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Programme for children in need



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A group (/taxonomy/term/2415) of media students has teamed up with two leading non-governmental organizations working for street children in Guwahati in an effort “to create awareness, bring smiles and hope in the lives of street children in need of special care and protection in and around Guwahati.”

Six students of the Dept. of Mass Communication at Assam Don Bosco (/taxonomy/term/2412) University (ADBU (/taxonomy/term/268)) Azara campus are planning ‘Make Me Smile’ a media event in collaboration with Snehalaya (House of Love (/taxonomy/term/2389)) and Child Friendly Guwahati (CFG) on May (/taxonomy/term/1898) 7 (/taxonomy/term/1898).

“With this mega event consisting of street children’s mela, photography and short film competition, we hope to involve the civil society and create awareness to bring back smiles in the lives of children in need,” says Coordinator of the program Shyjan Job

“Our one step could facilitate the involvement of many hands which in turn could provide a better tomorrow for the children in difficult situations,” he added explaining the theme ‘Make Me Smile’ with the tagline ‘one step...many hands...a better tomorrow.’

As part of the ‘Make Me Smile’ event, the students are also conducting a regional photography and short film competition open to all on the theme of children in need.

“Each contestant can submit three digital photographs, and a short documentary film (maximum duration 5 minutes) on the theme ‘Make Me Smile,’” says competition head Sabin Sebastian.

Selected photographs will be displayed in an exhibition and documentary movies screened on Saturday 7th May, (/taxonomy/term/1961) 2016 (/taxonomy/term/1961) at Don Bosco (/taxonomy/term/2412) School, Panbazar. The best photographs and short films will be awarded cash prizes.

The media event is planned to mark 15th year of the foundation of Snehalaya, an institution which has been working for the cause of the children in need under the leadership of founder-director Salesian Fr C.T. Lukose.

Major highlight of the day would be an interactive session of Mr. Tarunabh Dutta, an acclaimed film director, and his team with the children in view of exploring the creative side of film making and uncovering their talents in professional art forms.

The children of Snehalaya and Child Friendly Guwahati will present a 'cultural fiesta' before a galaxy of eminent dignitaries and guests from all walks of life including Dr. Dhruva Jyoti Saikia, Vice Chancellor of Cotton College State University, Dr. Stephen Mavelly, Vice Chancellor of Assam Don Bosco [\(/taxonomy/term/2412\)](#) University, Archbishop John Moolachira, Doloi of Kamakhya Temple Shri Kabindra Prasad Sharma, Most honoured Imam Shahaab of Burah Jame Masjid, Ambari, Shreejeeva Das [\(/taxonomy/term/1926\)](#), President [\(/taxonomy/term/2432\)](#) of ISCKON North East [\(/taxonomy/term/2419\)](#), Eminent Assamese [\(/taxonomy/term/2159\)](#) actor Mr Kapil Bora [\(/taxonomy/term/1799\)](#), CMD of Prag News Mr Sanjeev Naraine, Mr C. Bora [\(/taxonomy/term/1799\)](#), Executive Director, AIR will be the eminent personalities gracing the occasion.

Besides them H.E Shri R.S Mooshahary (Ex. Governor [\(/taxonomy/term/2435\)](#) of Meghalaya [\(/taxonomy/term/2343\)](#)), Fr. CT Lukose, Founder of SNEHALAYA and Chairman, Child Welfare Committee, Kamrup (M), senior bureaucrats, members of the judiciary, resident commissioners of other North Eastern states, religious leaders [\(/taxonomy/term/2082\)](#), culture, child welfare [\(/taxonomy/term/2003\)](#) officers and activists, editors and journalists of various print and electronic media houses, principals and educators from different schools and colleges, eminent citizens and other noted personalities related with the field of child development will also honour the occasion with their esteemed presence.



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