

WSRC set up to work for women welfare



By Staff Reporter
RONO HILLS, Sep 05: The Women's Studies Research Centre (WSRC) should formulate effective strategies to deal with women issues in Arunachal Pradesh, said state's first lady Anupama Singh after inaugurating the

Centre at the Rajiv Gandhi University campus here today.

She emphasized on promoting documentation on women issues and taking up gender sensitization programmes and serious academic research through

the centre.

Studies dealing with domestic violence, mental health and distress and traditional women healers with special reference to local context could be important and interesting areas, she said and

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She said that one's endeavor should be to provide the much needed alternative perspectives on the context of education, health care and financial empowerment of women.

Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Mahila Shakti Abhiyan chairperson Jarjum Ete appreciated the setting up of the WSRC and hoped it would work for the greater cause of the women. She also highlighted the role played by the Arunachal Pradesh State women's

Commission (APSCW) since its inception adding that various issues regarding

The WSRC will carve a niche for itself by achieving its objectives, said RGU Vice Chancellor Prof K C Belliappa, who expressed his displeasure at the sanction of Rs 5 lakh only by the University Grants Commission for the centre.

Earlier, WSRC director Dr Sucheta Sen Chaudhuri informed that the centre aimed at developing and understanding women issues and working for their empowerment, assisting students and research scholars in incorporating gender related inputs in their research, under-

standing teaching programmes in women's studies at different levels and creating awareness on gender and women's issues in the university and the neighboring communities.

The RGU can play an important role for the benefit of the tribal women of the region, she said and added that the WSRC intends to collaborate with the APSCW to take up research oriented programmes which could influence policy decisions.

Director General of Police Vimla Mehra also addressed the gathering, which included RGU faculty members and students.