

Arunachal Front

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Differently-abled children move Darbar Hall

By Staff Reporter
ITANAGAR, Aug 12: *A man can be destroyed but he cannot be defeated. Man is not meant for defeat.* - Hemingway.
Showing sheer talent and ability, the differently-abled children of the state displayed various performances including singing, dancing and other activities amidst hundreds of spectators in a programme to showcase talents of differ-

ently-abled children and children in difficult circumstances organized by Muskan Welfare Society (MWS) at the Darbar Hall of the Raj Bhawan this evening.
Assuring to take initiative to uplift the condition of the children, Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu said everyone must come forward for their cause by supporting them.
He also informed that



there is 3% reservation in every department for the differently-abled people, and added that he would

ensure that the provision is properly implemented so that they would get jobs reserved for them in

every department.
Khandu further assured that the Donyi Polo School for the Speech and Hearing Impaired will get good road connectivity soon, saying he would personally visit the place along with the governor in a day or two to take the stock of the road's condition. He praised the state's women's commission for creating awareness about various issues related to women. *Contd. P.3*

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From P.1... The CM donated Rs 5 lakh to the MWS and Rs 3 lakh for the cause of the differently-abled people.
Governor JJ Singh said that the differently-abled children give everyone an inspiration to face the challenges of the life and go forward. They need support not pity or apathy, he said, and called for providing opportunities to prove themselves in various fields.
He also appealed to everyone to extend their support to them so that these children would live with dignity and pride.
MWS chairperson Anupama Singh briefed about the various activities taken up by the MWS and informed that many people including children have been benefited by the

society.
Earlier, a victim of child marriage, who is presently staying at the Oju Welfare short-stay home, shared her story with the people present in the hall. She revealed how she was sold off to an old man for money by her relatives, and appealed to the CM to take steps to stop child and forced marriages. She also informed that dozens of other girls who are victims of child marriage are staying at the short-stay home.
An impressive cultural programme was presented by the differently-abled children from Donyi Polo School for the Visually Impaired, Oju Welfare short-stay home and others.
Students of Don Bosco School made a presentation on indigenous

dressess, and a dance was performed by members of the Hombill Centre of Development.
The most heart-touching moment came during the songs presented by two differently-abled students of Manjushree Vidyapeeth, Tawang. The audience was moved to tears with songs such as *Meri dosti mera pyaar* and *Janam Janam ka saath hai nibhane ko* by Thupten Tsering and Rinchin Dorjee respectively.
Officers and delegates including Papum Pare deputy commissioner Nandini Paliwal, Capital DC Dr SB Deepak Kumar, Chief Secretary Tabom Bam, Finance Minister Setong Sena, DGP Kanwaljeet Deol, City SP Chuku Apa and parents and school children were also present at the function.