

**Women, Conflict and Security: A case study of Tripura**  
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**Abstract**

In a number of ways Tripura presents us with an interesting paradox. A very small state in the North-eastern corner of India it is arguably considered as one of the best governed state of India. Yet in certain basic indicators it falls far short of what is the norm or what is expected from a state that is well governed. Tripura ranks higher than many of the north-eastern states in terms of sex-ratio and literacy rates. Yet in terms of work participation rate for women it is lowest in northeast India especially under a government that is considered as gender-sensitive. More importantly for state that pride's itself on good governance violence against women is so high that it challenges the notion of what is acceptable as good governance. My major query is why this dichotomy?

**Expanding the margins: toward 'an anthropology of life' in the**

**Anthropocene**

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This paper, intended as a series of playful provocations, draws on exciting, recent work to transgress, blur, dismantle, challenge and remap existing dichotomies between human/nonhuman, living/non-living and nature/culture (Tsing, 2005, 2011; Ingold 2000, 2007,2011,2012; Latour 2004, 2005, 2011; Viveiros de Castro 2004, 2011, 2012, Descola 2005, 2010, Haraway 2008, 2011). Whether in the form of ANTs or SPIDERS, the networks or 'meshworks' of intimate entanglements between humans and nonhumans expand and proliferate, offering intriguing new directions to anthropological thinking and research.