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Report of the National Seminar on “Local Governance & Management in Northeast India” Organised by the Department of Management, Mizoram University in Collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) from 14th – 15th January, 2021

A two day RGNIYD Sponsored National Seminar on “Local Governance & Management in Northeast India” was organized by Department of Management, Mizoram University, Aizawl on 14th – 15th January, 2021. The programme was advertised in the month of October, 2020 on Mizoram University websites and leaflets were circulated across various universities and colleges of North East India. For the seminar we received 37 papers from all over India, majority of them were from North East India only. Papers were presented in eight parallel sessions. Those participants from outside the Mizoram and North East India presented their papers online. Altogether 12 papers were presented online. The universities represented by the paper presenters are Assam University, Bodoland University, ICFAI University, Pune Institute of Business Management, Jain University, Mizoram University and Tezpur University. The colleges which were represented by the paper presenters are Chaudhary Rewat Singh Degree College, UP, Govt Kamalanagar College, Mizoram, Karimganj College, Assam, Pachhunga University College, Mizoram Radhamadab College Assam and Serchhip College, Mizoram. The states represented by the participants are Assam, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh. The programme was inaugurated by Prof F. Lalnunmawia, Honourable MLA, Mizoram legislative assembly and Vice Chairman, Horticulture Development Board, Govt. of Mizoram as Chief Guest. In the valedictory programme Prof. Sibnath Deb, Director at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India was the Chief Guest and joined online. All the guests in the dais were felicitated with Seminar Kit, Mementos and Souvenir as a token of respect and appreciation. The event was covered by all electron media and print media of Mizoram. The event was telecast by DD NEWS Mizoram, Zonet and LPS the local TV Channels (News). All the leading news paper of Mizoram also covered the news in both English and Mizo language.

The detailed report of the programme is given below:

Preface and Acknowledgements:

For the accomplishment of this two days national seminar on “Local Governance & Management in Northeast India” I have drawn an unimaginable magnitude of help and support from various individuals and organizations. Therefore, it is the only right time that I acknowledge it and register my profound indebtedness to such individuals and organization. First of all I would like to record my gratitude to Dr. Amit Kumar Singh to select me the coordinator of the programme and advised to apply for the seminar. The next is RGNIYD for sanctioning the amount, which is most crucial for conducting the programme. I am also grateful to the Mizoram University authorities for forwarding all the documents timely to the RGNIYD for sanctioning the fund. I would like to mention the help forwarded by the Dr. Vasanti Rajendran, Head, Training Division, RGNIYD and proving the timely information for the smooth conduct of the seminar. I am very grateful to Prof F. Lalnunmawia, Honourable MLA of Mizoram Legislative Assembly and Vice Chairman, Horticulture Development Board, Government of Mizoram accepting and joining the inaugural programme as chief guest and Prof. Sibnath Deb, Honourable Director at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India for joining valedictory programme as chief guest despite of their busy schedule. I should also like to thank Dr. Vanlaltanpuia Honourable MLA, Chairman Mizoram Youth Commission, Mizoram and Prof K. R. S. Sambasiva Rao, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University for their support but not able to attend our programme due to some unavoidable reasons. I also express my heartfelt sincere gratitude to Prof. R. K. Ngurtinkhuma, Dean SEMIS, Mizoram University and Prof. L. S. Sharma for their help and advice for organizing the seminar. It’s worth mentioning the role of Covid 19 task force for monitoring and permitting us to organize the seminar with all SOPs followed. I would like to thank all the resource persons for delivering the lecture and chairing the sessions despite their busy schedule. I would also like mention the hard work done by the co-coordinators Dr. K. Lalromawia and Dr. Lalropuii for the success of the seminar. I would like to thank Dr. Premendra Kumar Singh, Guest Faculty for his unimaginable help for the success of the seminar. I would like to thank Dr. Sikhar Kumar, Mr. Bhuvnesh Kumar, and others whom I am not able to quote here for their encouragement and support.

Background of the Program

It was in the month of June 2020, we noticed the RGNIYD advertised for seeking application form the higher education institution for organizing various programme i.e., training, seminar etc. under the “programme for development of North Eastern Youth through educational institution.” Department of Management, Mizoram University decided to apply for the seminar and selected me as the coordinator of the programme. After minutely go through the advertisement and its requirement in the light of National Youth policy, I decided the programme will be a seminar on “Local Governance & Management in Northeast India.” Where the young researcher both academicians, M. Phil and Ph. D. scholars may participate and present their research works. At the same time policymaker and the participants attending the programme may come to know the types of researches are going on in the area of local governance. Therefore, department of Management, Mizoram University applied for the programme and conducted successfully with the help of RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur.

Objectives of the Program

The main aim of the seminar is to develop the conceptual and practical understanding of the local governance and management to deal with the challenges to development of community, Business, empowering people, creating employment, and increasing transparency in the system.

Target Group for the Program

Graduate & Post graduate students, researchers, scholars, NGOs and other activist from various disciplines from all over the North East India.

Inaugural Function of the Program

The inaugural function of the programme was started at 10:30 am of 14th January, 2021. The seminar was inaugurated by the gracious guests like Prof F. Lalnunmawia, Honourable MLA of Mizoram Legislative Assembly and Vice Chairman, Horticulture Development Board, Government of Mizoram and Prof. R. K. Ngurtinkhuma, Dean SEMIS, Mizoram University was the Guest of Honour. The welcome address was given by Dr. BidhuKanti Das, Coordinator of the programme followed by speech of Dr. Amit Kumar Singh about the background of the seminar and its need. RGNIYYD was represented by the Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran and given a speech on the aim of the RGNIYD its function, courses offered and the aim of the seminar. Followed by the speech of Guest of Honor and Chief

Guest. Both Guest of Honor and Chief Guest of the programme emphasised on deliberation language of the seminar and wanted, if possible to deliver in local language and advised to publish the seminar proceedings in local language if possible. At last Dr. K. Lalromawia gave the vote of thanks. All the guests in the dais were felicitated with Seminar Kit, Mementos and Souvenir as a token of respect and appreciation.

Topics Covered by the Resource Persons

The first parallel session of the seminar was chaired by Prof. Lalneihzovi, Director, Women Study Centre, Mizoram University, Aizawl and delivered a lecture on ‘creation of employment and business opportunities through local governance and participation of women’. After her deliberation five paper presenters presented their research papers. After presentation of all the papers there was a small interactive session where the questions of the participants were answered by the resource person as well as the presenter.

The Second parallel session of the seminar was deliberated/ chaired by Prof. JV Nunchunga, Principal, Govt. J. Thankima College, Aizawl, Mizoram and delivered a lecture on ‘Economic opportunities for Mizoram and the local governance with special reference to Sustainable development goal 2030 of the Mizoram government’. After his deliberation four paper presenter presented their papers. After presenting the all papers there was a small interactive session where the questions of the participants were answered by the resource person as well as the presenter.

The third parallel session of the seminar was deliberated/ chaired by Dr. Lalthlamuana, Chief Information officer, Department of Information & Communication Technology, Government of Mizoram, and delivered a lecture on ‘Role of information technology (IT) in local governance and management’. After his deliberation four paper presenters presented their research papers. After the deliberation of all the papers there was a small interactive session where the questions of the participants were answered by the resource person as well as the presenter.

The fourth parallel session of the seminar was deliberated/ chaired by Dr. H. C. Lalchhuanama, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, Pachhunga University College, Aizawl and delivered a lecture on ‘Youth and socio political responsibility & community engagement’. After his deliberation three paper presenters presented their paper. After the presentation of all papers there was a small interactive session

where the questions of the participants were answered by the resource person as well as the presenter.

The fifth parallel session of the seminar was deliberated/ chaired by Prof. Jangkhongam Doungel, Professor and Ex Head of Department of Political Science, Mizoram University, Aizawl and delivered a lecture on 'Local governance and transparency & participation of stakeholder in local governance'. After his deliberation three paper presenters presented their paper. After the presentation of all papers there was a small interactive session where the questions of the participants were answered by the resource person as well as the presenter.

The sixth parallel session of the seminar was deliberated/ chaired by Prof. L. S. Sharma, Professor and Ex Head of Department of Management, Mizoram University, Aizawl and delivered a lecture on 'sustainable development goals and progress in Mizoram'. After his deliberation seven paper presenters presented their paper in online. After the presentation of all papers there was a small interactive session where the questions of the participants were answered by the resource person as well as the presenter.

The seventh parallel session of the seminar was deliberated/ chaired by Prof. Abdul Hannan Barbhuya, Professor of economics and Principal, Government Siaha College, Siaha, Mizoram and delivered a lecture on 'Ease of doing business and role of local governance'. After his deliberation five paper presenters presented their paper. After the presentation of all papers there was a small interactive session where the questions of the participants were answered by the resource person as well as the presenter.

The eighth parallel session of the seminar was deliberated/ chaired by Dr. Bidhu Kanti Das, Assistant Professor & Placement Officer, Mizoram University, Aizawl and delivered a lecture on 'National Youth policy 2014'. After his deliberation six paper presenters presented their paper. After the presentation of all papers there was a small interactive session where the questions of the participants were answered by the resource person as well as the presenter.

All the sessions were running smoothly. Every session was for 90 minutes only. The seminar was in offline mode only; few paper presenters presented their paper online.

Feedback from the Participants

- **Background of the Participants**

Participants were mainly academicians, Postdoctoral fellow, research scholars (M. Phil & P. D), master degree and degree students.

- **Internet Connection Problems Faced by the Participants:**

There were no internet issues because the programme was physical (offline). The participants who were not able to attend physically due to Covid 19 restriction and from other states were given the opportunity to participate and present the paper online. Only 12 papers were presented online and there was not internet (network) issues faced by anyone.

- **Effectiveness of the Online/Offline Program:**

This was the first offline programme in Mizoram University after Covid 19 lockdown and was a huge success. Academicians, post doctoral scholar, Research Scholars and Students from Management and other departments of the Mizoram university and different colleges and institutions of Mizoram participated enthusiastically. Because of Covid 19 protocols all the willing participants were not permitted to attend the programme.

- **Clarification of Queries by the Participants during the Program**

All the queries placed by the participants were addressed by the chairman of the session (Resource person) or the paper presenter.

- **Perception about the Resource Persons:**

The resource persons are one of the best in their respective field. So participants feel that the best resource persons were selected for the programme.

- **Views about the Online/Offline Mode of the Program**

The views of the participants are very good about the offline mode of programme. However, those candidates not able to attend the programme physically given the opportunity to attend online. They feel it's a great. There was no issue of internet connectivity, it was very good.

- **Views about Duration of the Program:**

Duration of the programme was good. All the participants participated in the programme feel duration of the programme is sufficient.

- **Views about Attending Similar Program in Future:** all the participants shown their interest to participate the similar programme, if it is organized in Mizoram University, Aizawl.
- **Views about Sharing of Information about the Program with Others**
Participants express their view that they will share their learning with others. If similar programme organised in future they will participate and inform others too for participation.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

The participants without paper were happy by attending the seminar which gives them an opportunity to learn the various aspects of local governance and management. The academicians and research scholars got the opportunity to present their research work in a bigger platform, where they can inform the academicians and policy makers and society at large about their finds of the research and the issues and challenges of local governance. They also suggested points for the improvements to various government and non government authorities. This is an immense help for the academicians, academic institutions, governments and society at large. So, RGNIYD should organize similar kind of programme for creating awareness and giving platform to young researchers, students express their researches and view.