

## **PC & PNDT and Gender Mainstreaming**

### **Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC& PNDT), Act & Gender Mainstreaming**

The sex ratio of the State for child population in the age group 0-6 years shows a decreasing trend from 964 (Census 2001) to 944 (Census 2011). If the State's data is segregated, Tuensang, Peren, Phek and Mon districts records decline in the sex ratio. Though Nagaland is a patriarchal society, generally no sex selection in favour of male child is practiced in the state. However, the ratio in the state still shows gaps and it is not sure whether this is because of natural selection or some other unidentified causes and this require special attention in order to address the issue. The state will give more focus on the above mentioned districts and at the same time work on further narrowing the difference in ratio between the two sexes, in the other districts, even in the coming years.

One strategy to improve the situation is through implementation of PC&PNDT Act. In all the districts, PNDT cell has been opened with Chief medical Officer as the Appropriate Authority.