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First Lady visits the Mother's Home

The First Lady of the State Smt Rita Rajkhowa visited the Mother's Home, Lekhi Village, Nirjuli, 15 kms from Itanagar on 14th May 2016. Accompanied by members of Muskan Welfare Society, she interacted with the inmates of the Old Age and Destitute Children Home. She also visited the dormitories and took firsthand account of the home in her maiden visit to centre.

The First Lady appreciated the Smti Tailyang Shanti, who heads the Mother's Home and other volunteers for their humanitarian work. She exhorted them to continue their benevolent service to society.

Smti Tailyang Shanti briefed the First Lady of the State on the details of the destitutes refuge. She informed that there are eleven physically and mentally challenged inmates at present, who are from Tirap, Kurung Kumey, West Siang and East Siang Districts including some whose details are not known. Established in 2012, the Home is run totally on public contribution. sadly the APL (Above Poverty Line) rice provided to it has stopped. At present, two psychiatrists Dr. Tame Kena from RK Mission Hospital and Dr. Hanya Payee of Tomo Riba Memorial State Hospital visit the inmates regularly. The Home is extremely grateful to Rama Krishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar and the Department of Health, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for free treatment to the inmates and financial assistance respectively, she added.

Smti Shanti, who also runs the Mother's Home at Ziro under the aegis of Achukuru Welfare Society, Ziro, said that with little assistance from the State Government, she and her team can take care of all the destitute of the Itanagar Capital Complex.

With deep concern, they conveyed their apprehension on likelihood of being evicted from the building to the First Lady and requested for her personal intervention. They informed that eviction notice was issued to them in 2014, which they said was very disheartening and upsetting despite their yeomen service to the people of the State.

The inmates and the volunteers were very grateful to the First Lady and members of the MWS for their visits, who donated some ration items and clothing materials for the destitute home.

Later, the First Lady also visited the Government Women College, Lekhi which is adjacent to the Old Age Home. Former Principal of Govt Girls' Polytechnic, Guwahati, Assam, Smt Rajkhowa interacted with Principal Smt Aruna Gyati Lod and other members of faculty of the college. She also saw the classrooms and abreast herself of the challenges of the only Women College of the State. The First Lady appreciated that the State Government is encouraging women education.

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