

National Commission for Women

Press Note

NCW Launches Capacity Building Programme for Elected Women Representatives in PRIs in Manipur

New Delhi, 11th April, 2018: This week, under the aegis of the National Commission for Women, the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR) launched a Capacity Building Programme for Elected Women Representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions of Manipur

The project, sponsored by the Commission, was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur Shri N. Biren Singh. The function held at Imphal attended by Hon'ble Minister RD&PR/Works/C&I/Power/AR/DIPR Manipur Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, Hon'ble Chairperson (I/C) Smt. Rekha Sharma and other dignitaries.

The Commission has taken up this project on a pilot basis in few states and recently the programme has been completed in three districts of Jharkhand.

The specific objective of this Capacity Building of EWR project is to increase the capacity of all of the EWRs by providing them training, so as to enable them to deliver in an efficient and effective manner in their day-to-day functioning as public representatives in the PRIs.

Keeping the mandates of the Commission in mind, NCW has, in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), developed a module for capacity building training of EWRs of PRIs, and Training Programmes for Trainers of women panchayat leaders so as to enable them to facilitate, plan, implement and monitor development and welfare programmes in the respective panchayats. While the module and its sub-modules were available in Hindi and English, the Commission has funded for its translation into the local language, Manipuri for this particular programme.

The project will cover all four Panchayati Raj districts – Imphal East, Imphal Bishnupur and Thoubal- in the state of Manipur. The capacity building programme will adopt 'saturation mode' approach, covering all the EWRs from the two tiers of PRIs of the four districts.

The basic content of the training will include topics like Women and Law, Negotiating and Advocacy Skills, ICT Application in PRIs, Rural Development Schemes and Programmes, Initiation and Implementation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans and more. The project will also take up post-training impact assessment – short term and long term.

At the inauguration, Chairperson (I/c) Smt. Rekha Sharma stated that such capacity building programmes could go a long way in empowering women at the grass-root level, which will in the long run, help in better implementation of Government schemes, programmes, policies and result in development and empowerment of women.

After successful completion of the training, Manipur will be the first in India to have trained all EWRs in PRIs.
