

**NIRD**  
**Seminars and Workshops**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**2005-2006**



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
(Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India)  
**Rajendranagar, Hyderabad - 500 030**

©National Institute of Rural Development

February, 2007

March, 2007

---

Compiled and Edited by : Dr. Jaya N. Patil  
Published by : National Institute of Rural Development, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. 500 030.  
Printed at : Vaishnavi Laser Graphics, Barkathpura, Hyderabad. Ph 27552178

**V.S. SAMPATH**

**National Institute of Rural Development**  
Hyderabad

## **FOREWORD**

NIRD, as an apex Training and Research Institute, conducts Seminars and Workshops of National and International importance on issues of current topical interest having a bearing on rural development. The recommendations emerging out of the discussions and deliberations of the Workshops / Seminars would be of interest to policy makers and academicians as well. With a view to effecting wider dissemination of such recommendations and bringing them to the attention of rural development functionaries, the Institute brings out this annual publication titled "Recommendations of Seminars / Workshops".

The present volume twentieth in the series, contains recommendations of 19 Seminars / Workshops held during 2005-06.

It is hoped that this publication would be found useful by all those concerned with Rural Development in India and abroad.

**V.S. SAMPATH**  
*Director General*

# Contents

<b>I. Employment Generation</b>	
1. National Seminar on “Strategies for Poverty Reduction in Tribal Areas”	1
<b>II. Financial Management</b>	
2. Financial Management of DRDAs Social Sector Development Programmes	9
<b>III. Social Sector Development Programmes</b>	
3. National Workshop on Rural Drinking Water Supply (RDWS) : Sector Reforms and Bharat Nirman	13
4. National Workshop on IAY and Shelter for all by 2010	20
<b>IV. Policies on Panchyati Raj</b>	
5. Policy Perspectives on Panchayati Raj for Members of Legislative Assemblies / Councils : Issues and Recommendations	24
6. Transparency and Accountability in PRIs	31
7. Operationalising Right to Information in Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Development Programmes	35
<b>V. General</b>	
8. Psycho-Social Support to Tsunami Affected Communities	45
9. Seminar on Gender Issues in Human Settlement	52
10. Community Resource Management with Special Reference to North East India	57
<b>VI. Development of Vulnerable Sections</b>	
11. Non-wood Forest Produce (NWFP) Policy	60
12. Food Security for Poor	66

## **VII. Media and Development**

13. Interface between NGOs / Activists / Networks/Lawyers and the Media 73
14. Right to Information and Rural Development Programmes 80
15. Western Regional Media Meet of Media, Activists/ NGOs/PRI and Government Officials on Transparent and Accountable Implementation of Rural Development Specially Focussing on NREGS and RTI 83

## **VIII. Agriculture : Rural-Urban Divide**

16. Farmer's Suicide: Dynamics and Strategies of Prevention 92
17. Rural-Urban Divide During the 90s 101
18. National Workshop on WTO and Agrarian Issues 107
19. ICT for Rural Development 113