

## President wins hearts of Arunachalee women

By Staff Reporter

ITANAGAR, Apr 02: President Pratibha Devisingh Patil proved today that she believes in action not words as she evinced keen interest in Arunachalee textiles, handicrafts, local beads and even tasted the indigenous cuisines prepared by various women self help groups (SHGs).

She visited the Banquet Hall here which was transformed into a local village, and the Arun Self Help Mela, thanks to the initiative of the tourism department and the city district administration.



Accompanied by Governor (Retd) JJ Singh, first lady Anupama Singh, and her husband Dr Devisingh Sekhawat, the president interacted with the local women entrepreneurs while tourism secretary Bandana Deori explained the uniqueness of each traditional item exhibited in the stalls.

Excitement was visible on the faces of Arunachalee women for the life time experience of interacting with the head of the nation, before she posed for a photo session (in pic) with the SHG members.

Tara Maya from Ganga village

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From P.1...was the happiest and luckiest one as the president held her hands lovingly, once again justifying her philosophy that women are important drivers of change and their traditional knowledge should be identified, documented, conserved and improved through SHGs to make a positive impact on the quality of the life of the people.

Earlier, the president, accompanied by the governor, visited the Jawaharlal Nehru state museum here and had a glimpse of the rich cultural heritage, arts and crafts of various tribes of the state displayed there.

She was accorded a warm welcome at the museum premises by cultural affairs commissioner YD Thongchi and research director Dr

Tagé Tada.

It may be mentioned here that as part of tradition, Patil and Sekhawat today planted flower saplings in the Raj Bhavan lawn today. Governor Singh, first lady Anupama Singh and Finance Minister Kalikho Pul were present during the ceremony, reports PRO to governor. (with DIPRO inputs)



President and her husband planting saplings of *Brunfelsia pauciflora* in the lawn of Raj Bhavan Thursday in presence of governor, first lady, Finance Minister Kolikho Pul and others