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Press Note

Young people must care for the elderly and respect them: Governor

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Uttarakhand's governor, Smt Margaret Alva said here today that the senior citizens should be looked after and respected by the younger generation so that they do not feel helpless and neglected.

Inaugurating the three-day exhibition of the paintings of well-known artiste Mnica Talukdar at the Rajbhawan Auditorium, the governor said that the exhibition would prove helpful in providing inspiration to senior citizens to engage in creative activity and live a healthy life. She said Mrs. Talukdar was an institution in herself and had made a unique contribution in the sphere of art for the last six decades.

The exhibition has been organized with the support of Helpage India.

The governor appreciated the work being done by helpage India which is helping two million elderly people every year, providing them with social security and shelter and making them aware of their rights.

She said that in Uttarakhand, Helpage India had several projects underway including a Toll-free helpline, an Ayush-based mobile medical unit and six physiotherapy centres. It had also set up a senior citizen federation.

Smt Alva said that the younger people in the family must respect their elders and benefit from their wisdom and experience.

She congratulated Helpage India for its work and presented the organization with a cheque of Rs.30, 000.

The governor distributed social responsibility awards to principals and students of 17 schools for their contribution to Helpage India's mass awareness programme for helping the senior citizens have a better life.

Among those present on the occasion were Helpage India's director, Ms.Anupama Dutta, Helpage India's Uttar Pradesh Head, Shri A.K.Singh and Helpage India's Uttarakhand state head, Dr.Apga Singh.
