



**ADDRESS  
OF  
SMT JYOTSNA SHARMA,  
FIRST LADY OF THE STATE  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

**ON THE OCCASION  
OF**

**INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF  
FREE EYE SCREENING CAMP**

**AT**

**ARUNACHAL STATE HOSPITAL,  
NAHARLAGUN**

**ON  
29 MARCH 2014**

I am indeed very happy to be here amongst you. We all have gathered here to promote a noble cause. 'Eye' as we all know is one of the most important organs of the human body. It enables us to see things, see this beautiful world. In the absence of eye-sight, we know it very well that life can be very challenging. But we need not despair and lose hope.

Conscious of this fact, 'Muskaan Welfare Society' and 'Shankar Nethralaya' have undertaken the initiative of eye care. The aim is to prevent and treat eye related diseases and also create awareness amongst the masses. The effort is in tandem and with the support of the state health department.

As you all know, since the inception in 2008, Muskaan Welfare Society has been taking up various initiatives with special focus on health care, woman and child development and environment. It has organized blood donation camps, State-wide breast cancer awareness camps and facilitated heart surgeries of children at National Heart Institute, New Delhi.

To preserve our rich flora and fauna, Muskaan Welfare Society conducted eco camps and cleanliness drives in the past. I am sure some of you must have participated in it.

It organized events for differently abled children and children under difficult circumstances to showcase their inborn talents.

This year, our society had organized a painting event in Central Jail, Jullang on 1<sup>st</sup> January. On the occasion of Republic Day celebration 2014, a painting competition was conducted at Raj Bhawan to promote creativity amongst school children.

In our endeavour towards better health for all, especially women, we plan to organize breast cancer and stomach cancer awareness camps in future.

Coming back to today's programme. I have gone around the camp and found great enthusiasm among the people and the medical staff. My compliments to the organizers, who have painstakingly worked on this project for quite a while to make it happen. We in Muskaan are quite encouraged by the response and greatly appreciate the support by Shankar Nethralaya and the state health department. But for their active participation, we would not have been able to organize this event.

My compliments also go to 'Team Muskaan' and all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

**Well done and keep it up!**

Many of you have worked hard for this. If by any chance I have missed out on a few names my apologies. Its certainly not because you are not appreciated – its just an oversight.

I am hopeful that this effort of ours will go on and Muskaan Welfare Society and its associates will continue to work hard for the good of the society. Starting with today's programme, this year our focus is mainly on health care. We need all your help, support and good wishes to fulfill our mission.

Thank you.

Jai Hind.