

Patil gets to know life of a tribal woman

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The President of India Pratibha Devisingh Patil today inaugurated the ARUN self help mela at the state Banquet Hall which has been transformed into a rural getup with

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boo and cane works, agro-forestry, forest based activities, systematize the data of various rare species of herbs, making food items with local taste like bamboo-shoot products, pickles, mushroom, health supplements made from locally available food materials, floriculture and horticulture.

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

At the initiative of the state Tourism department, the traditional Apatani house and other smaller huts have been built to showcase the entire gamut of culture of Arunachal Pradesh. In keeping with the state government's micro finance vision policy, this is the first SHG Mela.

The moving spirit behind this Mela is the team led by secretary (Tourism) Vandana Deori, who has been able to create the ambience of a typical Apatani village through Ziro valley charity mission society of Lempia village. Other members of the team are Amit Singla, state micro finance coordinator, Padmini Singla, DC (capital), T Pertin, director, Social Welfare and B Doye, deputy director, Rural Development.



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Over 25 self help groups and NGOs have been brought under one umbrella to showcase their pioneering efforts of economic sustainable development through the Arun self help mela 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, handicraft products and other local products displayed by the successful SHGs run by women entrepreneurs from all corners of the state.

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Patil experienced first hand the live demonstration of traditional activities in the life of women. At the entrance, daily village scene and lives of the tribal women of Papum Pare and Lower Subansiri districts was demonstrated by Arun Kutir Udyog Co-operative society, Ziro and Abo Hina Welfare Society, Sagalee.

The ambience of paddy and fish culture of the Apatanis was also created for the President besides the traditional food courts offering Patil the taste of local delicacies of the state.

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