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IIFL Foundation, Ministry of Defence launch Home Stay Training for 160 Youth in Arunachal Pradesh

IIFL Group's CSR arm - **IIFL Foundation**, the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** under the **Ministry of Defence** and **REACHA**, supported by Lohitpur Brigade and Dao Division have launched the first home stay training program for youth in Arunachal Pradesh. The program aims to transform the lives of underprivileged youth and contribute to regional prosperity.

The home stay training program was launched on September 11 at Indira Gandhi Government College (IGGC) in Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh. Over the next 12 months, 160 Tezu youth will receive comprehensive training in home stay hospitality, equipping them for the thriving tourism industry. This program emphasizes technical skills as well as essential soft skills such as communication, grooming and computer proficiency.

The home stay program was inaugurated in presence of General Officer Commanding 2 Mountain Division Lt. General M.S Bains, Mrs. Madhu Jain, Director of IIFL Foundation, Brigadier Dr. P.M Bali, Dr. Kangki Megu, Principal, IGGC Tezu, Local District Administration and Mr. Nikhil Pant, CEO, REACHA. Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, MP Shri Tapir Gao and others conveyed their wishes through video messages.

Mrs Madhu Jain, Director, IIFL Foundation said, "IIFL Foundation has been focusing on frontier regions of India and aspirational districts in partnership with the Ministry of Defence and government authorities



to provide job-oriented training opportunities to local youth. This will help create a sustainable economic growth oriented tourism culture in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. We are thankful for all the support.”

This is IIFL Foundation’s second such project after setting up successful hospitality and retail training centres in Kupwara district in Kashmir which has already provided jobs to local youth in reputed hotels and retail chains. Indian Army and government officials from center and state appreciated IIFL Foundations initiatives in these regions, where infrastructure and economic developments are a part of government’s agenda.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs in May 2023 had called for balanced CSR spending, particularly in the Northeast. Organizations like NCC, THSC, the District Commissioner's Office and Ministry of Development of North East Region (MDoNER) support this initiative.

This project is aligned with Prime Minister Modi's vision for Northeast development. IIFL Foundation with REACHA and NCC's support is taking a vital step in this direction. Collaboration is central to MDoNER's focus, setting an example for regional development. This initiative promises positive change, nurturing youth potential and creating a brighter future for Tezu and Arunachal Pradesh.

IIFL Foundation is well-known for its successful interventions in the areas of education, health, poverty alleviation and climate action among others. Through its various initiatives the foundation reaches over 10 lac beneficiaries.

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