

ISLAMABAD, Nov 19 (APP): First Lady Begum Samina Alvi Monday said caring for orphan children by providing them proper educational facilities and a compassionate environment reflects positivity in the society.

She was speaking at a Mehfil-e-Milad held here at the President House with special theme 'caring for orphans' based on the teachings of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace be upon Him).

For first time in its history, the President House invited as chief guests the orphan children from Pakistan Sweet Homes, Anjuman Faizul Islam and SOS Village from the twin cities to join at the Mehfil-e-Milad held in connection with the Prophet's birth anniversary. The women ministers and parliamentarians, and the wives of three services chiefs attended the event.

Begum Alvi said treating orphans with kindness and affection in light of the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) had a great reward in this world and in the life hereafter.

She said Islam stressed safeguarding the rights of orphans including protection of their wealth and property and also mentioned a Hadith of Prophet Muhammad saying that 'The one who cares for orphans will be with me in heaven'.

She said inviting such children as chief guests was a humble gesture to make them feel special at the Milad of a great personality who always emphasized kindness for orphans.

The children along with others participated in reciting Hamd and Naa't and offered Darood-o-Salam for Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Later, the First Lady hosted lunch for the children with a few minors seated along her at the same dining table. The children were also escorted to visit different sections of the President House.