

are some of the major facilities that are being provided for these children.

Childline

With the collaboration of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment



Distinguished guests attend Childline Meet

Government of India, Delhi Brotherhood Society is responsible for children in emergency for the eastern part of Delhi. It is a round-the-clock emergency service for children in distress. Any child in emergency can

reach the **Child Line** through the toll free number 1098.

Deenbandhu Development Centre

Another set of social development projects in a different area is going on in the name of **Deenabandhu Development Centre** at 4, Rajpur Road, Delhi-110054, in order to help downtrodden people from five nearby slums. The **Night Shelter** is an asylum for homeless street children. It provides a safer stay during night. It also effectively caters to the educational, psychological, recreational, health and food related needs of these street children. The **Computer Centre** provides computer training for the community children to enhance their knowledge in order to cope with the latest trends. To help women acquire some skill and become economically independent, a **Tailoring Centre** and **Beautician Centre** are functioning to provide training in the respective fields for the girls from the community. **Literacy classes** are conducted for slum children to develop interest towards education. **Health Camps** are conducted every Saturday to promote curative as well as preventive measures regarding health among the slum people.

Mass Communication

The Mass Communication Department takes the responsibility of effectively spreading the awareness regarding the projects of DBS among the community population through street plays.

Monitoring & Evaluation

All the projects are being monitored and evaluated regularly to track the progress as well as its impacts over the community population.

Interested Volunteers are welcome from any part of the world to help in any of the projects run by the Delhi Brotherhood Society. Students undergoing training in the field of social work are also welcome to have practical experience.

People interested in the **Religious life** are also welcome to visit and observe the form of religious life followed in the Brotherhood House. Those undergoing theology courses are also welcome to the Brotherhood to have a practical experience of religious life in social action.

The functioning of the projects of DBS depends largely on contributions given by friends, funding agencies, parishes, institutions and well-wishers.

People in *India and abroad* can help us by sending their donations through a crossed cheque drawn in favour of "**Delhi Brotherhood Society**". Contributions from within India are entitled for Income Tax relief under Section 80G. Kindly address the letter to the Chairman, Delhi Brotherhood Society, 7 Court Lane, Delhi-110054. INDIA

Those who wish to support the education of underprivileged children can do so through the **Wye & Brook India Trust**. For further details please contact *Ms. Sheila Child, Wye & Brook India Trust, 8 Taylor's Yard, Wye, Ashford, Kent TN25 5BT. Tel:01233 812209.*

Please also mention the purpose, for which your money should be utilised, if you wish.

For more information on any of the projects please write to:

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Annual Sports Day : Deenbandhu School

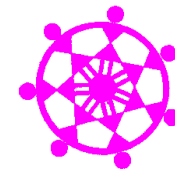
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John Prescott, Feb. 2006
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33 years journey with
marginalized people



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The **Delhi Brotherhood Society** has its origin from the Cambridge Brotherhood, which was initiated by a small number of English priests who set out from Cambridge to India in 1877 under the inspiration of Bishop Brooke Foss Westcott. The Brothers were responding to an invitation to start a college in Delhi. This led them to establish what became known as St. Stephen's college in 1881. It is now one of the leading university college in India. Later, the Brothers helped to meet the growing pastoral needs of the local church.

With changing times the Brothers stood up to respond to the reality of poverty around them. They extended their service towards the betterment of the poor and the downtrodden. Members like C. F. Andrews took an active role in the plight of workers especially in exposing the evils of indentured labour, as well as in the Independence Movement of India. This earned him the title of honour 'Deenabandhu' (Servant of the poor) from Mahatma Gandhi. Fr. Ian Weathrall helped a group of leprosy patients to regain their dignity in society by helping them to become economically independent. Fr. James Stuart contributed volumes of scholarly work for the ISPCK. He held a high reputation among the intellectuals of India. Many of the members had served as Bishops in various dioceses under the Church of North India. In order to under take social development activities, the Brotherhood was officially registered as the Delhi Brotherhood Society in 1973 under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. Today the Brothers continue to lead a monastic way of life and actively take part in Church related activities as well as in many Social Development activities.

Our vision is to help people realise their potentialities and dignity and to create their own destiny by making them self-reliant and independent.

Our Mission is to work amongst the deprived and underprivileged communities by inspiring and motivating those people to realize their potentialities. The organization strives to work for the social and economic development of people by providing whatever practical help they need in the form of information, advice, capacity building, organizing for training and funds.



A bird's eye view of Shahid Nagar community

STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES

Education for Children

Providing the opportunity of education for underprivileged children will help them to acquire a better future than their parents. The DBS provides standard education for these children through the **Deenabandhu Schools** at a very nominal fee. Both formal and non formal modes of education are provided. Sponsorship for fees is also arranged for those children whose parents cannot afford the fees.

Vocational Training & Courses

Helping youths to acquire some technical skill makes them responsible as well as economically independent. 15 different trades of vocational training, which have much scope in today's world, are provided by the DBS through the St. John's Vocational and Technical Training Centre. Down the years, this has helped many underprivileged youths either to acquire jobs or to start their own business soon after completing their courses.



Community Health

For nearly two decades the DBS health outreach work has been effectively fulfilling the health-related needs of the community people. Treatment is given for minor ailments and referrals for major cases to the hospitals. Much importance is given to preventive measures though curative measures are also carried out simultaneously.

Brotherhood Boys Home

The Residential Homes aims to unite run-away children with their parents. It is a safe-haven for orphans, underprivileged and run-away boys. Girls can stay until they become self reliant or get married. Most of these children had a miserable past. The Home acts as a sanctuary where all necessary facilities are provided for them to grow up in a healthy, happy and peaceful environment. All these children are involved in education, vocational courses as well as in extra curricular activities. By the time they move out of the Home they would have become fully developed, self-reliant and be able to face the world on their own.



HIV/AIDS Targeted Intervention

HIV/AIDS is now tending towards a full-blown epidemic in India. The Targeted Intervention aims to reach out to these with risk behaviour, to use safer methods. The pioneers are those who maintain the clientele as commercial activity. Presently 1000 such pioneers are enrolled with the centre who regularly have motivational and awareness building meetings. They insist their clients to use condoms. Those who are infected with STD or HIV/AIDS are regularly referred and taken for treatment to nearby government hospitals.

Care Centre for the Physically Challenged Children

A Day Care Centre is being run in order to help physically challenged children realize their potentialities. Their activities are organised in such a way that they forget about their disabilities and concentrate on their own development. A special mode of education is provided for them. Most of these children are talented in creative works like craft works, painting, dancing, singing, etc. Medical Care is also provided for them whenever necessary.



Women Empowerment

As the name indicates, it is the programme to empower the women from the slum areas. Primarily, women are formed into groups to take part in various development activities like literacy, health awareness, personality development training, family managing, cleanliness, etc. The Mahila Panchayat Programme helps these women to fight against the evils of dowry, harassment or any other abuse. Self Help Group programmes help them to start their own small-scale business and to become economically independent. Adolescent Girls Training is provided in order to give proper guidance on various topics especially to teenagers.

Street & Working Children

In order to rescue street children from street life and guide them to join the main stream of society, a Street and Working Children Programme is being run by DBS. The social workers go out to identify these children and motivate them towards education and other development activities. Poverty, lack of parental care, run-away from home, etc. are some of the causes that force these children to lead aimless lives. Proper educational facilities, vocational training facilities, legal counselling, health facilities, rehabilitation from drug abuse, transit homes, self-entrepreneurship programme etc.