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Recently, Helpage India conducted an Award Ceremony at AMA, the Ahmedabad Management Association. The event was held to distribute awards to the winners of the competitions held about two months ago. Ajay Tomar, an IG and the Joint Commissioner Of Police, was present there as the Chief Guest. The Judges of the contests - Veena Seth, Ram Goswami, Professor Kumari Kirti Patel, Jitendra Joshi and I.C. Shah along with Dr. Vinod Gandhi and O.P. Saxena, were also present there. All of them received bouquets as a mark of honour and respect. Dr. Shobha Tyagi, the Principal of Maharaja Agrasen Vidyalaya received a bouquet on behalf of the Teacher's Fraternity. The event began with lighting of lamp by eminent guests. Many students participated and won prizes from all over Gujarat in the competitions like mobile video making, article writing and science projects. This time the theme was 'When I am 64'. Students participated in these contests enthusiastically.

Around 80 schools and over



1000 students of Gujarat had participated in it. From Maharaja Agrasen Vidyalaya, Priyanshu Shah of class VIII stood first all over Gujarat in the mobile video making contest and received a memento certificate along with a cheque of Rs.5,000. Then Dr. Shobha Tyagi, Anil Kumar and Dr. Vinod Gandhi delivered speeches to encourage the children to love, respect and support their elders.

Tomar's speech consisted of some brief anecdotes and incidents of his life. He also asked

the elders to be young and that no one is old physically or mentally, until and unless, he/she thinks himself/herself to be so. One is young if one thinks himself/herself to be young. Age is only a number on the calendar. Then the anchor invited everyone for lunch and everyone enjoyed it. Senior citizens, students and families too were present and it was a great experience. Everyone went home with a lot of love and respect for their elders and some wise-sayings echoing in their minds.

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