

# Recognising an individual's rural development efforts in Nagaland

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New Delhi, Dec 21 (PTI) There was a time when the village hero was the one who brought an enemy's chopped head home; a fun activity was to shoot and kill any fauna that moved, and fruits were grown only to be distributed for free.

From those days of tribal pastimes, a part of eastern Nagaland has come a long way with villagers harvesting bumper bounties from fruit orchards, thanks to a pioneering programme by a local youth who returned home, spurning a career in the US.

Sethrichem Sangtam (40) was honoured on Tuesday with the first Rohini Nayyar Prize for an outstanding contribution to rural development by an individual of 40 years or under in age.

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