

Australia lends a helping hand to educate special children

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IN ORDER to help mentally challenged and autistic children learn better, Australian High Commissioner Patrick Suckling inaugurated a new technology centre at Tamana's Nai Disha School for the disabled.

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a helping hand to NGOs that support India's economic development and strengthen communities," the High Commissioner said during the inauguration of the centre.

Suckling address in Hindi was met with a loud applause by the students and teachers present at the event.

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Students grooved to the hit numbers 'Jai Ho', 'I am a Barbie Girl' and 'Desh Mera Rangeela' during a short cultural programme.

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Established in 1984, Tamana is a non-profit organisation that helps the mentally challenged, the multi-disabled and the autistic.

It offers tailored educational programmes to individuals that include special education, academic programmes through the National Institute for Open Schooling (NIOS), therapeutic interventions and vocational courses.



Australian High Commissioner Patrick Suckling at Tamana's Nai Disha School for the disabled.

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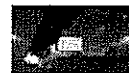
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