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First lady inaugurates a children park

Itanagar, October 5: State First Lady Anupama Singh inaugurated a children park at Raj Bhavan Complex today. The Governor Gen JJ Singh, Padmashri Mamang Dai, APSCW Chairperson Gumri Ringu, Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg, hosts of officers and officials from various departments, members of Muskan Welfare Society, large number of children from 'A', 'B' and 'P' sectors of Itanagar and their parents were present on the occasion, *reports PRO to Governor.*

Interacting with the children, the Governor said that its a dream come true for him as he always wanted to create such facilities for them. He congratulated the children and advised them to keep it clean and plastic free. He also appreciated the officials of various departments who had put in their effort in creating the park.

Reminding the people that the special occasion coincides with Wildlife Week celebration, General Singh said that Arunachal Pradesh is a gifted land with rich biodiversity. One of the global biodiversity hotspots, it is home to a fascinating array of wildlife. Arunachalees are guardians of this treasure and it is their responsibility especially of every children to protect it for posterity.

Showering his blessing for the children who took part in the cultural programme, the Governor made personal cash contributions towards the schools as an appreciation and encouragement.

Speaking on the occasion, State First Lady urged upon the children to enthusiastically utilize the facility and reminded them the importance of physical exercise for healthy body and mind. She also emphasized on maintaining the aesthetic beauty of the park. Giving a brief background of the park, Secretary to Governor said that it was a disused placed but with the unflinching support of the first couple and various departments the park has been created. He expressed his hope that it will be maintained and suggested planting of flowers during flowering seasons.

Speaking on behalf of the people residing around the park, Bapir Megu expressed gratitude to the First Couple, Secretary to Governor and forest department for creating of the useful facility. While assuring to take care of the park, keep it clean and to maintain it properly, Megu added that now children of the locality would not be found playing on the roads.

Adding festivity to the occasion, cultural programme along with games and sports activities were organized.

Miss Tritha Deb, a Class IV student of VKV, Itanagar presented a solo Indian classical dance while her school mates presented a group dance and a patriotic song. A tug of war and a musical chair were also part of the programme. Miss Aditi Singh and Miss Christina Tair were the winners of first and second prizes.

On the eve of the inaugural function, a painting competition was also conducted at the park. Master Sheshand Kumar, Master Depesh kumar Notiyal, Miss Reshma Rana, Miss Toyang Komut, Miss Mimum Modi and Master Aditiya Singh were winners in different categories of the competition.

Today the park has walking track, benches, hedge lines, water point, green turf, new slides and swings, paintings of flora and fauna and cartoon characters on the wall and has proper security fencing, lighting and drainage.

Earlier on the day, State First lady also inaugurated a gymnasium at Raj Bhavan, which has been christened as 'Mithun Gymnasium', named after the State Animal of Arunachal Pradesh.

On the day, the Governor Gen Singh also formally inaugurated the wooden cottage named a 'Hornbill Cottage' after the state bird Hornbill. The six-room prefabricated wooden cottage has 4 bedrooms and 2 living rooms on ground and first floor levels and a complete modular kitchen and modern washrooms. The Wooden Cottage is eco-friendly and energy efficient as the natural thermal insulation property of wood makes sure that wooden homes remain warm in winters and cool in summers. Wooden homes are healthier to live in as wood does not emit electromagnetic discharge, resulting in minimum dust. Wood also keeps the humidity and temperatures naturally regulated.

Situated on Hilltop, 'Hornbill Cottage' offers a magnificent view of the Rajbhavan, its beautiful Rose Garden and the surrounding mountains. It has already become an object of great curiosity among the visitors because of its unique construction and beauty, *adds the report.*