

***MUSKAN* for women empowerment, de-addiction**

Muskan, a non government organization headed by the First Lady Anupama Singh is going to take up women empowerment and de-addiction projects.

At a general body meeting held at Raj Bhavan, it was unanimously decided to taken up projects on theme based in education, health and social welfare sectors.

In her presidential address, Singh urged upon the members to work for the betterment of woman and child and also for the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

She informed that the organization will facilitate NGOs to take up projects provided by Government of India. With sincere and dedicated effort of each of the members, we can bring some changes in the lives

of downtrodden and poor, she added

Taking part in the discussion, the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Raj

Dr. T. Kampu, Senior Medical Officer suggested for taking up projects for pregnant women and lactating mothers, while Dr. Chaitali Lokhande,

Mamta Riba, also the member secretary of *Muskan* along with T.P. Loyi, Joint Director ICDS, R.T. Riba, Director Social Welfare, Women and child Development,



First Lady Anupama Singh with members of newly launched NGO 'Muskan' on 20th November 2008

Sangathan Chairperson, Jarjum Ete, also a member of the *Muskan* stressed on adult women literacy project and a mechanism to monitor the girl child education. Focusing on drug addiction, Ete called for providing alternative livelihood source to counter it with proper follow ups.

Medical Officer urged for single themed based projects, so that the objective is not diluted or deviated.

Governor's Secretary PS Lokhande an honorary suggested that *Muskan* act as umbrella organization. By which, he added we can deliver and strengthening other NGOs.

The Member Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women

Gumri Ringu, former member of APSCW, Bini Yanga, chairperson Oju Welfare Association and M. Mibang, ADC to Governor were present on the occasion.

Muskan has already started a project in Nyokum Lapang, where a children park is coming up.