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Patna, November 27. The one-day training programme in four batches on ‘Child Budget Preparation’ by Department of Finance, Government of Bihar in collaboration with UNICEF and Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) at ADRI premises was concluded today. The objective of this training programme was to strengthen the Child Budgeting of the Government of Bihar. Presently, 16 Departments are reporting their budget and expenditure in the Child Budget document.

In the training programme, Dr. Barna Ganguli, Assistant Professor, CEPFF, ADRI, shared the main findings of the study done by UNICEF, Department of Finance and ADRI. She also discussed the objectives of the programme. She elaborated that the child budgeting process still has some loopholes which need to be addressed to come up with a robust document. She said that training programme will provide guidelines to the budget officers in compiling data for the Child Budgeting document.

In the technical sessions, Shri Sanjeev Mittal, Deputy Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Bihar discussed the basic points of budget preparation. He emphasised that the child budget is a part of main budget so we need to focus upon its expenditure through head of accounts. Shri Ajay Thakur, Deputy Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Bihar focused on the types of programmes included in the Child Budget Document. He added that both plan and non-plan expenditures should be included to show the total expenditure.

This training was imparted to total 16 different departments of Government of Bihar. As per COVID-19 precautions, the training programme was scheduled in four batches with four different departments each and so that the social distancing could be maintained. The day-one training programme on November 23,2020 was attended by Health, Panchayati Raj, Labour and PHED. The day-two programme on November 25,2020 was attended by Social Welfare, Art, Culture and Youth, Forest, Environment and Climate Change and Home. The day-three programme on November 26,2020 was attended by Education, SC and ST Welfare, Minority Welfare and BC and MBC Welfare and last day’s training programme on November 27,2020 was attended by Finance, Planning and Development, Rural Development, Bihar Education Project and Disaster Management. The programme was attended by the deputy secretaries and budget officers of the respective departments.

The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Sudip Pandey, ADRI, Patna and vote of thanks was given Dr. Rahbar Ali, CEPFF, ADRI, Patna.

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