

37th Foundation day of APWWS celebrated

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Org asks for State Human Rights Commission

ITANAGAR, Oct 12: Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) has celebrated its 37th Foundation Day with participation of delegates from all over the state at Banquet Hall here on Monday last.

Attending the celebration as Govt representative, Parliamentary Secretary, education cum Govt spokesperson Felix Bamang assured to address the grievances raised by the Society regarding uplift of women and children in the state.

In her address APSCW Chairperson Mitali Tingkhatra said that equal treatment of both women must start from respective home to achieve gender equality. She further emphasized on education of girl child.

APWWS President, Gumri Ringu gave a brief background of the organization and its numerous achievements as well as challenges.

Former Women Commission chairperson Jarjum Ete also spoke on the occasion.

Delegations from Changlang district have shared its problems while dealing with drug peddlers in the district as well as threats from underground organizations operating in the district.

APWWS has also sought the support and intervention by respective district administration to further intensify the movement against opium and drugs menace.

Earlier, APWWS Secretary General Samnem Ngemu Lego submitted a six-point memorandum to the state Govt on behalf of the society with emphasis on setting up of State Human Rights and Child Rights Commissions as well as establishment of drug de-addiction centres.

Although Govt agencies are trying its best to protect and deliver justice, but crime against women and children are on the rise in the state, the memorandum said adding to ensure basic human rights establishment of Human Rights Commission is a must.

Informing that currently the State Women's Commission is looking after the functioning of the Commission for Child Rights, the memorandum also called on

the Govt to ensure separate and independent State Commission for Protection of Chief Rights.

Codification of customary practices with modification, wherever applicable for the welfare of children and women is another long pending demand of the organization.

The Society has further called on the state Govt to establish opium and drug de-addiction Centres in affected districts. The APWWS branches in Changlang, Namsai, Lohit, Siang Valley, Londging and Anjaw have been working for years to stop opium cultivation and peddling of drugs and establishment of de-addiction centre will address the issue in right perspective, the memorandum read.

While demanding the recognition of women achievers by the State Govt, it further called for women cell in all the district headquarters as well logistic support for proper functioning of these cells.

To mark the day, a legal awareness programme on customary law and practices was also organized as part of the celebration with Member Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh State Legal Service Authorities Budi Habung as the resource person.

The APWWS Website (www.apwws1979.org) was also launched on the day.

Among others, Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commissioner Nanom Jamoh also attended the celebration.

It is also informed that a new team of the Women Society will be led by Dipti Bengia Toko and Kani Nada Maling.

The Aalo unit of Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society, celebrated its 37th foundation day at Yomcha on October 10 with a call to womenfolk to take active part in the women's movements in the district.

ADC Rujum Raksap, ZPM Yiyom Yomcha and Anchal Chairperson Kajar Gamlin, who attended the function, hailed APWWS for relentlessly working for the cause of women.

Aalo unit of APWWS president Marbom Bagra, President Mothers' Vision Jumde Gamlin and host of women activists from Aalo spoke on the significance of the day.

Women representatives from Tirbin, Yomcha, Liromoba and Aalo took part in the celebration.

Earlier in the morning, a procession and tree plantation programme was also organized at Yomcha as part of the celebration. DIPRO