

KPP - CBPS – Consultative Workshop- 05th December, 2014

The Centre for Budget and Policy Studies (CBPS) in partnership with DFID and IPE Global under its Knowledge Partnership Programme (KPP) held a Consultative Workshop on December 05th in Bengaluru. The workshop focused on the findings of the KPP supported study on “**Residential Schooling Strategies: Impact on Girls’ Education and Empowerment**”.

Jyotsna Jha, Director, CBPS gave a brief presentation on the study and highlighted the importance such studies based on empirical data to feed into decision making / policy reforms. This study is a first-of-its-kind research which looks at residential schooling as one of the means to encourage girl child education and building their eventual empowerment in the society. Lamenting the lack of data, key speakers such as Prof. Geeta Menon (independent researcher) and Archana Mehendale (TISS) pointed out the significance of analysing how girl’s in India have been able to benefit through residential schools and highlighted the need for a comprehensive policy on the overall education for girls strategy.

The consultative workshop invited comments and feedback on the study from key stakeholders such as State coordinators for Mahila Samakhya (Bihar, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana and Jharkhand), National Council for Teachers Education, CARE India and Educational Consortium. The participants gave constructive suggestions and recommendations on the study. The workshop established the need for further studies, given the importance of the topic from the view point of education and empowerment of girls in India. On a policy level, the participants expressed the need for better data on residential schools and a pan-India vision on residential school strategies so as to solve the problem of differences felt across states in implementing the residential school programmes.



Shalini Rajneesh (*centre*), Principal Secretary, Department of Backward Classes Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka addresses the audience as Jyotsna Jha, Director CBPS (*extreme right*), Namita Ranganathan (*right*), Professor, Delhi University and Vandana Mahajan (*left*), National Resource Group, Mahila Samakhya sit on the panel discussion on Residential Schooling Strategies