

# A nice turn to Thanksgiving

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**BANGALORE:** Some 150 underprivileged children were treated to food and games as part of the Thanksgiving celebrations in the city.

The atmosphere at Christ PU College on Saturday reverberated with fun and frolic as the youngsters celebrated the American festival with members of the Indo-American Chambers of Commerce (IACC).

Among those joining the fun with children from NGOs So Care, Family Services and Agasthya were Katherine Dhanani, American Consul-General, A. Gurudutt, Chairman of the IACC, and Pooja Gandhi, actor.

"I don't get to do such things often. I got an opportunity to meet Pooja Gandhi, which I never dreamed of," said A. Shwetha, a Class 9 student of Guttahalli Govern-



**HAVING A BALL:** *Underprivileged children were treated to food and games as part of the Thanksgiving celebrations in Bangalore on Saturday.* – PHOTO : BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

ment School. Her day was made when she danced with the actor. Akshar Banu, a Class 5 student Acharya Sri Maha Prajna School, said he had the time of his life playing darts and other party games.

The carnival, sponsored by the IACC, ended with a magic show by Nagendra Prasad.

"India is a very important

country to us and we are grateful for the hospitality shown to us here. In America, Thanksgiving is a holiday when families come together and I think that this is the perfect initiative to bring together all these children from different backgrounds and foster a spirit of sharing," Ms. Dandani said.