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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor, First Lady of the State visit Oju Welfare Association Centre**

**Oju Welfare Association Centre is a great philanthropic institution: Governor**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) visited Oju Welfare Association Centre (OWA), in Naharlagun on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The Governor accompanied by the First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra and Commissioner, Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Shri Gamli Padu, IAS toured the entire centre complex and visited the Children Home for the children rescued from child labour and child abuse etc., Shishu Greh for 0 to 6 yrs aged children, Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA), Swadhar Greh (Short Stay Home) for women in difficult circumstances, Swadhar Greh ( Shelter for survivors of Domestic Violence, Child Marriage and Forced marriage), Arunachal Women Helpline '181' Centre, sponsored by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India and Free Legal Aid Clinic. They also visited the Handloom Training cum Production Centre, Dress Making Unit (Tailoring Section), Loin Loom weaving Craft Centre, Vocational Training Centre,(Dress Making Training Centre and Beauty and Health care), Handloom Emporium of Oju Craft Centre and the founder Chairperson Padmashri Awardee Lt. Binny Yanga memorial museum.

The Governor and First Lady of the State interacted with the inmates of the Centre.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that Oju Welfare Association Centre is a great philanthropic institution which is admirably living up to its motto, 'Service to humanity'. He lauded the effort of OWA and said that inspite of the limitation of resources, OWA is discharging its responsibilities commendably for the better future of the inmates, which include, special children.

Appreciating the positive living pattern of the inmates, the Governor advised them to move ahead in life with the same spirit, imbibe skill and capability and to become self supporting as also to contribute to the societal progress. He urged the women inmates, who endured domestic violence, abandonment and other forms of brutality to try to shed their past and live in hope and harmony with themselves.

The Governor appealed to the officials and the staff of OWA to work with revered dedication for the best welfare of the inmates. He suggested Yoga programme and open sessions for emotional relaxation and spiritual activities for the inmates.

The Governor mentioned that he would approach the State and the Union Governments for the necessary support to the institute and its inmates for their better management.

Earlier, Smt Ratan Anya, Oju Welfare Association Chairperson briefed the Governor and the First Lady of the State about the services provided by OWA and its challenges. Highlighting resource scarcity, she submitted a four pointed memorandum on the occasion. Shri Pankaj Deori, Director, Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Naharlagun also spoke on the occasion.

The inmates of the Centre presented a goodwill gesture cultural programme on the occasion. Tiny tots from Children's Home presented nursery rhymes and patriotic songs and dances and the inmates of Swadhar Greh presented a traditional dance, depicting the ethos of different tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.

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