

Regional Consultation on Land and Property Rights



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For the first time ever , people from all walks of life from across the North East region are coming together to demand what rightfully belongs to women-as well as men- societal recognition of access and control over Land and Property by women. A group of activists, academicians, members of the State Women's Commissions from various states of NE, NGO representatives, leaders of customary bodies, students and citizens will deliberate upon the changes needed to ensure women's right over land and property at a two day Regional Consultation on Land and Property Rights of Women in the Northeast being jointly organized by Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS), Actionaid, and Churches Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) on 13th and 14th of March 2008 at the Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwahati.

This Consultation is part of the National Level Campaign for Women's Right to land and Property. In the Northeast , the campaign began with state level consultations in the states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram , Tripura and Nagaland in February. The key issues that emerged form these consultations centered around changes required in the Customary Laws, State Laws and Special Provisions of the Constitution such as the 6th schedule and the BTC act, impact of the Look East Policy and Violence Against Women (VAW) in

the context of land and property rights. These issues will be discussed at the two day regional consultation and a plan of action to take this campaign forward.

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