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GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
NAGALAND, KOHIMA

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, 2025-26**Department of Women Resource Development****INTRODUCTION**

With the mandate to “Strive towards economic empowerment of women in Nagaland”, the Government of Nagaland created the Department of Women Resource Development during 2003 to implement the following broad outline of activities:

- Awareness Generation and Capacity Building
- Training & Skill Upgradation
- Promotion of Rural & Urban Entrepreneurship
- Livelihood Support Intervention
- Marketing – Training, Support & Linkages
- Any other women-centric socio-economic development & upliftment activities

In line with the Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality, the Department has been carrying out multiple initiatives to improve the socio-economic status of women as well as provide support services to mainstream and balance the gender divide, uplift women, and facilitate their self-dependency.

To implement district level programmes and activities, the Department has formed a unique partnership with apex women bodies in all districts and sub-divisions. Leveraging their connections to villages through their village-level units, this partnership enables effective grassroots implementation. Following the Department's bifurcation from the erstwhile Department of Social Security & Welfare in 2006, partnership with the women organizations was formed, which are now referred as Partner NGOs.

The mandate of the Department to empower women is founded on the principle of upliftment through the promotion and propagation of entrepreneurship and businesses for individual women as well as skill development and up-gradation for women cultivators, artisans, and artistes with market tie-ups. This approach aims to enhance income and livelihoods, ultimately leading to improved socio-economic status in the society.

The following programmes and activities are being implemented by the Department:

1. Transformative Livelihood Intervention (TLI) Project:
2. Myki Activities
3. Multi Training Centre, Kohima & Dimapur
4. Integrated Development-cum-Resource Centre (IDRC), Dimapur
5. District Resource & Development Programmes
6. Events (including MykiFest)

ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING 2025-26

The following programmes/activities were implemented during 2025-26

1. TRANSFORMATIVE LIVELIHOOD INTERVENTION (TLI) PROJECT

The TLI Project remains the core activity of the Department wherein a variety of livelihood activities as well as skill development & skill-upgradation programmes are taken up under various components of the Project. During 2025-26, various livelihoods activities for upliftment of a diverse category of women, both from rural and urban areas, were taken up under the Project.

In the last financial year 2024-25, a number of programmes were implemented under the Project, viz the Apparels & Accessories Production Programme, the Food Processing & Resource Centre, the Turmeric Processing Programme, and the Resource Development Programme for Women.

During 2025-26, recognizing the efforts of the Department to promote and support production activities of women, the State Government has allocated an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakh to continue promoting these activities under a new programme titled **Myki Activities**. As such, during this fiscal year, the Apparels & Accessories Production Programme and the Food Processing Programme were brought under Myki Activities for implementation while the Resource Development Programme for Women (RDPW) and Turmeric Processing Programme were continued under the TLI Project.

A. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN

This programme has been designed to reach out to women from all walks of life including communities of farmers/cultivators as well as to assist and promote individual women or women groups take up a variety of sustainable livelihood activities, including women entrepreneurship.

During 2025-26, the following activities were taken up under the RDPW:

- a. Continuation of ongoing activities viz, Local Potato Cultivation at Viswema, Mezoma and Kiruphema, and Soya bean Cultivation at Shoixe Village.
- b. Assistance to Women Entrepreneurs for Business Start-Ups and existing enterprises.
- c. Other sustainable livelihood activities for urban and rural poor individual women.

Under this Programme, a total of 250 women farmers/ entrepreneurs were covered during 2025-26.

B. TURMERIC PROCESSING PROGRAMME

During 2025-26, as part of the empowerment process for women, the Department could able to tie up with women group/societies who were given the responsibility to run and manage the Turmeric Processing Centre.

Consequent upon approval accorded by Finance Department towards the end of the financial year, 2024-25 and the subsequent MOU between the Department and the women SHG signed on 28th March, 2025, funds were made available for this activity.

Accordingly, existing machineries and equipment have been relocated to the selected society/SHG's land and handholding were also provided by the Department.

2. MYKI ACTIVITIES

During 2025-26, recognizing the efforts of the Department to promote and support production activities of women, the State Government has allocated an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakh to continue promoting activities under a new programme titled **Myki Activities**.

Myki: In the various Naga tribal dialects, Myki is a 'word' that embodies a dual meaning for "women" and "home". This inspired the Department to initiate a transformative program to empower women in Nagaland to rise above gender issues and forge their own paths. Through Myki initiatives, women gain access to sustainable livelihoods, education, and economic opportunities, unlocking their potential to drive positive change.

The term Myki was coined to cover various activities of women under various projects and programmes of the department, including the Transformative Livelihood Intervention (TLI) Project, the Integrated Cluster Development Programme (now discontinued), the Textile & Weaving Promotion Project (now discontinued) etc. The Department continues to churn out various products under different existing projects and programmes under the brand name of Myki which has gained immense popularity both within and outside the State.

During 2025-26, under the Myki Activities, the following programmes were implemented.

A. APPARELS & ACCESSORIES PRODUCTION PROGRAMME:

This Programme is a major component of the TLI Project wherein a large number of production activities are outsourced to skilled unemployed women to enable a regular source of income for them while also upgrading their skills. The final touches, labeling and packaging are done by the project employees and the ready products are being made available in a number of stores, including the Myki Store at Bayavü Colony, Kohima and Dimapur. Short duration skill development and skill upgradation training programmes on production of both apparels and accessories are being undertaken in batch-wise manner.

For the year 2025-26, production activity continued with inclusion of more skilled unemployed women on pay-per-production basis. Short duration courses on skill development/ upgradation on production of both apparels and accessories were upscaled and continued in batch wise manner.

Launching of seasonal collection, showcasing latest apparels & accessories designs infused with Naga traditional touch and symbols, blending modern style with rich cultural heritage and exploring new markets and establish partnership with suppliers to source raw materials and accessories shall also be initiated.

B. FOOD PROCESSING & RESOURCE CENTRE:

The Centre, based at Department's land premises at Meriema processes a select number of food products, the raw materials of which are sourced locally through women farmers and SHGs. While some of the products are semi-processed by the farmers themselves through sun-drying, quality control and final processing are being done at the Centre with the use of osmo-dehydrators and other value addition processes. Quality packaging materials are being used to ensure that there are no leakages and the finished products are made available in the market under the Myki Nagaland brand. The existing products have already been registered under FSSAI. Short duration training programmes for women in food processing are being imparted from time to time.

During 2025-26, funds were utilized for promoting women who are already engaged with various processed food products under Myki Nagaland brand. Funds were also kept aside for conducting various training on food processing, supplementing & augmentation of machineries, producers interactive exchange programmes and maintenance of the Centre.

D. THE MYKI VILLAGE ADOPTION INITIATIVE

This programme was launched during 2024-25 under TLI Project with an initiative to adopt a particular village to take up specific women centric sustainable livelihood activities, as 'One Village, One Product' by emulating Government Policy of One Product One District. Khonoma Village was selected for promotion of Local Garlic Cultivation

During 2025-26, under this initiative, the Department continued handholding beneficiaries of Khonoma village for promotion of local garlic cultivation.

E. THE MYKI AWARD

The Myki Award was instituted during 2018-19 to honour successful women groups/ individuals/women achievers in the fields of Entrepreneurship, Social Service, Arts, etc.

For 2025-26, preparation is underway to recognize more such women and groups during the International Women's Day Celebration to be held on 8th March 2026

F. MYKI STORES:

To promote marketing of products produced and manufactured under the various Myki activities, the Department has set up one Myki Store each at Kohima and Dimapur.

During 2025-26, Funds were utilized for relocation and re-setting up of the Myki Store at Dimapur and for maintenance of both the Stores at Kohima and Dimapur.

G. DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

To enable wide coverage of Myki Activities, the Department kept aside provisions to enable advertising and promotional events, leveraging on social and electronic media, targeted campaigns etc.

A study tours outside the State (Chaing Mai & Bangkok, Thailand) was conducted from 27th January 2026 to 5th February 2026 by Four Officials of the Department of Women Resource Development to build up the capacities of Department personnel which would enable more innovations and development of newer ideas and plans to further upgrade Myki activities.

3. MULTI TRAINING CENTRE, KOHIMA & DIMAPUR

The Department provides skill development trainings at the Multi Training Centres presently located in Meriema (Kohima) and Purana Bazaar (Dimapur). During 2025-26, the Centres provided training on the following:

Sl.No.	Activity	Beneficiaries
1	8 months training on Cutting & Tailoring (both Kohima & Dimapur)	29
2	8 months training on Knitting (both Kohima & Dimapur)	5
3	3 months training on Hairstyling (Kohima only)	8
4	3 months training on Baking & Confectionery (Kohima only)	12
5	One week training on Embroidery (Dimapur)	30
6	Training on Soft Skills	214
	Total	290

4. INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT-CUM-RESOURCE CENTRE

The IDRC, located in Purana Bazaar, Dimapur has been providing skill trainings in various trade, leveraging partnership with established entrepreneurs and societies.

During 2025-26, the Department could able to trained 30 women beneficiaries on “Artificial Flower making using organza fabric & yarn”.

5. DISTRICT RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES:

The Department implements various livelihood programmes across the districts of Nagaland. In collaboration with North East Network (NEN), activities are being implemented at the Women Resource Centre (WRC) in Phek since 2021 and with Watsü Mungdang at the WRC in Mokokchung since 2023-24.

During 2025-26, the following activities were implemented:

Centre	Activity	Beneficiaries
WRC Chozuba, Phek	- 40 weavers trained on Skill-Upgradation, Product & Design Development - 25 weavers trained on Value Addition	65

WRC Mokokchung	Upskilling Training on Weaving (Traditional Loin Loom)	7
	Total	72

6. EVENTS (INCLUDING MYKIFEST)

The Department engages in a wide range of activities beyond organizing its premier festival, MykiFest. Every year, the Department participates in various events, either directly through active involvement or indirectly through sponsoring the events of other women groups.

The Department also takes part in national and state-level events, and organizes events such as International Women's Day and events in other districts which hold relevance to the department.

During 2024-25, MykiFest was organized coinciding with the 25th Edition of Hornbill Festival at Hortiscap in Kisama from 1st – 10th December 2024.

7. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Internship:

The Department facilitated internship opportunities to students and research scholars from time to time. During 2025-26, a total of 34 Students availed internship from the Department. Students from St. Joseph's University, Chumukedima, Kohima College Kohima, Mt Olive College Kohima and St Joseph's College Jakhama availed internship from the Department during the current year.

8. GRANT IN AID TO NGOS

The Department provides financial assistance to NGOs and SHGs that are genuinely working towards the socio-economic empowerment of women. GIA is also provided to the Department's Partner NGOs at the District and Sub-Divisional levels for supervising and monitoring departmental activities at the grassroots level.

9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DESTITUTE WOMEN

The Department provides financial support to destitute women, who are widowed, unmarried, or abandoned and are between 35 and 60 years old. Each beneficiary receives a total of Rs 2400/- (@Rs 200/- per month). Notably, aligning with government policy, all the 4165 beneficiaries have linked their bank accounts for Direct Beneficiary Transfer through the Nagaland State Cooperative Bank Ltd and various commercial banks.