

PECUC's 30th Sisu Mela: Week Long Children Festival Inaugurated

Bhubaneswar: Children must dream to become successful during early stage of their life and to fulfill the dream they should devote their effort in this direction. All parents, guardians and teachers should come forward to encourage their children in achieving their goal, told by eminent dignitaries while addressing to the Inaugural Ceremony of 30th year Sisu Mela (Children festival week) of People's Cultural Centre (PECUC), a leading socio-cultural organization at Bhubaneswar.

On Thursday evening, while inaugurating the weeklong festival of PECUC the guest encouraged the children and emphasized that the children must see dream and they should engage themselves to achieve them. Inaugurating the 30th PECUC Sisumela Minister of Home, Energy & Industry Captain Dibya Shankar Mishra emphasized that the children should be encouraged to follow their dream. Sri Arun Kumar Sahoo, Minister, Higher Education & Agriculture and farmer empowerment, fisheries and animal resources said that children should not become the machine rather they should spend their childhood in enjoying it to the fullest. MLA Ananta Narayan Jena and MLA Prashant Muduli told about the different schemes and programmes of Government for children.

The inaugural function was chaired by senior journalist and President of PECUC sisumela Sri Pradosh Pattnaik, Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Secretary, PECUC gave the welcome address and Executive Director of PECUC Ms. Anuradha Mohanty gave vote of thanks.

Mr. Niranjana Sahoo, IAS, labour commissioner, Govt. of Odisha emphasized that it is the responsibility of all the elders to ensure smiling on the face of all children, he also said about the recent child labour act provisions & engaging children in labour is a heinous crime. Mr. Sahadev Sahu, Retd IAS, Former Chief Secretary Govt. of Orissa said that dedication, hard work and positive attitude are the key points behind all success and to be a responsible citizen all children should follow these principles. Among other Adaramani Baral, Chairperson, PECUC, Dr. Seba Mohapatra and Ms Anuradha Biswal, Olympian said a happy childhood is the right of every child.

Eminent Actress & 16 year old Bhoomika Dash PECUC's Goodwill Ambassador for promotion of child rights for the year 2019-2021 discussed about the different challenges the children of today are facing and she also encouraged the children to follow their dreams. 14 year old sports person Anshika Routray, Goodwill Ambassador for Promotion of Right of the Children to Play shows her concerns over the less time to play for children and stressed that the parents should encourage their children for outdoor games as it is necessary for their physical stability.

It was followed by colourful cultural program by Children of KTT group from Dept of culture, Govt of Odisha, Vicky dance group and by Avantika dance group. The program was conducted by Mrs. Ratna Dash, Mr. Prashant Kumar Mallick, Mr. Jyotisanakar Mohanty, Mr. Ganeswar Singh of PECUC. The festival will continue until 20th Nov.