

## **PROFILE SMT ANUPAMA SINGH**

Smt Anupama Singh the first lady of the state is a woman of substance with immense humanitarian values. She has always in her life held the core belief that empowerment of women and education and upliftment of children is the way to positively contribute and offer meaningful service to the community.

She as a young child, during her father's tenures abroad, furthered her passion for painting by doing an intensive art course at the Beaux Arts and Academic Julian. This was supplemented by a course in applied and decorative arts at Ecole Superior de Paris. Since then, there has been no looking back. Painting became a passion, particularly of rural India's strong and silent women, executed in vibrant hues. A series of solo exhibitions followed; the first one being held in Pune when she was just twenty. Today, Anupama has emerged as a celebrated and mature artist, with a distinct style and standing of her own. She has alongside her painting career diversified into designing handicrafts, artifacts, furniture and tapestry, and runs a successful design studio.

Anupama has done design projects for the Ministry of Textiles under the aegis of the Development commissioner of Handicrafts. Under this programme, she held workshops with artisan's clusters in remote areas of different states, at the grass root level. In the quest to share the benefits of financial self-sufficiency and artistic satisfaction, her love for creative art forms has taken her into the far-flung areas of Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan.

In her previous role as President Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) she outlined a number of projects, which redefined the role of AWWA and women in the Army with the focus being on 'Empowerment and Education'. She recognizes the Supreme Sacrifice of Life given by our brave soldiers, in safe guarding our frontiers and the Sovereignty of our Nation. She has worked during her tenure as President AWWA to holistically address and ameliorate the problems of these Brave Hearts families, with Empathy, Hope and Ameliorative Action as the core beliefs. She has also contributed immensely for the disabled.

The first lady has shown immense commitment and love for the people of Arunachal Pradesh, by setting up Muskaan a NGO. Muskaan is doing the mentorship role for other NGOs and she by her vision and leadership is trying to benefit the women, youth and children of the State by interacting with various Ministries and encourage economic empowerment of women, youth

and the artisans. She gave the first toy train to the children of Arunachal as a gift from Muskaan. She is working to create Bal Bhavans, artisan training workshops and guide the various NGOS to achieve their goals.

She is true reflection of humanitarian values, commitment, artistic excellence, selfless service and love.