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**Press Release**

**Chandigarh, November 20:- The Social Welfare Department, Chandigarh Administration in association with NGOs and Construction Contractors of Chandigarh organized the Integrated Child Development Service Week (ICDS Week) from November 14. The concluding function of the week was celebrated today at Girdhari Construction, Dhanas, Chandigarh in the presence of President, Indian Council for Child Welfare, Mrs. Jean Rodrigues. She interacted with the children of the laborers working in the construction sites and distributed sweets and clothes to them.**

**A thorough health check up of the children in the city's construction sites was conducted and a report has been compiled for further correspondence. Girdhari Construction, Dhanas gave a cheque of Rs. 1 lac to the National Institute for Blind, on the occasion. During the week various activities were organized including cultural programme, Baby Show, races of Anganwadi Children, Quiz Competition for the mothers of the Anganwadi children in ICDS project.**

**The Director Social Welfare informed about the Partnership Initiative Programme under which 16 NGOs have joined hands with Chandigarh Administration and has decided to join 271 families of 16 construction sites in which 386 children are residing. The NGOs are organizing different activities for these children in these construction sites like distribution of toys, books and uniforms along with health check-up etc. In all 252 NGOs are involved under different welfare schemes. Out of these 46 NGOs are involved with the Social Welfare Department alone.**

**A cultural programme was also organized to mark the day by the inmates of Snehalaya and the children of National Institute for Blind. DPI (S), Mr. Sunil Bhatia, representatives of the Departments of Education & Health, representatives of NGOs and laborers & children living in construction sites were present during the concluding function.**