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**PRESS RELEASE**

**INFC assures to take up various educational projects in Arunachal Pradesh**

The Indian National Fellowship Centre (INFC), Mumbai has assured its full support and will mentor the young people from North Eastern Region in general and Arunachal Pradesh in particular as their commitment and endeavours towards educational and economic empowerment of the people of Strategic Border States of the Nation. Apart from this INFC will also be taking up various projects to support schools in Arunachal Pradesh to strengthen education and related infrastructure. The INFC members conveyed their assurance in the interaction and cultural exchange programme of the ten-day Educational, Emotional and National Integration Home stay in Mumbai on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Indian National Fellowship Centre, which sponsored the Home stay on the advice of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland Shri PB Acharya, hopes that the Arunachalee Youth Group from Puroik Community would go back and work for the national integration, welfare and betterment of the State and community.

After a 9 day jam packed tour in the city of dreams - Mumbai the Puroik team was a given homely informal fun-filled farewell. Dance and emotional speeches ruled the evening. The evening was attended by members of Indian National Fellowship Centre, well-wishers who made the whole tour possible and students of Sathaye College. The students from Sathaye College presented local Maharashtrian Dances and a street play while the Puroik team mesmerised the audience with traditional Dances and a folk song. What left the hosts zapped was the Puroik team performing a short Marathi song inviting the monsoons. It was a surprise which they had planned as a treat for the hosts.

Many participants from the Puroik community expressed their gratitude for all the love they received in Mumbai. The hosts were also presented beautiful gifts which the team had brought along with them like gaale for the women, jacket and muffler for the women. The hosts loved the traditional weaves.

A guest, Ms. Zing from Manipur addressed the audience and shared her experiences about coming to Mumbai for the first time. She works in the management team of famous singer Kailash Kher. She urged the young people from both Mumbai and Arunachal Pradesh to work hard irrespective of their traditional backgrounds and be proud of being Indians. She said she was extremely privileged to be part of the evening and was very happy that such initiatives are being taken up which help young people to get exposed to the diversity which our country has to offer.

The visiting Puroik team said that they have mixed feelings of having to leave. They are happy to go back home but at the same time sad that they have to leave their hosts and the city. But like it's said 'all good things come to an end and nothing lasts forever.'

It may be mentioned here that Governor Acharya had conducted many home stays for the youths from Arunachal Pradesh since 1967. Many senior citizens like former Commissioner Shri TT Gamdik, Shri Pema Wanchen, former administrator Shri Sange Tsering Khampa and Shri Leki Phuntso and number of people availed benefits from those initiatives.



*(Sitting) Late Dr. D. Ering (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Shri PB Acharya, Founder General Secretary of 'My Home India (1<sup>st</sup> from left) in 1967 with young boys from Arunachal Pradesh stayed with local Maharashrian families in Mumbai for 5 to 10 years for the education under M.H.I. Also seen : Shri Tanya Gamdik, Late Kekep Modi, Shri Pema Wangchin, Late Bamin Lailang, Shri Tasaso Yun, Shri Nido Tama, Shri Leki Phuntso, Shri Norbo, Shri Talut Mize and Late Tanyo Basar from Arunachal Pradesh*

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