

International Women's Day 'AVA-2021' Celebrated in Annapurna Finance



On the occasion of International Women's Day, Annapurna Finance Pvt Ltd paid tribute to all its women employees for their continuous effort and hard work during the COVID-19 war. "AVA: Celebrating the Women Leadership" was an event organized by the company in association with People's Forum and Atulya Karigari, to commemorate all the women leaders holding positions from different backgrounds. AVA brought a group of successful individuals in front of the employees of Annapurna for idea sharing, comprehensive discussion of a topic related to women.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Ms. Ruma Dey - Chief General Manager of State Bank of India, Ms. Arundhati Debi, a renowned social activist, Managing Director Mr. Gobinda Chandra Pattanaik, Director Mr. Dibyajyoti Pattanaik, and Chief Finance Officer Mr. Satyajit Das. By delivering inspirational speeches, the esteemed guests motivated the acts of courage and determination by ordinary women, who have played an extraordinary role in the history of our organization.

Two Open House Discussions were conducted on the topic of "Changing Females and Challenging Gender Stereotypes" and "Women and Mental Health". In this discussion, the guest speakers were Ms. Smrutisree Singh, MasterChef India finalist, silver screen actress Ms. Divyadisha Mohant, Professor Dr. Sarada Prasanna Swain (Director-MHI), and Dr. Pallabi Sahu (Asst. Professor of SCB Medical College).

The last session included cultural events such as Odissi, contemporary, and other dance forms performed by the employees of the organization. The session had a fashion show competition called 'Fashion Talent Hunt 2021' organized by Atulya Karigari in association with KIIT School of Fashion Technology, National Institute of Fashion Technology, and Inter National Institute of Fashion Design.

Annapurna Finance Raised \$31mn Equity from Nuveen



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Annapurna Finance raised USD 31 million as primary equity from Nuveen Global Impact, which will allow the MFI to expand its microfinance portfolio by extending micro-credits to women members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) along with re-engineering and digitising business processes to better serve its clients. Unitus Capital has been the sole advisor throughout the fund-raising process.

Gobinda Chandra Pattnaik, Managing Director at Annapurna Finance Private Limited, said, "We are delighted to have received financial backing from a leading global investor like Nuveen. Over the last decade we have dedicated our efforts to support rural entrepreneurs with their financial needs and we are proud to have helped so many individuals across India. Nuveen's expertise and funding will help us meet our expansion plans and we look forward to working with them to develop our climate initiatives."



Financial Highlights



Rs. 4,684.3 Cr
GLP



1.8 Mn
Clients



877
Branches



18
States



7324
Staffs

MSME In-Focus

GLP

Rs. 572 CR

Clients

22570

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118

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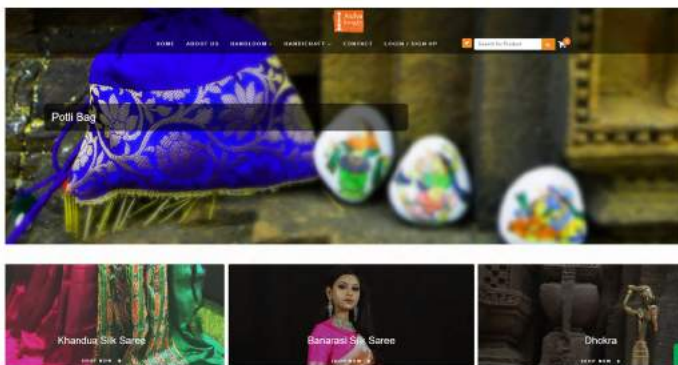
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Utkal Dibasa was celebrated on the 1st of April to cherish the memories of being recognized as an independent state after a long struggle. Annapurna Finance also took the opportunity to share some of the beautiful memories from the past and conducted an "Open House Quiz" for the employees to participate. The quiz program was an innovative approach by the organization, which helped its employees to learn about different aspects and history related to Odisha. The knowledge-sharing platform was the highlight of the day. Moreover, the entire day was full of enthusiasm and joy, which lastly ended with traditional Odia sweet distributions among all the employees.

Atulya Karigari Launches Website



Atulya Karigari's website was launched on the occasion of Rama Navami by the Director of Annapurna Finance, Mr. Dibyajyoti Pattanaik. The launch took place through a virtual session. The event grabbed the attention of the employees working at every nook and corner of the country. During the launch he explained how Atulya Karigari serves the welfare of the local artisans by promoting their premium art products, handloom products, and handicrafts. With the hope of expanding this venture in the coming days with the support of Annapurna Finance's employees and customers, the discussion ended with a small virtual tour showcasing the website's structure and product portfolio.

Visit www.atulyakarigari.com for more details.

AFPL Received GPTW Certificate

Annapurna Finance received the 'Great Place To Work' certificate. The entire Annapurna family tries to work towards the mission and vision of the company which has translated into where it currently stands today. During the first wave of COVID-19 pandemic, Annapurna Finance has gone beyond its limits to provide a sense of security to all its employees. The 'Great Place To Work' certification is a reflection of how the employees at Annapurna Finance feel about the company. Annapurna is ranked 29th in India's great place to work.



The minacious fear of Covid-19's second wave is struck in the hearts of every citizen today. The war has brought humongous challenges for our clients as well who are staying in the rural parts of the country. Families are losing their loved ones' life in this fight, which resulted in huge misery and heartbreak. We, at Annapurna, are striving to remain accessible and in touch with all our employees and their families through various means for providing emotional and financial support.

We cannot get back what is lost now. But, as our sincere duty to care about the families of our deceased employees, Annapurna introduced Saathi Suraksha Yojana. Starting from educational expenses for the children to full month salary to the dependents, mediclaim policy to term insurance, employment to the dependent to old-age pension, virtual meetings to workshops, we are committed to providing these benefits for the long run.



Yaas Cyclone Relief for Affected Clients



The relatively strong and very damaging tropical cyclone, Yaas that made landfall in Odisha, has brought significant impacts to most of the places where our clients live. The cyclonic storm lashed coastal areas and the ferocious wind and rain damages homes, bringing intensive waves that swamped villages. As the storm approached, people were evacuated, but they lost their homes, animal shelters, and a lot more. To help the needy during these tough times, Annapurna provided relief services to the affected clients by serving them in-time foods, clothes, and other necessary items to cope up with the situation going around.

Doctor on Call facility for AFPL Family

'Doctor on Call' is Annapurna Finance's initiative to provide a facility of medical consultation to all its employees. This initiative ensures that all the employees get access to the best doctors. Since the consultation is through a conference call or video call, employees who are working in the remote areas are also able to access it. The procedure is also very smooth and is facilitated by the HR team of Annapurna Finance. The team actively follows-up on the calls made and helps them out with any query.

This initiative not only provides medical consultation but also assures that we all are together in this pandemic.

