

Children's Day celebrated with fervour in city

By our Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, Nov 14: Like other parts of the country, the Children's Day has been celebrated with great zeal and vigour in the city on Monday. Apart from various schools in and around the city, many organizations such as Snehalaya, Maina Parijat, Parijat and Sishu Sarothi also organized Children's Day.

Addressing on the occasion, Governor of Assam JB Patnaik said, "There are many children who don't get the opportunity to read and write because they are poor. So we should strive towards removing poverty. Unless the poverty is removed, the problem of child labour will continue. Moreover, Gandhi and Nehru are the persons who symbolize peace so each and every child should follow their principles." In a bid to bring smiles on the faces of the underprivileged children, Cambridge

School organized Hope 2011. Speaking to The Sentinel, the principal of the school P Bhattacharjee said, "Everyone is not fortunate enough to acquire quality education. There are many children who can't afford to go and study in a good school. So, we took initiative to support other children by donating books, copies, clothes and money on this Children's Day," adding, "We have set up game and food stalls, all organized by the teachers and staff of the school. The profits earned from these will be given to the orphanages and children's home in and around the city."

Moreover, we have set up charity enclosure so that the visitors could come and donate old clothes, money and educational stationaries to extend their support for these children." While Sanskriti, the Gurukul school organized Confluence 2011 which means 'dedicated to life focused on

the folklore from across the world, where they also made special arrangements for the physically challenged children from Sishu Sarothi and Parijat Academy to showcase their talents. Moreover, they have also invited famous film actress Kiron Kher to encourage the children. Speaking to The Sentinel, Kiron Kher said, "First of all, I want to pay homage to Bhupen Hazarika. I met him when I was doing a film for him named Darmeyan. His demise is great loss not only for Assam but also for entire country." Giving message to the children on the eve of Children's Day, Kher said, "Besides studies, every child should play in order to keep oneself fit and fine. Moreover, every child doesn't get opportunity to acquire quality education and there are many physically challenged children. So in every school, preferences should be given to these children."