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**Press Release**

**Chandigarh, March 28:- Chandigarh Police and Youth United, an NGO today organized 'Smiling Future II- a cultural programme' for children with special needs. UT Finance Secretary, Mr. Sanjay Kumar was the chief guest on the occasion. The motive of the programme was to raise funds for providing assistance to these special children and also to bring them in the mainstream of life.**

**Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Kumar lauded the efforts of Youth United for bringing smiles on the faces of underprivileged children. He said that Administration is extending full support to bring these children in the mainstream and urged for public involvement in this noble cause. A Vocational Training Centre for the street children in Maloya has already been opened and another centre for mentally challenged children, with a capacity of 1000, is at advance stage, he added.**

**A large number of children were present during the programme and many of them participated in the programme. Children from various schools including Prayaas and Samarth mesmerized the audience by presenting colourful cultural programme. The main attraction of the programme was a play on female feticide by Hamari Kaksha and solo dance performance on 'Kajrare kajrare' by Richa from Samarth School. It was a real treat for the audience to watch these children performing at the stage.**