

ROLE OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCE GROUP OF MAHILA SAMAKHYA

Unlike the Executive Committees and General Councils - which oversee the running of the MS programme in a given state, the National Resource Group plays an advisory role - to look at larger programme processes, interventions, directions and trends. The term of each NRG is for a period of two years. Through the NRG, MS has been able to establish its linkage with academic institutions, universities, women's groups and others working in the area of women's education, empowerment and development.

The role of the NRG is as follows:

1. To advise and guide GOI in policy matters concerning women's education; and the future role of MS strategy in larger educational interventions.
2. To safeguard the non-negotiables of MS and ensure they are treated as such at all levels.
3. To plan the future expansion of the programme and contain it to an optimum size.
4. To discuss and debate issues, concerns and concepts that arise from the field and facilitate development of appropriate strategies.
5. To participate in internal evaluations/reviews in order to be in tune with the emerging needs of the programme.
6. To draw upon the experience and knowledge of similar interventions by different groups/individuals in the field of research and action
7. To devise mechanisms to safeguard the national character of the programme as members of the State ECs

The NRG is comprised of:

- All State Project Directors
- Secretaries/Education Secretaries of each MS State
- Non-official members – including academics, activists and socio-development sector professionals who have in-depth knowledge of MS as a programme as well as larger issues concerning gender and education.

Once in two years, the NRG is reconstituted and the chairperson's tenure may last that long, as well as be extended for another two years.