



## **We Knit 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**

**DBIDL Hall, Don Bosco Campus, Dimapur**

**Theme: *'NGO's in Nagaland: challenges and ways forward.'***

Dimapur: On 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 the MSW students of North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research (NEISSR) IQAC in collaboration with Community Development Forum, NEISSR organized "We Knit 2019" at DBIDL Hall, Don Bosco Campus, Dimapur, sponsored by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC), State Resource Center for Women (SRCW), South Indian Bank (SIB), Community Avenue Network (CAN YOUTH), ANMA Integrated Development Association (AIDA), Nagaland NGO's Forum (NNF), People in Need Foundation (PNF), Peace Channel, Nagaland Alliance for Child and Women's Rights (NACWR) and NEISSR Alumni (NA).

The program was chaired by students of Community Forum- Mr. Jeffry Remruot Sang and Imtisenla Kubzari. The invocation prayer was offered by Prof. A.J. Sebastian, *Emeritus* (Salesian of Don Bosco). The inaugural speech was delivered by Dr. Fr. C. P. Anto, Principal, NEISSR. He stated that "We Knit" as an event carried forth by the students was a dream of NEISSR since its inception and it finally materialized because of the contribution and support from various organizations and individuals. Further, he mentioned that NEISSR supports the initiative of handholding among all the NGOs of Nagaland to make the state a better place to live. Micro identity should move to macro identity and NGOs should not work as a money center but as a service center for the people in need. He felicitated the all the resource persons for the event.

A short PowerPoint presentation about NEISSR as an MSW college was presented by Ms. Meriakthule Chewang, PRO OF NEISSR. It was followed by a key note address which was delivered by Dr. Hesheto Chishi, Director, Indigenous Cultural Society who is also the President of Nagaland NGOs Forum. He emphasized the importance of having conceptual clarity about NGOs in order to avoid undue misconceptions. He shared the staggering NGO registration statistics of India having 6, 20,000 NGOs and Nagaland with 30,000 NGO's registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. However, the sad reality is that only 40 to 50 NGOs are genuinely functioning presently in Nagaland. He spoke about the various areas of NGOs taken up by operational NGOs which are relief oriented, religious or secular, public or private oriented. Developmental NGOs carry out activities for direct service delivery to the beneficiaries such as food, shelter and education, health, skills development, self-reliance. In all these, resources have

to be made more viable to the people at the grass roots level. He ended his address with an inspirational quotation “Love life, do good and live well”.

Following the keynote address was the panel discussion which was moderated by Ms. Imnuksungla Pongen, Assistant Professor, NEISSR. The first panelist Mr. N.K. Gurnani, Manager of NABARD, Dimapur, Nagaland spoke on the topic ‘Financial Inclusion and sustainability of NGOs’. He emphasized the importance of financial literacy and cited the dismal situation of lack of financial awareness in Nagaland. The role of NGOs as the sector working closely with the marginalized could be to sensitize and create awareness of financial schemes and benefits given by the government. The second panelist, Ms. Asha Sanchu, Director of Miqlat Ministry, Dimapur discussed on the topic ‘Strategic Leadership and Good Governance of NGOs. She applauded NEISSR for being a forward thinking institution. Further, she spoke on the importance of being a dynamic leader with qualities of accountability, strategic thinking, integrity, transparency and clear vision and mission. Good governance was found as one of the core issues in Nagaland. There is urgent need to address trust deficit in the society, organizations and between government and NGO sector to share the knowledge, resources and expertise with all for the common growth.

To enliven the spirits and add melody to the event the music club of NEISSR presented a song. The gathering was serenaded by the students as they ruminated on the discussion of the complexities of the challenges and ways forward for the NGOs .

The third panelist, Ms. K. Ela, Director of Prodigal’s Home, Dimapur spoke on the topic ‘Networking with government, organizations and community’. She drew from her wealth of experience of working in the NGO sector. She lamented that NGOs and their work are devalued and even looked upon with suspicion by the people as well as the government. She stressed on the importance of networking among the NGO’s as one cannot work in isolation. In order to progress one needs the partnership of churches, department, resource person and community who can help in the process. She brought forth the challenges faced by NGO’s in Nagaland and why the sector is unable to build strong networking with other likeminded organizations. The NGOs ought to work towards being more transparent about their organization, work and develop a culture of professionalism, innovation, reflexive creativity instead of stereotypically taking up projects uncritically.

The fourth panelist, Ms. Gracy Aye, State Co-coordinator, State Resource Center for Women, Nagaland spoke on the topic Social Welfare Programmes and Schemes and partnerships of NGO’s. She stated that challenges in the work of both NGOs and Government seem to be more than the impact in the society. She also introduced the State Resource Center for Women and its mission which is to give technical support to the state government, to implement and discuss gender related issues and empowerment of women. She stressed on the role of NGO in bridging the gap where the government cannot reach. The panel discussion ended with a lively discussion

between the panelists and the participants as the latter posed relevant questions which were addressed with expertise by the panelists

The first part of the event concluded with a vote of thanks and benediction by Rev. Fr. John Latsutho Poji, Vice Principal and administrator of NEISSR. The second part of the event comprised of two business hours. The first business hour moderated by Ms. Imnuksungla Pongen, Assistant Professor NEISSR was an evaluative session where NGOs provided effective, valuable and experiential feedback on the organizational learning where MSW trainees from NEISSR have been placed for fieldwork. The second business hour was moderated by Dr. Hesheto Chishi, President Nagaland NGOs Forum. The objective of the business hour was to strategize concerted efforts to address the problem of limited NGO registration renewal, streamlining of directory credible NGOs in Nagaland and creation of District Chapters of NGOs Forum with convenors in each district of Nagaland, and plan for programmes in the very near future. The business hour concluded with benediction offered by one of the office bearers of the Nagaland NGOs Forum

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## North East Institute of Social Science and Research organises 'We Knit 2019'

*Staff Reporter*

**DIMAPUR, MAY 04 (NPN):** North East Institute of Social Science and Research (NEISSR) organised "We Knit 2019" on May 4, under the theme "NGO's in Nagaland: Challenges and Ways Forward" at DBIDL Hall, Don Bosco Campus.

Delivering the key note address, director, Indigenous Cultural Society (ICS), and chairman of Nagaland NGO Forum (NNGOF), Dr. Hesheto Chishi stated that Nagaland has a total number of 30,000 non-governmental organisations (NGO), when re-examined, only 293 are registered under

the Government of India. Out of the 293 registered NGO's, he opined that only 40 to 50 NGOs were genuinely functioning.

He also stated that according to 2011 census, every 66 person has one NGO, which meant that every year 545 NGOs were registered in Nagaland govt. He further remarked that there were about 6,20,000 NGOs, in India.

Chishi also stated that according to the UN survey conducted in 1995, there were 29,000 international NGOs, wherein one should understand that NGOs are categorised into local, national and international.

Chishi also viewed that Nagas have no clear



*(Inset) Hesheto Chishi giving keynote address. Panelists during the programme.*

view of what NGO is and that it was important to know the difference between an NGO and civil society, so there is no confusion.

According to Chishi, NGOs have to assist the government to address issues, keeping in mind the purpose of NGOs. He marked that while some

NGOs are relief and service oriented, others were religion or secular oriented and public and private oriented.

Chishi concluded his address by stating "Love life, do good, live well" and persuaded the participants to join hands and work together if we love Nagaland.

The gathering also witnessed a panel discussion on different topics and functions related to the working and functioning of NGO, moderated by assistant professor, NEISSR, Imnuksungla Pongen.

The panellist included assistant general manager, NABARD, Nagaland RO, Dimapur, S. Hrangkhohi,

who spoke on the topic, "Financial inclusion and sustainability of NGOs", while "Strategic leadership and good governance of NGO's", was addressed by director, Miqlat Ministry, Dimapur, Asha Sanchu.

On "Network with government, organizations and community", the topic was addressed by director, Prodigal's Home, Dimapur, K. Ela and "Social welfare programmes and schemes and partnership of NGOs" was delivered by state co-ordinator, State Resource Centre for Women, Nagaland, Gracy Aye.

Other panellists included assistant general manager, NABARD, Nagaland RO, Dimapur, S. Hrangkhohi,

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A special performance by Music Club at SR anthem; NEISSR choir

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Inaugura delivered by NEISSR, Dr.

and vote of benediction by vice principal, NEISSR, Latsutho Poji

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## *THEME- NGOs in Nagaland: Challenges and Ways Forward*

Date- 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 Time: 9:30a.m -2:00p.m

Venue- DBIDL Hall, Don Bosco Campus

### PROGRAM

9:30-10:00 AM – Registration and Welcome Tea

Comperes	: <b>Jeffry Remruot Sang &amp; Imtisenla Kubzari</b>
Invocation	: <b>Prof. Fr. A.J. Sebastian, SDB Emeritus</b>
Inaugural Speech	: <b>Dr. Fr. C.P. Anto, Principal, NEISSR</b>
NEISSR presentation	: <b>Ms. Meriakthule Chewang, PRO NEISSR</b>
Keynote Address	: <b>Dr. Hesheto Chishi, Director, Indigenous Cultural Society</b>

### PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator	: <b>Ms. Imnuksungla Pongen, Assistant Professor, NEISSR</b>
Financial Inclusion and Sustainability of NGOs	: <b>Mr. S. Hrangkhoh, Asst. General Manager, NABARD, Nagaland RO, Dimapur</b>
Strategic Leadership and Good Governance of NGOs	: <b>Ms. Asha Sanchu, Director, Miqlat Ministry, Dimapur</b>
Special song	: <b>NEISSR Music Club</b>
Network with Government, Organizations and Community	: <b>Ms. K. Ela, Director, Prodigal's Home, Dimapur</b>
Social Welfare Programmes and Schemes and Partnership of NGOs	: <b>Ms. Gracy Aye, State Co-ordinator, State Resource Center for Women, Nagaland</b>

### DISCUSSION

Vote of thanks and Benediction	: <b>Rev. Fr. John Latsutho Poji, Vice Principal Administrator, NEISSR</b>
NEISSR Anthem	: <b>NEISSR Choir</b>

### LUNCH

Business Hour I	: <b>NEISSR &amp;NGOs</b>
Business Hour II	: <b>Dr. Hesheto, Nagaland NGOs Forum</b>

## REGISTRATION LIST

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