GenderSpeak

Focus on Gender Mainstreaming and India

Volume VI of GenderSpeak dwells on Gender mainstreaming and India. Given the recent emphasis on Gender Budgeting in the country, this edition will focus on understanding the discussions surrounding gender mainstreaming in India - from areas of Climate Change to CSR and school education.

Can Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) ensure gender mainstreaming?

Gender mainstreaming engages with diverse strategies to bring in greater impact and change in the everyday realities of women. Wouldn't it be interesting if CSR cells across diverse organisations focus on gender mainstreaming programmes to work towards eliminating gender based discriminatory practices? This would essentially mean that all CSR activities will include aspects of gender mainstreaming viz: being gender neutral, gender sensitive and gender transformative across the whole project/ programme cycle from planning, to monitoring and implementation.

Need to introduce Gender Mainstreaming in Climate Smart Agriculture processes

India has not yet worked on how it can work towards adopt a climate-smart agriculture (CSA) policy with a gender lens. This
 approach which helps guide actions to transform agricultural systems to efficiently help support development towards better food security. However in India the challenge is that many locally adaptive CSA practices are not engaged by women. This can be altered by improving access for women to CSA practices and other agriculture based services.

Mainstreaming gender equality and empowerment education in post-primary schools in India: A policy brief

In this interesting policy brief by Center for Universal Education, Brookings, examples of good practices in designing and implementing gender equality and empowerment education as done in Uttar Pradesh. It details the experience of Prerna Girls School, a K-12 school in Lucknow where this was done using a critical feminist pedagogy to help achieve the objective of improving life-outcomes and empowerment of girls.

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