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Governor M.K. Narayanan squats on the floor to pose for a photograph with the children of Howrah South Point on Tuesday, World Disability Day. Howrah South Point has won the President's award 2013 for outstanding work in creating a barrier-free environment for persons with disability. The governor spent an hour interacting with the kids at Asha Neer, one of the homes run by the organisation. Also present were the German consul-general in Calcutta, (centre, with tie) Rainer Schmiedchen, and (far right, in suit) Frederic Lecourt, the French deputy head of mission. Schmiedchen introduced himself in Hindi and gifted the kids footballs. "...I brought some German footballs with me and I hope you can make good use of these footballs in your marvellous lawn here," he said. The German Doctors' Committee is a partner of Howrah South Point. "France is a special country to us. It gave us Father Francois Laborde (founder of Howrah South Point) even though we didn't give him back," said Swati Gautam, entrepreneur and governing body member.

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