

GENDER BUDGETING AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN RURAL AREAS
19TH – 21ST FEBRUARY 2020.

A Three Days Workshop on ‘Gender Budgeting & Women Empowerment in Rural Areas’ Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India was collaboratively organized by Women’s Studies Centre and Dept. of Education, Nagaland University in collaboration with National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Guwahati.

The program began with a prayer by Pastor Akumtila Kikon followed by welcome speech from the Director, Women’s Studies Centre, Nagaland University, Prof. Buno Zetsuvi. Dr. Jayanta Choudhury delivered the key note address where he comprehensively introduced the program objectives and the intent of the workshop.

The Vice Chancellor of Nagaland University, Prof. Pardeshi Lal graced the Inaugural as the Guest of Honour. The Vice Chancellor of Nagaland University Pardeshi Lal said that when it comes to gender, women from north-eastern states were very lucky but much more needed to be done still. He said that by looking at the grassroot level, corrective measures need to be taken to see that gender mainstreaming occurs. He went on to say that for development of women, education, employment and political share is needed.

The Special Guest of the Program, shri.Toshi Wungtung, Advisor, I&PR,SCERT and Village Guards, Government of Nagaland in his inaugural address said that in any democratic country like India, as long as they have voting rights, everyone was equal before law. He said both men and women share the equal responsibility to come forward in participating and raising opinions and concern in the democratic country. Advisor stressed the need of addressing the gender issue in the state and political empowerment for women as part of the policy formulating. He said culturally, philosophically and spiritually, women were no less, however in the socio-economic status there may be differences in policy approach. He opined that gender budgeting should be sustainable in approach while regulating and formulating various policies in the country and society due to different cultures and social stratification of different places. He added that although Nagaland Government had passed a resolution that every department must go into gender budgeting, it was yet to be practically implemented. He also informed that there are various schemes in various governments for the upliftment of women. He expressed hope that

the workshop would bring a sustainable approach towards empowering women on gender budgeting for an equal and healthy society.

The Inaugural program was punctuated with beautiful song renditions and also winded up with the vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Rakesh Rai, HOD, Dept. of Education, Nagaland University.

The workshop was spread over three days with six technical sessions followed by a panel discussion on Strategies for Gender Equality & Gender Budgeting. The Technical Sessions were conducted on various topics facilitated by experts from different fields. Topics discussed were: Gender Budgeting: Meaning and Concept, Gender Equality: Concept, Evolution, Need and Importance, Gender Inclusive Planning for Infrastructure and Services, Gender Based Violence, Status of Rural Women, Women Centric Policies, Programmes and Schemes, Women's Mental Health with special emphasis on Nagaland, Women Specific Laws/Acts, Gender Inclusive Education, Skill Development and Women Empowerment, Gender Perspective in Poverty Alleviation Programmes, Engendering Development and Status of Women in India, Budgeting for Gender Equity, Strategies for Gender Equality & Gender Budgeting.

The workshop had participants from various government departments, NGO's, Civil Societies, Scholars etc.

The workshop ended with a valedictory program where the Pro Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Prof. M Aeminla Ao gave away certificates to the participants.



Inaugural program







Glimpses of Technical Sessions:







Gender Budget Manual presented by the Dept. of Planning, Govt. of Nagaland to be distributed to various stakeholders in the workshop.



Valedictory Program





Feedback from participants



Distribution of Certificates





