Gender Sensitization Workshop - Report

Gender Sensitization workshop was held at Maria Rani Convention Centre at Thiruvananthapuram on 25th and 26th October. District Programme Managers from six districts participated in the workshop. Smt. Saya welcomed all of us to the programme. The workshop was facilitated by Smt. Mercy and Sri. Roshan.

The two-day programme started with an Introduction game in which everyone was selected into different animal groups and a question was asked in the group "whether they prefer to be male or female in their real life?". The first day of workshop included many other interactive sessions like skits, group activities etc.
There was continuous sharing of ideas and views between facilitators and participants.

What I studied from the workshop include different sexual categories such as bisexual heterosexual, the real meaning of the word "gender", the needs of women such as PGIN and SGIN, different approaches such as empowerment, welfare, efficiency, anti-poverty, the types of work done by women such as productive, reproductive communal, patriarchal ideology.

The main advantage of attending the programme was that I was able to get a clear picture of gender inequality. Also I analyzed my work based on gender and understood what can I do to improve the current
sitution. I understand that we should not be against men to achieve inequality and equity for women, we should be against the "Patriarchal Ideology".