

A two day regional Seminar in partnership with the NEZCC, North East Cultural on the 8th & 9th of April 2008 on the theme Role of Women in the Preservation of Culture. The program was graced by Honourable, the then Governor of Nagaland, Shri Sankaranarayanan. Various scholars, activist, media persons and government functionaries and NGOs from the North Eastern States participated in the program.

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The aim of the Seminar was to bring together people from various departments to share knowledge and experience for wider understanding of the role of women in preservation of culture in the context of development.

The Governor who was the chief guest for the occasion in his inaugural address said that in today's world Women are the forefront of all activities and that the cultural arena is specially marked by the contribution of women. He also said that Women are the 'Pivots' of family life, and in all societies and communities. Culture is taught to children through Women only. The Governor also said the contribution of Women in conserving and preserving cultural heritage of society needed to be given due recognition as at times people tend to ignore things that seemed natural to them.

Keeping the broad theme of the programme, the sessions and the deliberations focused on the following sub-themes.

1. Women and Environment in the context of the millennium Development.
2. Women and preservation of art forms.
3. Women as traditional knowledge keepers.
4. Women and Community Development efforts.
5. Women and food.

The deliberations brought out a need to examine women's contribution from a holistic perspective, keeping in mind the complexities of issues such as alienation of property rights, domestic violence, omens efforts and contribution in the non-monetised sector etc.