

CAFI Organises International Conference

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Control Arms Foundation of India (CAFI) along with Manipur Women Gun Survivor's Network in collaboration with Multiple Action Research Group and support from European Union held a two-day International Conference on Diversity, Gender and Inclusion.

A release from CAFI stated that the inauguration session was attended by ambassador of Republic of Costa Rica, Cruz Mariela Alvarez as guest of honour.

The conference saw various discussions around deep rooted discrimination in the country, and analysing conflict from a gendered lens, it said. It brought together scholars who are working on deepening research to understand race and gender based violence in the country and the world, develop innovative strategies to end this discrimination and advocate for policy change, the release informed. Participants in the conference included global and regional civil society organisations, regional and global policy makers, students, lawyers, law enforcement agencies and other relevant stakeholders, it said adding all of the participants came together to sign a memorandum appealing the President to urgently address the issue of racial and sexual violence.

The release further mentioned that a photo exhibition was held showcasing untold, unheard and unseen stories of victims of gender and racial violence and simultaneously, demonstrating the country's colourful diversity. A pre launch of seminal research and writing based on the theme was also released, it added.