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Library cum resource centre aims to bring development

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IMPHAL, Jun 22: With the initiative taken by AK Mirabai, the chairperson of the Manipur State Women's Development Corporation Ltd, and people of Manipur to bring development in the state through education and various activities of women, the Tubileima Rural Public Library and Resource Centre was today inaugurated by Carol Ann Erickson, the executive director of READ Global, USA this morning at Taobungkhok.

Attending the inaugural function as guest of honour, Carol maintained that setting up a library in the modern world is very much important as it will help many children to explore the world through studying books and also by collecting several information and knowledge.

She was glad that the public library was set up in the state with the help and support of the public and said now that the library had been inaugurated the

people could fully utilize it.

She further noted that people need to give feedback whether the library is serving the need of the people or not, and whether the public of the state is getting the benefits and training from the centre.

Without the help and support of the public it would be impossible to run a library which is set up in the rural area of the state. Therefore, the commitment of the communities in the place is vital to operate the library, she said.

The inaugural function was attended by various personalities of Manipur as well as those from outside the state, mainly women. Okram Landhoni, state MLA of Khangabok Assembly constituency, M (O) Ranisana, the chairperson of Imphal Municipal Council, RK Bidita, the chairperson of the Manipur State Social Welfare Board, Geeta Malhotra, country director, READ India, Thinley Choden, READ Bhutan, Nahid Jubair Barbuviya,

member of READ India and S Sharat Sharma, director of social welfare graced the function as chief guest, president and guests of honour respectively.

Addressing the function, O Landhoni expressed her deep concern over the need for education in the state which would help develop a state like Manipur which has been facing various forms of problems. She also said that at present development in the state is in the stage of advancement and with more effort and hard work it is sure that the state will progress in the coming years.

Setting up a library like this in the state is very late. We should have done this a long time before, she said. It will not only help the people of Manipur but also give tremendous help to the children who are unable to study. It will also help in the future since it will raise the curiosity and interest for studying among the children, she said.

She appealed to the

people of the state to fully utilize the said library and function with proper.

AK Mirabai, who played a big role in setting up the public library in Taobungkhok area maintained that TRPL and RC were established in the year 2008 but it was only inaugurated today with the agreement given by Carol Ann Erickson the Director of READ, Global USA and Geeta Malhotra, country director READ India.

The library which will provide all kinds of books for students starting from Nursery to till Master (MA) and the library is divided into four sections for children, library section, information section and audio and visual section which will provide various forms of facilities like all kinds of books, internet facilities, audio and visual books and electronics equipments, transport facilities and many more.

She further maintained such kind of libraries would help the students who are

in need of various books which are not available in the market. It will be run free of cost and anyone can come and read the books, she added. She also said she believes that both social and economic development will come through proper education.

Therefore, she appealed to the public of the state to use the library and get the enough satisfaction of it to serve the people of Manipur by collecting all forms of information and knowledge through the library. And with the co operation and support as well as commitment from the people she felt that the library will surely function properly.

A six month vocational training on embroidery and tailoring was also inaugurated organized by Manipur State Women's Development Corporation and sponsored by National Backward Classes and Finance Development Corporation, New Delhi at the same place this morning.