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First lady exhorts girl students to make a mark in life

Itanagar, April, 9: “We have to learn the importance of love, strong values, education and hard work, With these values, you can control your own destiny said the State’s First Lady, Mrs. Anupama Singh while addressing the girl students of Sakshi - Centre for Information, Education & Communication, Jasola Gaon, New Delhi recently, *reports PRO to Governor.*

Exhorting the girls to stand up for what they believe in, she advised them not to be trapped by dogmas, which, she pointed out, is living with the results of other people’s thinking. She asked the girls not to let the noise of others’ opinions drown out their own inner voice and to have the courage to follow their heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary, she said.

First Lady shared inspiring personal examples motivating the students to complete their studies. She also asked the girls to stay grounded and close to their cultures. She advised them to modernize but remain always rooted to the culture of love and respect. At the same time we must stand against some evil practices in the society, like dowry. If we do not, then who will do this for us, she emphasized.

Mrs. Singh also appealed to the parents and guardians to take care of the children stating that the children are our future and they depend entirely on the support and love they receive from us. Our children are vulnerable. And their needs and concerns require our particular attention. A former teacher herself, she also dwelt in length on the importance of the teaching community.

Sakshi girls and teachers presented an entertaining and informative performance including group songs on moral values and importance of Girls' Education. Sakshi President, Dr. Mridula Tandon spoke on the importance of a girl’s education noting that educated mothers were twice as likely to have a healthy child.

Chief Guest of the function, Mrs. Anupama Singh gave away prizes to the winners of the Sakshi Girls Education Project. As the President of Muskan Welfare Society at Itanagar, she has always been concerned about issues related to underprivileged women and children, *the report adds.*

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