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Muskan Welfare Society to starts Food Processing Unit

Muskan Welfare Society (MWS), a voluntary ladies organisation, based in Raj Bhavan, Itanagar is going to start a Food Processing Unit in the Raj Bhavan Complex, just outside the main compound on 25th June 2016.

Mrs. Rita Rajkhowa, Chairperson of Muskan Welfare Society (MWS) and its members have felt for sometime the urgency of setting up a Fruit Processing Unit in Itanagar which will help the housewives to preserve fruits and to make different types of juice, jam, jelly, pickles etc. At the same time, training could be given to the needy persons, unemployed women and youth in particular who want to learn or who can start their business if they want.

Arunachal Pradesh has abundance of fruits such as Orange, Kiwi, Litchi, Strawberry, Apple, Pineapple, Starfruit etc. So here as Mrs. Rajkhowa stated, in every town or block there should be at least one Food Processing Centre. For want of that people have to send the fruits outside the State and that too at a cheap price or otherwise those become rotten or spoiled.

Secretary of Muskan Welfare society (MWS) Ar. Kobby Zirido Bagra informed that the vision and zeal of the Chairperson to start this unit was unparallel from the very beginning. Encouraged by her, Muskan is going to start this Processing Unit and also organizing a three-day training programme on Fruit Processing from 25th June 2016. About 30 participants comprising of housewives, working ladies, representatives of Women Helpline and members of Muskan Welfare Society are going to avail training under the guidance of an expert trainer Shri Gajen Kalita.

It is worth mentioning that, at the initiative of the First Lady of the State, the Advisor Horticulture, Government of Assam, Shri Timothy Das Hanse organised free training including boarding and lodging at Guwahati for the master trainers from Arunachal Pradesh.

In days to come, the Secretary added that MWS plans to hold trainings and workshops in this centre to women SHG's to assist them to achieve economical empowerment.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa has given his kind consent to inaugurate the centre.

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