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- 1. On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010, President Smti. G. Ringu after taking over the charge of new team of APWWS, visited Dumporijo, for its first ever foundation Day. She was accompanied by smti Dipti Bengia Tako (treasurer), Smti Yapi Kulo, Advisor and Ms Rakpi Ete, Convenor.In the meeting Mrs Kulo, highlighted about the formation of APWWS(CEC) and Mrs Bengia, narrated about the Bye-Law and function of Organization and Mrs Ringu,spoke about the crime against women. The meeting was attended by ADC, Shri G.Ete, EAC Dumporijo, CO and Shri Pakde Ulli ZPM was also present.
- 2. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010,a workshop on customary Law and Practices organized by New-Net Network an NGO of North- East was attended by Smti Samnem Ngemu, Secy General APWWS. Customary Practices in context of Arunachal was discussed in detail with inputs from Member Secy APSCW Smti Mamta Riba. APWWS agreed for extending any kind of corporation in different districts for awareness on customary practices.
- 3. The Legal Services Day on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2010 was attended by President and Secy General (CEC) at banquet hall, which was organized by A.P. State Legal Services Authority. Many important topics like implications of Law Schools, Role of Dept of Social Welfare and child Development on child labor and judicial delinquency, role of lawyer, state jails, and Women Commission's role in attaining Social justice for women in the State were deliberated.
- 4. The Apwws nominated 2(two) members to attend a week long training on 'Women Empowerment' at Administrative Training Institute ,Govt. of A.P.w.e.f.23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Nov,2011.
- 5. President, Smti G. Ringu attended the two-day consultation meet of Planning Commission Govt. of India at Guwahati on 5<sup>th</sup> july2011.Smti Ringu, and highlighted the issue of women in the state and appeal the visiting team to allocate more funds for effective implementations of all acts esp. Protection of women from Domestic violence Acts 2005, prohibition of child marriage act 2006etc, besides inclusion of women activists in the process of planning and decision making of govt.
- 6. On 27<sup>th</sup> march 2011, President smti G. Ringu along with smti Dipti **B**engia Tako (Treasurer) attended the General Body meeting of Doimukh Nyem welfare society as a Chief guest and Guest of Honour .In the meeting they highlighted about various provisions of law enacted for empowerment of women and children.
- 7. A case of domestic violence because of extra-marital affairs by one shri Teli Purno and Ms Yami Bagbi was settled by President Smti Ringu and Treasurer Smti Deepti Bengia on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011.
- 8. On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011 a mass peace protest rally on Daporijo MMS scandal organized by AITF was attended by President and other executive members. President APWWS was also one of the appointed speakers of the day and a signed memorandum was also submitted to Secy to Governor for immediate and urgent action, Members from other NGO's like AAPSU, HRLN, ACR, and journalists Association joined the rally.
- 9. On March 25<sup>th</sup> 2011 an Adhoc Committee was formed by APSCW to make a field visit and submit report on the Infamous Daporijo MMS case, where two teenagers were allegedly forced into immoral acts and later made MMS by an ASI Shri Boham Bo and Daporijo Police Station. Smti G. Ringu was appointed as one of the member.
- 10. Smti G. Ringu President APWWS s appointed as one of the Chairperson by APSCW to look into the case of assault of smti Tana Yami a lady officer (HDO) by another govt. officer Shri Chi Chung Chuku.

- 11. The President APWWS Smti Ringu, was invited by Rajiv Gandhi University, to attend a meeting on Search Committee constituted for appointment of Vice-Chancellor, RGU on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011.Representaives of various political parties also were present. During the interaction with the high power committee, the President APWWS suggested for choosing the right person having good moral character, understanding the sentiment of tribal culture/people, and senior most professor in RGU having the required qualification to fulfill the post.
- 12. The State Mental Health Authority Govt of A.P. invited President APWWS(Who is also one of the member) in its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011.Smti Ringu, suggested that the SMHA should be provided with enough budget so that it can immediately start its functioning, since many mental patient like shri Heri chaagh, shri Bagang Tarung are loitering without any support and help either from family nor from the govt. Hence, Govt must revived the functioning of SMHA and many mental patient may be given the right treatment.
- 13. The hundredth year of International Women's Day was observed by Apwws in a grand way at Oju Mission Complex Naharlagun on 8<sup>th</sup> march 2011.A theme on Protection from Domestic Violence and Prohibition of Child Marriage was deliberated in detail. The day was celebrated in collaboration with APSCW, Dept of SW&CD and APSSWB.
- 14. The allotted land of APWWS at Chimpu was encroached by some youths and after numerous complaints and agitation by the members, ultimately govt. settled the case on 19<sup>th</sup> august 2011.The Society's allotted land of 2.68acres is intact and construction of boundary wall has been started.
- 15. On 8<sup>th</sup> march 2012, the APWWS (CEC) while keeping in the UN theme of Empowering of rural Women conducted ,the International Women's day at Kheel village under Toru circle sagalee,in collaboration with AP State Commission for women,AP State Social Advisory Board and Dept.of Social Welfare& WCD.Cheif guest and Guest of Honour Smti Gumri Ringu and Smti Radhelu Chai while greeting the womenfolk on this day, also reminded them of status on women in the state with reference to the kind cases handled by the Commission and informed the various legal provisions available. Resource person Advocate Nabam Rigam highlighted about Domestic Violence Act, child Marriage Prohibition Act etc, while another resource person Miss Toko Meena,Phed Scholar from JNU emphasized on girl child education. There was handicraft display by self-help groups of the area and colorful traditional dance were also presented. The Program was attended by villagers, Panchayat leaders and district administration.
- 16. In continuation of the IWD celebration the APWWS (CEC) team in collaboration with DD(ICDS) Office Yupia visited various orphanage within the capital complex. tables items like biscuits, fruits, milk etc was distributed at Mothers Charity Home and copies, rations and other stationeries items was distributed at Arunachal Orphanage Home Polo Colony. The child marriage victims at Oju Mission were also council led and basic necessities like toiletries and sanitary napkins were distributed.
- 17. The concerned shown by senior member and others on the ownership/management of Mahila Imdad Bhawan,the CEC decided to become facilitator on the said issue and accordingly a circular was issued to Management Committee of MIB on 3<sup>rd</sup> April'12 ,however due to non response another reminder was sent after a lapse of one month.
- 18. A peaceful protest march was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> july '12 with fourteen other sister organization of capital complex to register our concerned on the fatal attack on Ms Tongam Rina, Publicity Secy. APWWS and also a prominent and senior journalist of Arunachal Times. A memorandum was submitted to His Excelllency, The Governor, demanding for CBI inquiry on Rina's case and also to take urgent steps to check crime rate against women and children.
- 19. The APWWS in collaboration with APSCW visited the rape victim at Gumto, where police personnel were involved. Due to active persuasion of Commission and APWWS the culprit was arrested and is now at police custody.

- 20. The International Women day on 8<sup>th</sup> march 2013 was celebrated by APWWS in befitting manner at Mahila Imdad Bhawan premises. Chief Guest of the program was Smti Marina Nido, Chairperson AP Sate Social welfare Board, and Guest of Honor Smti R.T.Riba, Director, Women and child Development Dept.Many senior members of APWWS and officers and staff of W&CD,Social Welfare Board along with women from within the capital complex attended the meeting.
- 21. The Secy.General APWWS visited the first ever women police station at Itanagar, along with with the team of A.P.State women Com.team headed by Chairperson Smti Gumri Ringu,on 27<sup>th</sup> june 2013.Threadbare discussion with Police team was held and the visiting team appreciated and hail their dedication towards curbing various kinds of crime like busting of sex racket under the pretext of beauty business. The team also visited District jail at July and shocked to find many underage juvenile locked in jail. Immediate action was recommended to the jail authority to produce them before juvenile board and child welfare committee. Through press release various constrain of functioning of all women police station and opening of juvenile homes in capital complex was highlighted by the team.
- 22. The ITBP (Indian Tibetans Border police) and other paramilitary forces of the state of A.P. has formed a Sexual harassment cell in their offices as per guidelines of the Govt.of india. The APWWS Secretary General (CEC) is also one of the designate members of the said grievances cell.
- 23. The Legal Service Authority organized a one day seminar on 31<sup>st</sup> Aug'13 at Hotel Riverview, Nahalagun on the topic "Awareness on legal activities for women". Astt Secy General Smti N.B.Doye along with Naharlagun Branch members attended the program as one of the invitees.
- 24. Taken aback by press report of child molestation case, at one of the private school in Likabali, the Secy General smti Samnem Ngemu Lego and Executive member Smti Dipti Bengia Tako accompanied the AP State Women Commission team on 29<sup>th</sup> of Aug'13 to take stock of the incident. After detail interaction with the victims, parents, police, SDO and the accused teachers, the team made a combine report and submitted to the Govt.
- 25. APWWS members Smti Takio Yano and Tassar Mira accompanied APSCW to Kurung Kumey Dist for legal awareness camp on Domestic Violence, Child Marriage and Bonded Labour Act.
- 26. On 26<sup>th</sup> sept"13 a interactive meeting with two experts from National Child Protection Commission New Delhi was done at Hotel Chandni, Naharlagun. President Smti G. Ringu, Secy. Smti S. Ngemu Lego and Branch Secy. Smti. Radhilu Chai attended the meeting. APWWS express its concerns over increasing of child sexual harassment in the state and requested the team to immediately establish a branch in the state.
- 27. Under the President ship of Smti. Gumri Ringu, our sisters from different districts formed APWWS branches and district based women organizations sought affiliation from APWWS. New branches are: Ziro, Dumporijo, Miao, Seijosa, Baririjo, and Raga. Affiliation given to Yingkiong women welfare society, all Taliha Paying Women Welfare Society.
- 28. As per our Executive body meeting, for the purpose of making functional of the APWWS activities, and also a mandatory rule for renewal of the registration of the Society, we have taken a bigger room of Mahila Imdad Bhawan. We have also purchase 56(Fifty six) nos. of plastic chair and 1( one) no. office table. Besides, the Durga puja pandal Committee has been kind enough to donate 10(ten)nos. of plastic chair and 1(one)office table. This will be an asset for the society.
- 29. Smti Dipti Begia Tako, was appointed as one of the members of enquiry committee, to the RGU PhD scholar molestation case by one of the faculty Prof.

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## REPORT ON LEGAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON 10<sup>th</sup> OCT.2012 TO COMMEMORATE 33<sup>rd</sup> FOUNDATION DAY OF APWWS.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day of APWWS was celebrated in a grand way at Mahila Imdad Bhawan, Naharlagun.To commemorate the day a theme "Know women friendly laws "was taken up to bring awareness on different laws enacted by govt.to protect and give justice to womenfolk's. President Smti Gumri Ringu while congratulating all the women who rendered their selfless service to the organization, welcome the distinguish guests and senior members of APWWS to the program.

Smti Radhelu Chai Techi, Vice-Chaiperson A.P. State Commission for Women gave a detail insight into various laws like, Sexual Harassment in workplace, Protection of Women against Domestic violence Act, Prevention of Child Marriage Act etc. Smti C.T. Lombi Asst. Jailer, Central Jail while speaking about the nature of crime prevalent in our society, appealed to all mothers and sisters to be aware of various laws also suggested for guiding and giving good moral discipline to their children's. Smti Nabam Sekap, former health coordinator shared her knowledge on maternal health and hygiene.

The annual report for 2011-12 was read out by Secy. General Smti Samnem Ngemu Lego. Former executive members like Smti Yagi.Doni,Smti Yade Riba attended the programme, while ex-Director SWWCD Smti D.C. Mihu Malo spoke about her association to Mahila Imdad Society and APWWS. ZPM of Borum, Smti Taro Modi, also spoke about the benefit of being associated with APWWS and giving the credit and realizing her true capacity to the Society. Besides smti Tadar Yadir, chief Advisor of APWWS, smti Yapi Kulo ,Member APSCW, spoke during the day long program.

The day long program also witness beautiful cultural presentation from various cultural troupes like Nyedar Namlo, Ita, Gekar self-help group, Ringu Nigir group, Hiri Maro and Ringu Mama. The Foundation Day function cum legal awareness day was sponsored by AP State Commission Women.

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## REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013

The Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) in collaboration with A.P.Sate Social Welfare Board and Dept.of Women and Child Dev.celebrated International Women Day at Mahila Imdad Bhawan, Naharlagun. President Smti Gumri Ringu, who is also the Chairperson of A.P.State commission for Women in her keynote address on the theme, "A Promise is a promise: End violence against Women," said that gender momentum in context of State and the nation as whole is gaining rapidly, but she questioned whether the crime rate against women is decreasing? She said it is a day to renew our pledge to stop any kind of discrimination upon the weaker section of the society. APWWS was the only organization in the state who has identified the gender disparity in the state and started its movement for women's rights three decade ago.

Marina Nido, chairperson APSWB, called upon every women based organization to come under one banner and fight for justice and empowerment of women as a whole. She highlighted the activities undertaken by department and various welfare schemes initiated under her chairmanship.

Smti R.T.Riba, Director women and Child Development informed the gathering that very soon the dept. is going to activate State Resource Centre for women under the National Mission for empowerment of Women, besides she also highlighted various acts implemented by the dept. to safeguard the rights of women and children.

State coordinator, women Power Connect and also secretary of Panchayati Raj Smti Jaya Joram,in her address said that to eliminate gender disparity, more women leaders should participate in the decision making process. she informed the gathering that for the first time in Lower subansiri District a women Head goan Buri has been appointed, who is also an active member of APWWS yachuli branch. And special appreciation is also extended to ADC of Ziro,Shri Yowa Tapu for his active initiation ,support towards womenfolk's.

Jarjum Ete, pioneer of APWWS and social activist highlighted different forms of violence against women. She also expressed her concerns over practice of female foeticide in tribal societies though very less in number.

The day long programmed was chaired by Secretary General (APWWS) and attended by members of State Women Commission, Joint Director(W&CD), Member Secy (APSWB) with offficals, Doimukh Nyem Acham, ABK Papum Pare women wings, Karsingsa Women self help group, Tagin Welfare Society, Dilyang Dibu, Anu Ami Soceity, naharlagun Market welfare Committee, Executive members of Itanagar and nahrlagun branch etc. Cultural presentation and extempore speech on women issues were some of the activities organized to mark the day.

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