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Press Note

## **"Educating girls can effectively address gender-bias" : Governor**

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Uttarakhand Governor, Smt Margaret Alva has stressed the importance of the role that educating girls can play in any strategy addressing gender-based discrimination against women and girls that is prevalent in almost all societies.

Speaking as chief guest at a function held by Him Jyoti School, Dehradun, at New Delhi recently, the governor said that the school was doing a wonderful job by building the personalities of brilliant girls who might have otherwise not been able to realize their potential. "Education plays a particularly important role as a foundation for girls' development to lead a useful life," said the governor.

She said that if more initiatives like Himjyoti were taken in the country, it would take care of and provide support to our girls."

"Many of the Himjyoti School's students hail from the remote areas of the hill state. The aim is to empower them and enable them to take their rightful place as women of substance who would contribute something useful to society," she said, adding that the school could be a source of inspiration for many to replicate in other parts of the country, making it a social movement.

Talking about the ballet "Ganga" presented by students, the governor said all of us needed to strengthen our resolve to save the Ganga which is not just a river but a civilization. "It is one of the most polluted rivers in the country today and also one of the ten most threatened river basins of the world. We are all responsible for this alarming situation. The quality of the Ganga's water is steadily worsening. Not only is the water unfit for drinking, but it is also considered harmful for agricultural purposes."

Founder of Himjyoti School and former governor of Uttarakhand, Shri Sudarshan Aggarwal, Shri K.N.Memani, Dr.Sitaram Jindal, and Swami Chidananda Saraswati Ji, guests, teachers and students were present on the occasion.

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