

A Report on webinar organized by Chandra Prabha Saikiani Centre Women's Studies ,Tezpur University ,17th June 2020

Chairperson: Prof.Chandan Kumar Sharma

Speakers: Prof. Sheila Bora
Prof.Ishita Mukhopadhyay
Monisha Behal

Dr.Madhurima Goswami welcomed the speakers and all the participants in the session. Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma welcomed everyone and stated the time limit of the speeches and that there will be question hour after every speech.

Prof.Ishita Mukhopadhyay talked about the present socio-economic situation and how it is difficult for the women to cope up with the situation especially the pregnant women. Women are suffering mentally as most of the healthcare workers are women. Many women domestic helpers are in stress as they have lost their jobs. She said that severe unemployment had occurred. Domestic violence has increased to a great level during this covid 19 lockdown period. The speaker also highlighted about the problems of the daily wagers. And many engaged in small business are facing problems in paying rents and bank loans.

After the first session, many questions came up and there was a good interaction between the speaker and the participants.

Prof.Sheila Bora talked about the increase in domestic violence, sexual abuse in shelter homes especially elderly women and girls. Prof. Bora discussed about many other issues that have disturbed the society in their daily normal lives as it has become difficult for the students in remote areas like Arunachal Pradesh and other regions to continue their courses through online and there are certain dropouts due to this.

After her speech, many raised questions and gave their observations.

Monisha Behal,Chief Executive Officer NEN, pointed out some of the experiences during the covid19 period. She stressed on the problems faced by the migrant labours. She has also emphasized on the issues raised by the other speakers, as there are increased number of domestic violence, women are abused in shelter homes. She talked about how people are suffering scarcity of food stuff. The speaker emphasized on multiple security for example people can start working on cultivation and herbal development activities could be of great help in the improvement of the economic development of the society.

Many questions raised and answered by the speaker.

The chairperson thanked all the speakers and summed up the session adding some observations.

Dr. Madhurima Goswami at last thanked all the speakers, the chairperson and the participants for their valuable speech and observations.