochana jeep with bags of books, films, posters and other materials visits the community and holds interactive sessions and dialogues with the women.
- Skill based training workshops for economic empowerment of women.
- The systematic collection and dissemination of information on issues related to the social, political, economic, legal, and personal aspects of women's lives through resource center.
- Networking with women's groups, libraries and like-minded documentation and research centres at the regional, national and international level.

Note

- Alochana has produced 7 documentary films from 2005 in both Marathi & English depicting the various women's issues.

ACT NOW FOR HARMONY AND DEMOCRACY (ANHAD)

<http://www.anhadin.net>

Keywords: Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development; Information and communication

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Factfile

- ANHAD (Act Now for Harmony and Democracy) is an Indian socio-cultural organization established by Shabnam Hashmi in March 2003, as a response to 2002 Gujarat riots. Anhad has actively worked since its inception to defeat communal forces in the country.
- Anhad has done a huge amount of community work during the past ten years especially for families of victims of conflict and ANHAD is known nationally for its work on human rights and minority rights.

Areas of activity

ANHAD's initiatives for women relief and awareness include:

- Organizing Seminars, Workshops, Conventions to generate intellectual debate on women's issue at the National and State Level
- Sensitizing people specifically to women about their democratic rights as enshrined in Indian Constitution through direct interaction and pamphlets.
- Research and publication of books and reports to educate the masses.
- An independent media production unit, which is now a separate organization for producing educational documentaries and videos.
- Use of social media including facebook and youtube for dissemination of ideas and interaction with activists and other organizations.
- Relief and rehabilitation work for 2002 Gujarat riot victims by providing monetary and material aid and monitoring the growth.

ASMITA

<http://www.asmitacollective.in/>

Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Information and communication

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Factfile

- Established in 1991, ASMITA has worked in diverse fields, in a range of partnerships across the country. Asmita has conducted several research projects over the last seventeen years on diverse subjects within the field of women's studies.
- ASMITA is a registered society, with a 24 member General Body and an eleven member Executive Committee that comes together on policy matters.

Areas of activity

- Promoting Feminism through the production of classical dance, creative writing, film, theatre and publishing.
- Outreach to college students through guest lectures, regular courses, film screenings, discussions, cartoon, posters and essay competitions to increase feminist education for students.
- Conducting research on various issues on women and governance in order to analyze women's political experience and their notion of political through interactive forums.
- Creating strategies to rehabilitate and address the problems faced by women in conflict by interviewing through the Women's fact finding team.
- Peace building efforts in the conflict hit region of India like Dantewada and Chhattisgarh by reaching out to women on the area resolve the conflict by training them in mediation skills.

Note

- They have done excessive peace building efforts in areas of conflict torn regions like Dantewada and Chhattisgarh.

AHMEDABAD WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP (AWAG)

<http://www.awagindia.org/>

Keywords: Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development

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- The Ahmedabad Women's Action Group - AWAG was established in 1981 sought to make women aware of their human rights, to say no to violence and Advocated improved wording in Government Resolutions on gender issues with positive outcomes.

Areas of activity

AWAG aims to improve the socio-economic condition of women through:

- Workshops to sensitize Medical Officers, Advocates, Educators, Media persons, officers of NDDB and others on gender issues
- Conducting 10-12 workshops every year to impart guidelines for psychological and legal counselors on handling women's cases.
- Established counseling center with collaboration of police to provide services to women who are victims of violence.
- Livelihood program to provide skill based training to rural women in order to increase the employment opportunities for them.
- Free legal assistance exclusively for women.
- Establishing shelters for displaced women by conflict, natural disasters and domestic violence.

AWARE WOMEN'S ACTION FOR JUSTICE (AWAJ) OF JAGORI RURAL CHARITABLE TRUST

<http://jagorigrameen.org/>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development

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- The AWAJ is a part of Jagori Rural Charitable Trust which works on women's participation on various issues. The organization has over 10 years of experience in providing legal assistance to underprivileged women of the society in their court cases. It has influence and involvement in communities of over 100 villages in Himachal Pradesh.

Areas of activity

- Efforts for making the judiciary and law enforcement agencies more women friendly by holding seminars for lawyers, judges and the police.
- Helping underprivileged women on filing cases against violence perpetuated against them, seeking lawyers who are gender sensitive and seek fair compensations.
- Providing accommodation to displaced women who are victims of violence.
- Financial aid to victims through the funds of Jagori Rural Charitable trust.
- Helping women become self sufficient and find employment by providing capacity building training.
- Counseling.

Note

- The organization has special initiative called the Nari Adalat where women from villages can express their grievances and seek legal consultation.

CENTRE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH (CSR)

<http://www.csrindia.org>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Governance reforms and policy advocacy; Information and communication

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Factfile

- Founded in 1983, Centre for Social Research is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in New Delhi. Some of CSR's key issue areas include but not limited to are: violence against women, pre-natal sex selection, engendered governance, women and economy, and gender sensitization for and mainstreaming within all sectors of society.
- CSR is led by Dr. Ranjana Kumari who is the Director of the organization.

Areas of activity

- Training individuals and group organizations from a range of professional sectors, including government officials, educators, law enforcement officials on resolving the problems faced by women in society.
- Research on the problems faced by women on international and internal migration.
- Dissemination of message regarding women empowerment through CSR's media and communication team.
- Conducting survey & research in climate change and water conservation in Rajasthan.
- Pushing for 33% women reservation in parliament through public demonstration and petitions to the government.

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (CWDS)

<http://www.cwds.ac.in>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Information and communication

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Factfile

• CWDS was established on 19th April 1980, The Centre is a membership based research institute The Centre draws on the experience, intellect and scholarship available in the country with the expectation that its Members would actively participate in fulfilling the Center's aims and objectives and provide direction to its future course.

Areas of activity

The activities of CWDS are as follows:

- Seminars and conferences conducted throughout the year to have continuous dialogue and interaction with government official, policy makers, academicians and policy makers.
- Working with academic institutions and grassroots level organizations by having workshops propagating the important role of women in the society.
- Elevating women as active participants in politics by imparting leadership training to selected women.
- Advisory and consultancy services for organizations and individuals conducting research on women and their development.
- Publication of books, journals and articles on gender studies through print and electronic media.
- Conducting conflict resolution training for farmers to mitigate the violence caused in rural districts because of disputes on land.

CREA

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Factfile

- Founded in 2000, CREA is a feminist human rights organisation based in New Delhi. Together with partners from a diverse range of human rights movements and networks, CREA works to advance the rights of women and girls, and the sexual and reproductive health of women.
- CREA is founded by Ms Geetanjali Misra who is the Co-founder & Executive Director of the organization

Area of Activities –

- Strengthening feminist leadership by training young and marginalized women through CREA's Feminist Leadership, Movement Building, and Rights Institute.
- Enhancing the role of women in building peace and security by providing skills, and knowledge to challenge patriarchal power structures.
- Preventing the violence and marginalization faced by women, by supporting, strengthening, and advancing the participation of women in processes of positive social change through legal advocacy.
- Involving the student community and youth into the feminist cause by offering internship program.

CULTURAL ACADEMY FOR PEACE

<http://www.culturalacademy.org/>

Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development; Information and communication

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- Established in 1984, Cultural Academy for Peace strives towards a gender just society based on human values, equality, development and peace.
- It focuses on various channels of advocacy, lobbying from the Panchayat to the Parliament level networking with the Government, National and International organizations to work for nonviolent social change and build up a peaceful society.
- The organization was founded by Beena Sebastian

Areas of activity

CAP's focus is on empowerment of rural women through:

- Providing capacity building trainings on legal literacy, gender sensitization, peace education through its training institute.
- Empower rural women on leadership skills to elevate their position in the village council.
- Provide shelter and counseling centers for women in distress.
- To address global issues like nuclear warfare, disarmament and environmental issues.
- Building regional, national and international links with other organizations to support women at a national level.

Note

- It has a unique interfaith study programme to explore the path of peace through the study of various religions.

GUILD FOR SERVICE

<http://guildforservice.org>

Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development

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Factfile

- Guild for Service was started by Dr. V. Mohini Giri, who is a well a renowned Social Activist, Writer, Scholar and a leader in the women's movement and is the voice for women, peace and justice in India and South Asia.
- The services rendered by the Guild are purely voluntary. Most of the members are professional women, many of them senior citizens, who have come together to keep alive the Gandhian ideal of service before self.

Areas of activity

- Organizing various skill training camps for women and children affected by conflict and violence by building their capacities through workshops to make them self reliant in order to rehabilitate them completely.
- Shelter for the widows, violence affected women and children at Vrindavan called "Srinagar."
- Health awareness, legal literacy and political empowerment camps to educate the marginalized women, girls and women village heads.
- Environmental initiatives by organizing workshops on cleaning rivers like Ganga and Yamuna.
- Imparting the teachings of Gandhi as peace building initiatives.

Notes

- The Guild in the aftermath of the Godhra riots has established a home for riot affected widows and children. 50 riot affected children were supported in their education by the Guild.

INITIATIVES: WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (IWID)

<http://www.iwidindia.org>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development; Information and communication

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Factfile

- Formed in 1989, IWID is committed towards the empowerment of marginalized women both within NGOs and in the context of the larger society. In 2004 immediately after the tsunami, IWID played a vital role in relief and rehabilitation of women affected by the disaster. The organization performs a versatile function in various arenas of Women concerns.
- IWID is presently headed by Dr.Neelavalli, who has been engaged in Women's movement at different levels for nearly three decades.

Areas of activity

- Providing gender training by providing insights into feminist training principles, methodologies and developing training designs with gender perspective.
- Engaging in media activism by producing documentary films and multimedia to highlight the issues concerning women.
- Consultation support for other NGOs committed towards Gender Integration Process.
- Relief and rehabilitation services for the 2004 tsunami affected women.
- Collecting information and data on various gender related issues and dissemination of that data through its resource center.

JOINT WOMEN'S PROGRAMME (JWP)

<http://www.jwpindia.org>

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- JWP was established at New Delhi 1977. JWP promotes issue based campaigns and networking at the regional and national levels among women's groups and others. It carries out studies, research and documentation of information. Seminars, conferences and workshops are organized to inform, analyze and build the capacity of functionaries and thus enabling necessary remedial action.

Areas of activity

- Discussions and meetings with women in urban slums and rural communities as efforts to prevent human trafficking in the region.
- JWP is demanding 33% reservation of seats for women in Parliament and State Assemblies through constant petitions and public demonstrations.
- Teachers training for both JWP staff and school teachers and those responsible for educating girls efficiently.
- Conducting studies on issues related to women and children in the socio-cultural context of violence, poverty, patriarchy and the lack of information and of resources.

MAHILA SHANTI SENA (MSS)

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- MSS was established with sponsorship of McMaster University Canada in 2001.
- The organization is engaged in enhancing the role of women exclusively in peace, non-violence and democracy following the Gandhian principles of non-violent struggle. It engages in a 5-7 day training workshops for women and has so far trained more than 3000 women in Bihar alone.

Areas of activity

MSS's work on improving the role of women in peace building through:

- Developing skills of women in conflict resolution, maintenance of social value systems through arranging large forums called as Kalinga sabha for women from various walks of life.
- Enhancing the leadership among women for securing their rights by conducting 3 days workshops training about 160 women in each session.
- Training women on community health, sanitation and water conservation.
- A 5 day training programme for trainers and activists on how to effectively impart training to women.
- Printing booklets and posters dealing with conceptual message on women's issues.

MAHILA UTTHAN SAMITI (MUS)

<http://mahilautthansamiti.org>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable Development

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- Established in 1994 by Mrs. Rekha Rajput and her dedicated team have been striving to improve the Socio-Economic condition of the women

Area of activities

- Establishing rehabilitation and vocational centers for destitute, widows, aged and women.
- Its main focus is on women from urban slums and economically backward communities by providing various welfare services by reaching out them through staff and volunteers working for MUS.
- Educating women through centers known as Samiti that has provided literacy for over 700 women.
- These Samiti also render family counseling and child guidance services.
- Rallies and Camps on Anti-Drugs and Alcohol as these substance perpetuate violence against women.
- Providing free computer education to girls in partnership with an organization called Harton computers.

MAHILA SARVANGEEN UTKARSH MANDAL (MASUM)

<http://www.masum-india.org.in/>

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- MASUM was co-founded by Manisha Gupte and Dr. Ramesh Awasthi in 1987 during their five year stay in the drought-prone Purandar block of Pune district. Its main focus is on Political participation of women, both as elected representatives and as empowered citizens.
- MASUM is now recognised as a credible training institute on gender, health rights, ESC rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), violence against women (VAW),

Area of activity

- Creating suggestions and methods of sustainable mode of development by organizing debates with active involvement of people.
- Conducting awareness camp for addressing masses to resist caste, sexism and social evils and its influence on women.
- To provide vocational training and credit facilities to women for self-employment.
- Empowering women by training them as political leaders and activists.
- Publication of articles, journals and books addressing the gender issues.

Note

- MASUM has well equipped with bibliographical services and so far several bibliographies are readily available for reference purpose. The Library consists of Books, Periodicals, Newspaper Clippings, Audio Visual CDs, and Posters etc. It has a rich collection on Women's issues including Human Rights, Women and Health, Ecology and Environment, Women and Development, Gender, Domestic Violence etc.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN (NAWO)

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Factfile

- NAWO was established after the fourth world UN conference on Women held in 15 September 1995.
- It is a national network and also an umbrella organization where membership is open to various NGOs, women's Union and individuals engaged in the strengthening and building new initiatives, networks, forums etc. for protecting women's rights.

Areas of activity

- Actively engaging with Government of India to effect legal and policy change for equality of status of women through public petitions.
- Monitoring the Government of India's commitments, implementing the Platform for Action with special focus on CEDAW and publishing regular reports based on it through internet.
- Documentation and information dissemination through its Women's Human Rights Centre.
- Advocacy, lobbying and campaigning on women's issues through rallies and conferences.

Note

- NAWO is notable for its working on the representation of Dalit women in several international seminars.

NAVDANYA

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- NAVODANYA was formed in 1984 in the aftermath of the Bhopal Gas tragedy and the Punjab Violence. It is a large and well established organization with its office and organic shops in Delhi, Dehradun and Mumbai.
- The organization is headed by Dr Vandana Shiva and runs on the policy of ecofeminism.

Areas of activity

- Promoting peace by resisting the environmental degradation by the overuse of land by MNCs causing the displacement of the rural population.
- Has trained over 4,00,000 people in organic farming and is working in over 500 villages bring about eco-friendly agricultural techniques.
- Educating the rural public on climate change through organizing seminars.
- Imparting education and internship to the youth on environmental protection through the Earth University.
- Enhancing the role of women in the protection of biodiversity, food and water resources.

NIRANTAR

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- Established in 1993, Nirantar has been actively involved with the women's movement and other democratic rights to bring a feminist perspective and concerns central to these movements into all our areas of work. Nirantar also works at the community level and undertakes research and advocacy, particularly on critical issues which need greater attention from the State as well as civil society.

Areas of activity

- Trainings conducted for masses on gender to counter and address the issue of based violence, women's literacy and empowerment.
- Conducting a 7 day residential training workshop designed to implement and monitor literacy programme for women.
- Teachers training conducted with selected teachers from partner organizations to improve their teaching quality.
- Organizing field visits to rural areas for better understanding and response to the needs of the target women.
- Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) Workshop for building an understanding on the women's rights policies of the government to people and evaluate its functions.

NORTH EAST INDIA WOMEN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE (NEIWIP)

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- NEIWIP was established in 13 June 2009 by Ms. Binalakshmi Nepram, as network of women organizations from the states of Northeast India comprising of the eight states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim.
- NEIWIP brings together women from all over Northeast states to strategize an action plan for building peace, providing justice and political rights in the region ruptured by years of conflict.

Areas of activity

- NEIWIP's work on peace and women empowerment with focus on the north eastern states includes:
- To strategize an action plan for building peace in a region ruptured by years of conflict by conducting survey and collecting data for study
- Encourage government into 'sincere dialogue' with the insurgent groups to end recurring armed violence.
- Promoting empowerment of women in the decision making through leadership training given to selected women.
- Acting as a bridge between the people and the government.
- Acts as an umbrella organization for other NGO's in the region and conducts large forums to interact and discuss issues with them.

Note

- There are 8 organizations from the northeastern states in this network including Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network (MWGSN), North East Network (NEN), Foundation for Social Transformation, Guwahati, Assam (FST), Manipur Student Association, Delhi (MSAD)

NORTH EAST NETWORK (NEN)

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- NEN was established in 1995 during the mobilization process for the Beijing conference.
- NEN responds to specific needs of women in north east India such as gender budgetary allocations, strengthening support services for women affected by violence, and security of women in conflict areas through fact finding processes and interaction with the government.
- NEN is headed by Darilyn Syiem, who is the Chairperson and Monisha Behal who is the Executive Director.

Areas of activity

NEN contributions for building peace in the region are as follows:

- Research on impact of conflicts in the lives of women in the region through documentation.
- Conducting training programmes for women's organizations on the awareness of CEDAW.
- Monitoring India's implementation of the CEDAW Committee's recommendations via the Concluding Observations.
- Enabling women to contribute to environmental protection by training 300 women every year on environmental issues like food and health security.
- Providing women in the region with information kits and resource directories of organizations providing support services to women facing violence in the region.

OLAKH

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- Olakh was established in 1993 with a vision to create a humane society which affirms diversities and equity, celebrates inclusion and complementarities and moves towards sustainable peace and to create new forms of human relationships and corresponding institutions based on a Feminist World-View, the meaning of olakh is 'identity'.
- Olakh was found and led by Nimisha Desai and large number of youth volunteers work with organizations.

Areas of activity

- Capacity building through trainings and workshops for women in a wide range skill based training activities.
- Establishing the first feminist resource center in Gujarat housing enormous amounts of books, journals, films, documentaries and films on women's issues.
- Training the youth in social action and development to enhance their role as efficient negotiators.
- Strives to create favorable public opinion on the feminist cause by organizing large public assembly.

THE PRAJNYA TRUST

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- Prajnya was established as a public charitable trust in January 2006. Peace, Justice and Security are the three closely related goals that Prajnya seeks to promote through its research, public education and network-building efforts.
- Prajnya is led by Dr Swarna Rajagopalan.

Areas of activity

- 16 days campaign organized for the last 5 years to raise awareness about gender violence.
- Documenting the participation of women in the politics and policy structures of South Asia.
- Education for Peace Initiative (EPI) to work with schools

Note

- Prajnya is the only organization in Chennai that works both on women's rights as well as peace and security.

SAFAR SOCIAL ACTION FORUM AGAINST REPRESSION (SAFAR)

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- SAFAR is a women's group committed to work for Equality, Justice and Peace. Based in Ahmadabad, Gujarat (West India) ,has a team of activists having more than a decade of experience in the field of combating Violence against Women (VAW).
- SAFAR primarily engages in minority women and Women from socially and economically challenged background.
- The Director of the organization is Miss. Sophia Khan.

Areas of activity

SAFAR's work on equality, justice and peace for women is based on:

- Promoting human rights ethos among the new generation through Institute for Pluralism.
- Building capacities of women by training them as peace makers to combat Gender Violence and Communalism.
- Education and training on Gender Equality, domestic and international laws related to human rights by organizing lecture.
- Promoting and motivating the youth for Social Transformation-Perspective and Behaviors Change.
- Research and analysis of the existing bottlenecks for making a gender- just society.
- Networking to create space and forum for sharing and learning.
- Documentation and dissemination of literature/IEC material on the issue- Handbooks, posters, pamphlets, campaign material, etc.

Note

- SAFAR was established in the aftermath of the 2002 communal riots in Gujarat.

WOMEN'S ACTION & RESOURCE UNIT (SAHR WARU)

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- SAHR WARU: Women's Action and Resource Unit, was conceived in 1999 and registered in May 2002 and strives for women's Equality and Social Justice to overcome Violence and Discrimination. From 2002, have worked on Relief, Rehabilitation, Legal Aid and Trauma Counseling with the families who survived the 2002 Gujarat Violence,
- SAHR WARU's work involves information dissemination for advancing women's Human Rights as well as Documentation, Advocacy & Networking for Gender justice & Human Rights For the marginalized & discriminated sections of society.

Areas of activity

SAHR WAHU's strives for women empowerment through the following activities:

- Rehabilitate the victims of communal riots in Gujarat through various forms relief like legal aid and monetary assistance.
- To convert the victim survivors of the 2002 Riots into agents of change by training women who have been trained in women's rights, human rights, and minority rights and civil rights issues.
- Meetings and Workshops on Peace and Conflict Transformation for the women and youth groups.
- Women's Watch committees (WWC's) headed by women leaders who are active in delivering justice to women in Ahmedabad.
- Research and documentation of various women's issues with regard to law, education and inter-community relations.
- Special workshops for men for making them aware of women's issues.

SAKHI

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- Sakhi was established in 1996 and focuses on pro-feminist issues like gender studies, capacity building and has since then conducted various training initiatives. The organization has 6 full time staff and many volunteers.

Areas of activity

- Focus on helping and training women both politically and socially to make them capable of taking up issues and exercising their rights.
- Struggles through public rallies and campaigns to oppose violence against women.
- Offers special training for trainers from women's groups to equip them with the right perspective and analytical skills.
- Coordinating with the village panchayats to enable them play a vital role on rural women's development
- Conducting research which are action oriented and collaborates with institutions and organizations to conduct studies on gender issues and imparting them to the youth.

SANGAT - A SOUTH ASIAN FEMINIST NETWORK

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- Sangat was created in April 1998 at a South Asian workshop of Gender Trainers, and has been coordinated by Kamla Bhasin ever since. Sangat was born out of the realization that the space for transformatory gender work in South Asia was declining steadily. Sangat's mandate has therefore been focused on developing and strengthening regional/cross border perspectives, programmes and cooperation through its activities and programmes.

Areas of activity

Sangat's work as peace and feminist organization includes:

- Organizing a large number of workshops and seminars on developing shared knowledge on major issues faced by women in the South Asian region.
- 18 courses offered every year which trains 35 women including professionals like lawyers, media persons and university teachers on various gender issues.
- Young feminist network comprising of women and men who will actively participate in women empowerment initiative.
- Prepare an inventory of gender trainers and training materials/resources.
- Facilitate sharing of documented research and training materials through internet.

SOUTH ASIA FORUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (SAFHR)

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- SAFHR was set up in 1990 mainly concerned with human rights, peace and democracy particularly in South Asian region.
- SAFHR's core concerns remain with displacement of indigenous peoples and minorities, refugees and migrants, impunity, inter-state and intra-state conflicts and peace accords, militarization and the strengthening of peace constituencies in civil society.

Areas of activity

SAFHR's contributed a lot for Women's rights in South Asia through:

- Conducting Peace audits to develop a framework of accountability of peace processes.
- Conducts peace studies, orientation courses and satellite training workshops with human rights and peace activities.
- Fostered civil society activism for promoting democratic peace in India's North-east and Kashmir, Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill Tracts and Nepal.
- Detailed data of various conflicts in the region and focus on the rehabilitation of refugees in the region.
- Works on building peace and human rights capacities through media by working with several south Asian journalists and media organization.

Note

- SAFHR operates in India, Nepal and Pakistan.

SREE MUKTI SANGHATANA (SMS)

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- Established in 1975, Stree Mukti Sanghatana (SMS) has directed its efforts towards the upliftment of women, chiefly by creating awareness in the society about women's issues and the issues related to equality, peace and development.
- Since 1979, SMS has produced 8 plays on various issues of women like Equality and Equal Opportunity, dowry, women's rights as workers, sex selection, child labour etc.
- It is headed by Jyoti Mhapsekar who is the President of the organization.

Areas of activity

- Use of creativity and media to promote the message of gender equality through theater and music.
- Creating a conducive atmosphere to achieve gender just society through large scale campaign.
- To establish an outreach with the adolescent students on crucial issues relating to women and society through the JIDNYASA.
- Free family counseling centers for preventing domestic violence.
- Reaching out to the public through the publication of materials regarding gender issues.
- Training programs for capacity building for women like soft skills development, parenting skill and environmental issues.

STEPS WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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- STEPS was founded by D. Sharifa to achieve the twin goals of social justice and gender justice by working with victimized women of all sections of society and play a catalytic role. Empowering women by promoting self-confidence, self respect and courage and help them to prevent, resist or combat gender violence.
- STEPS aims of the initiatives on Muslim Women are to empower Muslim Women in Educational, economical, social, political and psychological aspects to attain holistic personality development.

Areas of activity

STEPS has worked extensively for the development of Muslim women community in the southern parts of India through:

- Empowering the Muslim Women economically through income generation activities.
- Educating Muslim women about their political and human rights.
- Providing shelter for Muslim women who are facing social and economic crisis.
- Providing training centers for Muslim women for providing skills based training.

Note

- STEPS has decided to go ahead with its plan to construct a separate mosque for women in Pudukkottai, despite stiff opposition from various Muslim organizations, including the Tamil Nadu Muslim Munnetra Kazhagam.

VIMOCHANA

<http://www.vimochana.net.in/>

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- Vimochana was established in 1979 by women from the Center for Informal Development Studies (CIEDS).
- Vimochana is concerned with violence against women which are facilitated by globalization, development of fundamentalism, displacement, devaluation and destruction of already vulnerable women in communities and cultures.

Areas of activity

The activities of VIMOCHANA are focused on:

- Reaching out to women in distress and offering emotional and legal support.
- Using theatre, songs, films, art and other creative media for generating awareness of women's issues.
- Formation of women's Self-help groups and helping them to make savings a habit.
- Training for police aimed at reducing the delays and discrepancies in implementing the rules and laws in legal procedures especially in handling of women's cases.
- Documentation of crime against women and through that study the deficiency in the legal framework to stop this crime.

WOMEN IN SECURITY CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND PEACE (WISCOMP)

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- Established in 1999 by Meenakshi Gopinath who currently serves as the Honorary Director, WISCOMP positions its work with the combination of peacebuilding, conflict transformation and security studies.
- WISCOMP awards special Scholar of Peace Fellowships under the categories of academic research, media projects and special projects.

Areas of activity

WISCOMP's initiatives on conflict resolution and women empowerment include:

- Facilitating innovative research based on holistic models that for peaceful resolution of intra-state conflicts.
- Enhance the role of women as peace builders for nonviolent social change by training them in peaceful conflict resolution.
- Conducting people-oriented debates on issues of security.
- Empower the new generation in peace activism through educational and training programs in conflict transformation.
- Conducting study on areas such as multi-track diplomacy, peace advocacy, active coexistence and cross-border networks.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVE FOR PEACE IN SOUTH ASIA (WIPSA)

<http://www.griefandrenewal.com/Internat-wipsa.htm>

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- WIPSA was formed in the aftermath of the 1999 Kargil conflict between India & Pakistan. The continuing escalation of hostilities now including nuclear capability between India and Pakistan has moved women in India and Pakistan to work together and create a new movement for peace in this area of the world. . As part WIPSA's initiative meetings between Pakistani and Indian women are conducted and programs of exchange visits between students.
- The organization was started by renowned feminist peace activist Dr. Mohini Giri who is also the Head of Guild of services

Areas of activity

- Focuses on improving the Indo-Pak ties by organizing exchange programmes on joint seminars on the role of women of both countries in conflict resolution.
- Seminars for journalists from both the nations to comprehend the gap between perception and reality.
- Foster a culture of peace by involving the teachers, trainers, and students by the education of peace program.
- Offering short courses and internships to students to train them as peace builders.
- Making efforts to introduce conflict transformation as a field of study in South Asia by preparing curriculum for schools and colleges.

WOMEN PEACE COUNCIL OF INSTITUTE FOR INDIAN MOTHER & CHILD (IIMP)

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Factfile

- The IIMC Women Peace Council is formed with an aim that the empowerment of women should not be limited to the urban centers; it should extend to the rural villages as well.
- To empower women in the villages to fight for their right to establish themselves as social actors and prove themselves as competent.

Areas of activity

- Create and maintain peace in villages by training the village heads on peaceful mediation.
- To teach women about their legal rights and responsibilities through workshops conducted on villages.
- Improving the social health of the community by encouraging co operation of the community by setting medical camps in villages.
- Providing finance and skill training for women to start their own small scale business.
- Financial support for education for over 2500 students a majority of which are girls.

WOMEN'S RESEARCH & ACTION GROUP (WRAG)

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- WRAG was established in April 1993 in the immediate aftermath of the 1992 communal riots in Mumbai.
- WRAG stemmed from the need to create space to raise issues of gender and identity that concern women from marginalized sections of society.

Areas of activity

- To create a gender-just and secular society by working with individual women in the community and training them.
- Policy-level intervention aimed at promotion of women's human rights and dignity through petitions to the government.
- Strengthening the initiatives of Community outreach Programme (COP) by conducting public education programmes on human rights, gender and law.
- Active participation in law reforms initiatives that concern women and campaigns related to human rights, justice, secularism and peace.

Note-

- WRAG particularly focuses on Muslim women as it was formed immediately after the 1992 Mumbai riots.