Patil gets to know life of a tribal woman

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The President of India Pratibha Devi Singh Patil today inaugurated the ARUN self-help melas at the state Banquet Hall which has been transformed into a rural getup.

The event is being organized by the government in partnership with NABARD, SiI & ESROMI Foundation (SGO resource partner).

The state Tourism department created the event to display their economic activities and care works, agro-processory, forest based activities, systematize the data of various research species of herbs, making food items with local vegetation like bamboo shoots, products, pickle, mushroom, health supplements made from locally available food materials, agriculture and horticulture.

They further have ventured into creating awareness and mobilizing women for economic empowerment and creating social awakening in health, hygiene, child protection, environment protection, empowering women through training, spreading awareness on eco-conservation and eco-tourism.

The initiative of the state Tourism department, the traditional Patan house and other villages have been brought together to showcase the entire gamut of culture of Arunachal Pradesh.

In keeping with the state government's microfinance policies, this is the first IG Jhola Mela.

The moving spirit behind this Mela is the team led by secretary (Tourism) Vankana Deori, who has been able to create an awareness of the tribal Apatani village through Ziro valley charly mission society of Lhaspa village.

Other members of the team are Anni Singh, state microfinance coordinator, Ranjani Singh, DC (capital), T. Pertin, director, Social Welfare and B. D. Doite, deputy director, Rural Development.

Ethnic touch.

Over 25 self-help groups and NGOs have been brought under one umbrella to showcase their pioneering efforts at economic sustainable development through the Arun self-help melas which will be open to the public on April 3-4.

The President of India visited the various traditional huts examining the traditional costumes, ornaments, handcraft products and other local products displayed by the successful SHGs run by women entrepreneurs from all corners of the state.

For the event, Patil visited several households and the live demonstration of traditional activities in the life of women. At the entrance, daily village scene and the hard work of the tribal women of Papun Pare and Lower Subansir districts was demonstrated by Arun Kutir Udヴうg Co-operative Society, Ziro and Abhina Welfare Society, Sagale.

The ambition of all of the Apatanis was captured by the President besides the traditional food courts offering Patil the taste of local delicacies of the state.

There was live demonstration of Adi woman weaving a galia, a Monpa weaving the famous traditional Monpa bag, a Nyishiwak making bamboo handicrafts and an Apatani couple displaying their activity.

These women led SHGs and NGOs have taken up activities like knitting, design making, pottery, carpet making, production of traditional items and tools, carpentry items, wood carving, doll making, livestock management, sustainable livelihood, chalk making, handles and handcrafts, sanitation.