

## **Gender Responsive Budget Cell at AJNIFM**

The Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) has been recognized as one of the Nodal Centres for Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) at the Central Level since 2016 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD). In pursuance of mandate, AJNIFM has actively contributed to advancing gender equity in financial planning and budgeting through a range of workshops and training programs for government officers and stakeholders. AJNIFM has conducted a number of workshops to create awareness and build capacity of District level, State level and Central Government officials including NGOs in collaboration with Universities and Research Institutes in the last five years.

### **GRB Workshops/Training Programmes Conducted by AJNIFM 2017-18 to 2023-24**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Workshop Conducted</b>
2017-18	Workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting 21-22 March 2018 at ICAR-CIWA, Bhubaneswar.
	Work shop on Gender Responsive Budgeting on 18th August 2017 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
2018-19	Training Programme on Gender Responsive Budgeting for the officers of Telangana State, Institute of Rural development (TSIRD), 23rd to 25th July 2018 at AJNIFM.
	Workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting 21-22 March 2018 at Nainital University, Nainital, Uttarakhand.
2023-24	Workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting for State Level Officers, Collaboration with/Hosted at: Anna University Campus, Chennai, and Tamil Nadu on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024.
	Workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting for District Level Officers, Collaboration with /Hosted at: NICMAR University Campus, Pune, and Maharashtra on 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023.
	Workshop on Gender Responsive Budgeting at National Level at India International Centre on 18th and 19th March 2024.

## **Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) Cell at AJNIFM**

In June 2024, a full-fledged GRB Cell as a new vertical has been established at AJNIFM to further institutionalise and solidify the work of the Central Nodal Centre on GRB. It will provide a permanent structure for Gender Budgeting work, retaining knowledge, expertise and experiences gained from the Nodal Centre preventing loss of institutional memory and enabling AJNIFM to build a team with specialised expertise in Gender Budgeting.

This Cell shall not only work as the Nodal Centre for GRB at central level but also work on the various aspects of the gender related issues. The GRB cell will strengthen the capacity of the Government Officials and Stakeholders to integrate Gender Perspective in Budgeting and Public Financial Management ensuring responsive and equitable Governance.

## **Vision and Mission**

### **Mission for Gender Responsive Cell at AJNIFM:**

"To create a transformative platform for capacity building, policy advocacy, and gender-sensitive resource allocation, empowering governments and institutions to prioritize gender equality and women's empowerment in public financial management, leading to inclusive and sustainable development."

### **Objective**

The prime objective of the Gender Budgeting Nodal Centre is to:

1. **Capacity Building:** Enhance knowledge, skills, and attitudes of public finance professionals, policymakers, and stakeholders on gender-responsive budgeting and financial management.
2. **Policy Advocacy:** Foster a supportive policy environment for gender-responsive budgeting, influencing public financial allocation to address gender disparities.
3. **Gender Budgeting:** Institutionalize gender budgeting in public financial management, ensuring allocation of resources that address gender-specific needs and priorities.
4. **Research and Analysis:** Conduct research, analysis, and documentation to inform gender-responsive policy decisions and track progress.
5. **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Foster strategic partnerships with government agencies, civil society, and international organizations to leverage resources, expertise, and influence.

### **Expected Outcomes:**

1. Increased capacity of public finance professionals to integrate gender perspectives in budgeting and financial management.
2. Improved policy frameworks supporting gender-responsive budgeting and financial management.
3. Enhanced allocation of resources addressing gender-specific needs and priorities.
4. Strengthened partnerships and collaboration for gender-responsive public financial management.

By achieving this vision, the Gender Responsive Cell at AJNIFM will play a pivotal role in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, contributing to inclusive and sustainable development in India.

## **Activities at the Cell**

Activities proposed to be conducted at the GRB Cell includes:

- **Research and Policy Advocacy:** The GRB Cell to conduct in-depth studies focused on gender-based violence, economic empowerment, health, education, and representation of women in various sectors. These research initiatives are aimed at informing policy development and promoting gender equality.
- **Collaborations:** To actively collaborate and foster strategic partnership with government bodies, universities, NGOs, and international organizations to strengthen gender-responsive initiatives across sectors.
- **Training and Capacity Development:** To organize workshops and Management Development Programs (MDPs) on (a) Mainstreaming gender in Public Policy and Budgeting: A comprehensive Framework. (b) Capacity building for Gender Responsive Public Financial Management-a Certification Programme.
- **To publish a Newsletter:** To serve as a valuable platform to share information, resources, and updates with students, faculty, alumni, and the broader community interested in gender issues. Its key features may include, Spotlight on Faculty and Student Research, Upcoming Events and Workshops, featured Courses and Curriculum Updates, Alumni Profiles and Success Stories, Book Reviews and Recommended Readings:

## **Activities during the Financial Year 2024-25**

1. Workshops during the Month of September, October and December 2024.
2. First edition of GRB Newsletter in October 2024.

## **Faculty involved in GRB**

1. Dr B.K. Pandey, Professor of Practice
2. Shri Satyen Lama, Professor
3. Dr Jaya Bhalla, Associate Professor (SG)