Naga women played vital role in preserving biodiversity

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Kohima, Aug. 18 -- Naga women have played vital role in ensuring sustainable development by harnessing and managing rich biodiversity, yet they tend to be marginalized in decision making for management and preservation of the resources with which they are acquainted with.

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The report on role of women in natural resource management, making an in-depth field study, highlighted the role of women in preservation of plant species, flora and fauna and their livelihood options.

The report widens the people's awareness on the role of women in retarding the effects of resource depletion and it helps to understand the vast range of environment, economic, social and political issues and linkages for resource management, the authors said.

The other thematic reports are traditional agriculture: practice and sustainable livelihood; Communitisation of Education: Nagaland experience; Communitisation of Health:

Nagaland experience; Rural-Urban Migration and Livelihood and Employment: opportunities in Nagaland.

The UNDP sponsored study also included publication of a Gender Budgeting Manual, which is first of its kind of such study and report in the country, according to Nagaland Additional Chief Secretary Alemtemshi Jamir.

As part of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), the countries have to come with publications of human development reports (HDR) at national, sub-national or state and district levels concerning human development indices such education, health care, livelihood options, water, sanitation and gender issues from time to time, the reports said. UNI AS PL PG VP1332 Published by HT Syndication with permission from United News of India. For any query with respect to this article or any other content requirement, please contact Editor at htsyndication@hindustantimes.com

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