

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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Press Communiqué

First Lady of the State interacts with SUPW teacher in-charges

Continuing her effort to preserve and promote the traditional practice of loom weaving amongst the youth of the State, the First Lady of Arunachal Pradesh Smt Neelam Misra interacted with the teacher in-charges of Socially Useful Productive Work (SUPW) of various schools, at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 29th June 2022.

The First Lady of the State said that by including loom weaving in SUPW projects, the traditional loom weaving will be revived. The young girls will be motivated towards this traditional practice, inherited from their forbearers, which they are tending to forget. The loom weaving has always helped in the economic empowerment of womenfolk in Arunachal Pradesh, she said.

The First Lady of the State appealed to the teachers to instill a spirit of curiosity in their students and encourage them to learn about traditional weaving. She said that it should not be confined to only weaving but open the door to the science of fabrics, dye, mechanism of weaving and its improvement. The teachers will prove to be the catalyst in making loom weaving from 'Local to Global', she said.

A former Science teacher herself, the First Lady of the State said that she is aware of the challenges as a teacher but as a guide, philosopher and friend of the students, they have to find innovative ways, so that the age-old tradition of Arunachal Pradesh is not extinct in the technological rush.

In order to make the learning of the loom weaving easy, the First Lady of the State demonstrated a mini loom model to the SUPW teachers, which the First Lady of the State had made herself.

Sharing her experience of learning weaving, the First Lady of the State said that this tradition must be passed on to our youths and in turn to the coming generation. The youth of the day must connect with their roots and know about it, she emphasized.

Later, the First Lady of the State distributed yarn to the teachers and they were shown a documentary on Loom Weaving of Arunachal Pradesh, conceptualized by the First Lady of the State.

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