

SIPG Book Launching Program

On 12th September, 2020, The South Asian Institution of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of North South University (NSU) organized a virtual Book Launching program to unveil a book titled: *Gender Mainstreaming in Politics, Administration and Development in South Asia*. The book approaches gender mainstreaming from policy-and-governance perspective and explore government initiatives to promote gender mainstreaming, challenges and results of those initiatives. Most of the chapters of this book were first presented as papers at the Conference on Gender Mainstreaming in Politics, Administration and Development in South Asia in 2017, held at the North South University. The book include chapters on Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.



The webinar began with the welcome note of Professor Sk Tawfique M Haque, Director, SIPG of NSU. Later, Professor Ishtiaq Jamil from University of Bergen, of Norway gave speech on behalf of the editorial panel which was followed by the reflection from authors. Professor Krishna Menon from Dr. B R Ambedkar University of Delhi, India and Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) discussed on the book as designated discussants.

Discussants of the program shed the light upon the diverse topics and broad range of issues related to gender mainstreaming that the book covered. They said, the chapters of the book focus on the process of incorporation of gender issues in policy formulation and governance and the challenges to implement those policy and their implications. The authors have presented their argument with empirical evidences and used varied framework to analyze gender mainstreaming at the micro and macro levels in the book. The book is relevant not only for the academics but also policy formulators and implementers.

Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor of North South University graced the event as chief guest and the program concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. M Mahfuzul Haque.