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International Women's Day celebrated in Shillong

Shillong, March 08, 2024: Joining the global celebration of International Women's Day, Social Welfare Department Government of Meghalaya in collaboration with State Hub for Empowerment of Women and Meghalaya State Rural Livelihoods Society celebrated the International Women's day at State Convention Centre, Shillong.

On this day the Social Welfare Department government of Meghalaya felicitated the Women achievers from different fields, sharing testimonies, and advancing empowerment initiatives.

Addressing the gathering Cabinet Minister Dr. M Ampareen Lyngdoh said today is a day for celebration because we are now at the juncture as women, we have received necessary attention, it's no longer in such a critical situation when we talk about assigning attention to women's needs, we have achieved that. We are indebted to all the policy makers, indebted to all the international agencies that have continuously fought for our rights.



“We need to celebrate together, women in their homes, the girl child celebrates this important day because today the government across India is in line with the International Theme,” She added. Lyngdoh further said the Government of Meghalaya has allotted a highest budget ever for gender Rs 5271 crore, we most recalled and give credit to the entire predecessor who have worked hard.

She also said we have to make sure that we allow women to participate in various empowerment programs of livelihood; we believed that if we strengthen our livelihood as the mother we will strengthen our family, through the state rural livelihood society large amounts of funding will be dedicated to women and women oriented livelihood investment programs.

“The Government is going to invest 18% from the 5 thousand plus crore for health care for women,” she added. Lyngdoh further said the state of Meghalaya had indicated that SHG is predominantly women oriented and it is this SHG which is investing adequately and correctly.

The event witnessed the presence of Dr. M Ampareen Lyngdoh, Health Minister, and Smt. Santa Mary Shylla, Chairperson of Handicraft and Handloom, Shri Pravin Bakshi, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary Social Welfare Department and other dignitaries.

On this special day outstanding women achievers, including Smt. Nambi Jessica Marak (culinary), Smt. Kmoine Wahlang and Smt. Bonifilia Shullai (sports), Smt. Sidalin Marbaniang (innovation), Smt. Ratna Rai, and Smt. Pdiangngewbha Pohti (SHG), received well-deserved recognition.



In a significant move towards skill development, sewing machines are distributed to the Superintendent of Training for Women in Need of Care & Protection, Social Welfare Department.

