



Smt. Neelam Misra, the First Lady of Arunachal Pradesh, did her initial studies from the College founded by her Luminary Grandfather Late Pt. Bhagwan Din Dube at her native place. Later she shifted to Allahabad for her education. She completed her Master's Degree in Botany from Allahabad University, and married an Army Officer. Shortly after her marriage when her husband moved to War Front to East Pakistan now Bangladesh, she, in the "Peace & War unsettled life" of her Infantry Officer husband again took to studies and completed her Masters Degree in History from Indore University, B.Ed. from Annamalai University and Post Graduate in Higher Education (PGDHE) from Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU). Consequently she took to teaching and with every transfer of her husband, she changed the old Schools and joined new ones.

She did many module courses in diverse subjects. Mushroom cultivation from PUSA Agricultural Institute, Skin and Beauty Therapy from the world-renowned Shahnaz Hussain, Bonsai Making from famous Fani Basu of Calcutta, solid based management and wormiculture from experts in the field from Delhi are some of them. In her career, as a Teacher, she endeared herself to her pupils for their balanced personality growth. She scripted and organised street theatres, and nature conservation drives as a part of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WFF). She believes in socio-educational inquiry, learning and reform. This temperament of her, in large measures, has contributed to the spreading of awareness in various connected circles.

While living in Army Cantonments she participated and promoted welfare activities in the Army Soldier's Family Welfare Associations for the benefit of the families of JAWANS.

Being a Botanist by education, the First Lady is deeply interested in flora of Arunachal Pradesh. There is also a strong artistic side to her personality. She is a trained Kathak dancer and a voracious reader of classical Hindi and English literature. She has immense talent for mastering craft. Her latest pursuit is the traditional Arunachal Pradesh **Loin Loom Weaving** which she does every day when in Itanagar.