

Dear Sir/ Madam

We are pleased to inform you that the Women's Studies Centre and the Department of Education, Nagaland University in collaboration with the National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, North Eastern Regional Centre (NIRD & PR-NERC) is organizing a State Level Workshop on Gender Budgeting for Gender Equality in Rural Areas during February 19-21, 2020.

You are warmly invited to participate in the said workshop which proposes to discuss and deliberate on pertinent issues of engendering development and budgeting.

Rationale and Significance of Subject:

Gender budgeting has been internationally recognized as a key tool for empowering women by incorporating gender perspective and concerns at all levels and stages of development planning, policy, programmes and delivery mechanism. Government of India has adopted budgeting for gender equity as a mission statement and is widely disseminating tools and strategies across ministries and departments. The importance of gender budgeting has been

stressed time and again in different forums. Gender Budgeting refers to a method of looking at the budget formulation process, budgetary policies and budget outlays from the gender lens. Gender Budget, with regard to the government at any level, does not refer to a separate budget for women, rather it is an analytical tool which scrutinizes the government budget to reveal its gender-differentiated impact and advocate for greater priorities for programmes and schemes to address the gender-based disadvantages faced by women. In fact, gender budgeting, as an approach, is not confined to government budgets alone; it also includes analyzing various socio-economic policies from the gender perspective.

Gender Budgeting is now recognized as a tool for empowering women. This gives a broad overview and underlines the importance of the gender budgeting initiatives in India, highlighting certain related issues that need to be addressed for making gender budgeting an effective tool for women's empowerment in the Indian context. It explores the query - how effective has gender budgeting been as a tool for women empowerment in its present form.

Objectives of the Workshop:

1. To review the rationale of the gender budgeting as a tool for Gender Equality and also to discuss strategic framework of gender budgeting activities,
2. To examine the policy initiatives, programmes, schemes and projects for gender mainstreaming and gender inclusive development in India.
3. To discuss the tools of gender budgeting at state level.
4. To examine the problems, constraints and difficulties in gender budgeting at different levels.
5. To discuss the role of various stakeholders and key players in gender budgeting.
6. To examine the scope of gender budgeting in different sectors of economy, particularly in departments and ministries of centre and state governments.
7. To suggest measures for empowering women and gender budgeting exercises.

Details :

Each department / organization is requested to depute two members to attend the programme. To facilitate proper organization, we would like to request confirmation of participation by the 11th February, 2020 at any of the following :

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Free accommodation will be provided for outstation participants, if required. Advance information may please be given to the organizers for such arrangement.

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Co-ordinator : Dr.Petekhrienuo Sorhie

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Venue : Nagaland University

Kohima Campus, Meriema