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First Lady of the State inaugurates Skill Development Training programme

In an effort to promote women empowerment and spirit of self-reliance amongst womenfolk, the First Lady of Arunachal Pradesh Smt Anagha Parnaik inaugurated a 2-month certificate course in tailoring for marginalized women at Oju Welfare Centre, Naharlagun on 10th November 2023. 60 (sixty) beneficiaries including widows, single mother, housewives, unemployed girls and including inmates of Shakti Sadan are availing the training, conducted by Oju Welfare Association (OWA), and supported by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Itanagar Branch, where in SIDBI have provided 30 sewing machines.

Speaking on the occasion, the First Lady of the State commended OWA and SIDBI, Itanagar for the programme, which she said will make marginalized women and unemployed girls self-reliant and Atma Nirbhar to sustain their livelihood. Oju Welfare Association's sincere efforts will contribute towards Atma Nirbhar Bharat, she said.

The First Lady of the State said that the upliftment of financially marginalized women is not just a matter of social justice; it is a pathway to stronger economies, healthier communities, and a more equitable world. It is our collective responsibility to create an environment where women of all backgrounds have the opportunity to thrive financially. By working together, we can unlock the untapped potential of these women and build a brighter, more prosperous future for all, she said.

The First Lady of the State underscored the importance of making womenfolk financially independent and earn a respected position in the society. She said that when women have the means to support themselves and their families, the overall economic well-being of a community improves.

Chairperson, OWA, Smt Ratan Anya, informed that the Skill Training in 'Cutting and Tailoring programme' is a Social initiative of OWA and supported by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Itanagar branch, who provided 30 sewing machines. She said that OWA has a target of 60 beneficiaries per batch, for two months, i.e. 6 batches a year and 360 beneficiaries per Annum and 1800 in the next 5 years. The beneficiaries were identified through students from the Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University, who are currently undergoing internship at OWA. OWA will try to link them to various welfare schemes and programs such as MUDRA, PM Vishwakarma scheme etc. wherein they can avail loan and start their business, Anya said.

Shri Albert L Gangte, Branch Manager, SIDBI, Itanagar branch and Shri Hibu Tato, Accountant, SIDBI were present along with members of OWA on the occasion.