**Regional Workshop**

**Jointly Organised by School of Habitat Studies, TISS and Department of Social Work, Mizoram University**

**On Impact of Infrastructure and Governance Transformation of JNNUIRM and IHSDP projects in Mizoram:**

A Report

The regional workshop on **Impact of Infrastructure and Governance Transformation of JNNUIRM and IHSDP projects** **in Mizoram** was held on 29th October, 2014 in Information & Public Relation conference hall, Aizawl, Mizoram. The purpose of the workshop was to share the understanding of the research team in this ICSSR sponsored research project undertaken by the Department of urban policy and planning supported by the Department of social work, Mizoram university.

The regional workshop has commenced with the registration of 38 invitees and 8 research scholars from the department of Social work, Mizoram University.

In the inaugural session, Dr. Kanagaraj Easwaran, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Social work, Mizoram University (MZU) welcomed the gathering including representatives from Aizawl Municipal Council, Local Councils, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department , Government of Mizoram, PHED, State Transport Department, Public Works department, Land Revenue and Settlement Department , State Investment project Management and Implementation Unit, State women Commission, Journalists, private run public transport and water supplier and the academicians. Dr. Lalitha Kamath, School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai made an interesting presentation on Introduction to the project following the welcome address. She has covered the aims and objectives of the project, Inclusion and Exclusion criteria under JNNURM and IHSDP, mapping project locations within the country, scope of the project, experience of the project and the underlying issues. The inaugural session was followed by two technical sessions.

The technical session-I was on **Governance and Infrastructure Transformation: Case study of impacts of JNNURM in Aizawl.** The session was chaired by Prof. Srinibas Pathi, Dean, School of Social Sciences, MZU. Ms. Smita Waingankar, TISS has made presentation on the *Implementations of JNNURM and the impacts of Governance and Infrastructure*. The presentation was followed by the presentation of Dr. Lalitha Kamath, and Ms. Lalsiampuii, Research Assistant on the present governance and infrastructure transformation of JNNURM in Aizawl. Ms Lalsiampuii has translated Dr.Lalitha Kamath’s English presentation effectively in Mizo. It was followed by vibrant discussion and over 13 invites had participated.

The *technical session-II* was on **Transformation due to Housing Projects: Case study of IHSDP in Lunglei.** Dr. J.Doungel, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, MZU chaired the session and Dr. Kanagaraj Easwaran, MZU and Ms. Pricilla Zotluangpuii, Research Assistant made presentation on the implementation of IHSDP in Lunglei, Mizoram. The presentation covered the transformations that have taken place in the governance of Lunglei town in the housing sector. It was followed by discussion.

The workshop was concluded by a vote of thanks to all those supported the research process and on the generous participation of the members. It was proposed by Dr. H.Elizabeth, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, MZU.