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Women’s entrepreneurial spirit

TANAGAR, Apr 03: Arun Self Help Mela, the first of its kind, organized at Banquet Hall here Thursday by the tourism department in collaboration with the social welfare and rural development department during President Pratibha Devi Singh Patil’s visit, showcased the rich handicrafts and handloom heritage of the state and the entrepreneurial skills of the state’s women, reports DFR.

The president, accompanied by her husband Devi Singh Patil, visited the stalls of different self-help groups (SHG) from all over the state and interacted with the entrepreneurs. The items on display included galesys (wraparounds), jackets, cane and bamboo works, and household items.

Apart from established societies such as the Oja Welfare Society and the Ziro-based Arun Khur Udyog Cooperative, many newly-formed societies made an impact on the dignitaries as well as the other visitors. Some of the groups attracted visitors with their extraordinary skill and range of products. Lusakim women’s SHG showcased necklaces, necklaces and bead purses of various sizes and styles, while Rbolom SHG from Bilatin East Siang district attracted people with its ‘local Horicss’ and other traditional delicacies.

Patil, who along with the other dignitaries tasted some of the local delicacies, was impressed by the model of a traditional Apatani hut and the popular fish-culinary culture practiced successfully in the Ziro valley offlower Subansiri district.

The men, supervised by tourism secretary Bandana Deori, has effectively served its objective by bringing together women of all districts on a common platform to exhibit their talents in different crafts, the report adds.