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**PRESS RELEASE**

**It is the social responsibility of every citizen to assist the differently abled children to be independent and integrate themselves to the main stream: First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Mishra**

The First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Mishra graced the 'World Day for the Disabled' celebration at Donyi Polo Mission School for the Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu, Itanagar on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017.

Speaking on the First Lady of the State said that every member of the society must contribute to help the differently abled children to integrate themselves to the main stream. The children of special need deserve respect, not pity and equality and not dependence. It is the social responsibility of all to assist these children to be independent, she emphasised while assuring that she will remain connected with the school.

The First Lady of the State felicitated the managing committee of Donyi Polo Mission and teachers and staff of Donyi Polo Mission School for the Hearing and Visually Impaired, Chimpu for the commendable and dedicated service towards the wellbeing of the special children. She also appreciated those who had morally or financially helped the school.

Shri Yumlam Kaha, Director, Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Swami Vishweshananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar and Chairman, Donyi Polo Mission Shri Gegong Apang, Former Chief Minister also spoke on the special occasion. Shri Kaha highlighted on the proposed enhanced reservation for the disabled people in employment avenues, while Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Hospital assured to continue the free healthcare service to the inmates of the school.

Shri Apang informed that the Donyi Polo Mission proposes to upgrade the school to Higher Secondary standard and also to start a school for mentally challenged children. He appealed for support from the people and State Government for the projects.

A colourful cultural programme, including a fashion show of traditional attires by the differently abled children and violin presentation led by Shri Pill Jamja, a self taught young musician and the lone violinist in the State, who provide free music classes to students of the school, were preset on the occasion.

The First Lady of the State gave away prizes to the best students in various competitions and fields during the function. She also distributed gifts from Raj Bhavan to the children of the school.

Earlier, the First Lady of the State visited the school campus and interacted with the visually and hearing impaired children. In her maiden visit to the campus, she also visited the Waste Paper Recycling Plant of the school, where the staffs demonstrated the process of preparing paper bags, writing pads, writing papers, carry bags and cards etc. from waste papers. Sharing her experience, she suggested some finer points to make the product more marketable.

Later, the First Lady of the State met the all-girl team from the school for the ensuing 'Seven a Side Siang Cup' football tournament at Oyan, East Siang District and wished them her best wishes.

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