

**Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies
organizes**

Research Exchange Meet on Women and Market

13th-14th November, 2018

Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies in collaboration with Centre for Women's Development Studies, Delhi is planning a two-day Research Exchange Meet from **13th-14th November, 2018 at Tezpur University** on development and economy in sectoral and regional patterns of women market and its impact on their status and gender relations. The aim of the meet is to generate research insights and aptitude in women studies. Questions on how the subsistence activities for family use are replaced by commercial production for sale, and small market trade and services by women and their integration in the development process will also be focussed.

The proposed Research Exchange Meet will be carried out in the selected districts of upper, middle and lower Assam. This will comprise of all sections of women irrespective of caste, ethnicity and communities migrated throughout historical times. The women population of Assam is an amalgamation of varied tribes (Hill/Plain), caste and immigrants with different cultural background. Being a state of rich cultural heritage women holds a significant space in bearing those resources. In Assam, women are by and large engaged in various aspects of life playing tremendous role both at private and public spheres. It is a fact that women of Northeast in general and Assam in particular possessed more rights than the caste societies. The participation of tribal women in market differ from women of caste societies. Mostly the tribal women sell their harvest in the market arena but women belonging to caste societies does not cross the threshold of their house to sell their products. In the present day market scenario, women vendors occupying the market dome sitting to sell their products like vegetables, meat, fish, snacks and tea, clothes etc. is a common sight.

Though womenfolk seem to oversee the market it is not so, as patriarchy acts as their mainstay from behind. As women are considered to be the identity markers they are supposed to buy and sell the product set by the system. Though women sit whole day in the market for the development of the economy of the family and society but their status remains the same.

Objectives of the Research Exchange Meet

- To explore women's contribution in economy through women markets of Assam.
- To study the problems and prospects of women markets.
- To study development process that confronts women markets.

The meet will engage researcher scholars, activists, and people working in the area of global economic changes and market led growth impacting women of Assam.

Interested participants are requested to register by submitting an abstract of 250 words for the Research Exchange Meet.

For Registration send Abstract before 3rd November, 2018 to

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