

Discussion on Child-Friendly facet of Guwahati



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Snehalaya with the support of Guwahati Press Club has organized an interactive session on the issue of children's safety, comfortability and facilities available in Guwahati. The workshop titled Is Guwahati a Child-Friendly City to be held at the press club auditorium on February 28 (Saturday) at 11 am is likely to witness participation of nearly 50 eminent intellectuals, journalists, NGO functionaries, lawyers, doctors, educators with others.

The programme, to be moderated by D.N. Bezboruah, an eminent journalist of Northeast and the former chairman of Editors Guild of India, is expected to create greater awareness among the civil society and the policy makers about the problems of children in the region, and the also responsibility for all concerned to create a child-friendly atmosphere in the pre-historic city.

Mentionable that Snehalaya, an outreach programme of Don Bosco organization, had launched on January 1, 2001, the mission of making Guwahati (as well as the entire Northeast) a child -friendly place.

Fr. Lukose Cheruvale, the founder director of Snehalaya informed that they had opened five Snehalaya homes for homeless and destitute children in Guwahati. Further, it has a day-care centre at Chandmari, a

Children's Assistance booth at the Guwahati Railway Station and a Children's Assistance Centre at Adabari Bus Station. Snehalaya also gives psycho-social support to children in the government-run Children's Home and Observation Homes at Nagaon and Jorhat, added Fr. Lukose.

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