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Celebration of North East Festival, as a part of AzadiKaAmritMahotsav with theme "Role of Women in development of North East". Jointly Organised by Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission and Department of Social Welfare and Social Education under the aegis of Ministry of DoNER, Govt. of India.

A regional programme under the North East Festival as part of AzadiKaAmritMohatsav (AKAM) was held on the theme of Role of Women in development of North East in through our the State of Tripura on 1st May, 2022. A week long programme being celebrated by all North Eastern (NE) States started at Guwahati since 28th of April, 2022. The State level pogramme for Tripura held at RabindraSatabarshikiBhawan at Agartala on 1st May, 2022 and jointly organised by the Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission (TRLM), R.D department and department of Social Welfare and Social Education (SW & SE) Govt. of Tripura under the aegis of the Ministry of DoNER and North Eastern Council, Government of India.

In today's programme women achievers and different officials have participated from all the North Eastern States popularly known as Astalaxmies. The programme was inaugurated by the dignitaries of different departments of Govt. of India and Tripura namely Smt Pratima Bhowmik, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, Shri Jishnu Dev Varma Hon'ble Deputy CM, Govt. of Tripura, Smt Santana Chakma Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Social Education, Govt. of Tripura, Air Marshal. Anjan Kumar Gogoi, Hon'ble Member NEC, Sri Jitendra Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Tripura, Shri A. Roy Secretary of Planning and Coordination Department, Govt. of Tripura, Smt. Antara Sarkar Deb, Zila Sabhadipati West Tripura, Shri. Debapriya Bardhan DM & Collector West Tripura, and Smt. Barnali Goswami Chairperson of Tripura Commission for Women.

The programme mainly focused on recognition of women who have significantly contributed in socio-economic development of North East India. A total of 19 (nineteen) women achiever from North Eastern states have been awarded including Tripura namely Smt. Sanjukta Dutta, costume designer, Assam, Barnali Sarma Bourha, Agri Entrepreneur, Assam, Neera Moni Sarma, designer and trainer, Assam, Smt. Prinity Saioo, Social Entrepreneur Meghalaya, Sister Judipih Shadap, Social Worker, Smt. Pronilla M. Sangma, Agriculturist Meghalaya, Smt. Gosal Lallawmzuali, Social Worker Mizoram, Smt. R. Vanrammawii, Social Worker, Mizoram, Smt. Lalremsiami, sport personal, Mizoram, Smt. Neithonuo T. Liegise Social Worker Nagaland, Smt. Vilvi Sheqi, Entrepreneur and Social worker, Nagaland, Smt. Salikez Ngully, Social Worker, Nagaland, Miss Nirupa Sanjenbam, Agri Entrepreneur, Manipur, Leishangthem Tonhoingambi Devi, Actress, Soibam Bindeshori Chanu, Karate Practinoer, Smt. Kairai Mog Choudhury, Writer, Tripura, Miss Ashmita Paul, Gymnastic, Smt. Priyanka Bhowmik, SHG member, and Smt.

pisiluSinpho, Social Arunachal Pradesh. One achiever from each of the states has also shared their encouraging journey, how they are contributing and making impact on the society which was enlightening and encouraging for other women of the country.

Besides, around 56 (fifty six) women have given award of appreciation for their significant contribution for overall development of State and Society. Apart from this Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission has also uncovered a book containing 50 success stories of rural women Self Help Group members, who are contributing towards building the rural economy of the State and improved their economic condition.

While sharing all the dignitaries have highlighted and acclaimed the women reservation policy adopted by the Government of Tripura, which provides for 33% women reservation in all State Govt. and outsourced manpower, in future vacancies, reservation for women as per gender ratio in all higher educational institutions, 3% interest subvention for girl students getting admitted to institutes of National importance, 50% of earmarking of funds for women entrepreneurs in the Venture Capital Fund of State Govt., To encourage women start-ups through collateral free loans, a super-specialty 100 bedded Mother and Child unit would be setup in the Agartala Government Medical College etc.

The North East Festival has also been organised and celebrated across the state by the community level organisations like SHG Village Organisations (VO), Cluster Level Federations (CLF), Blocks, Districts by organising events on women and child development, entrepreneurship development especially with the Jana Bhagadari of women farmer and entrepreneur.
