

A VISIT TO SLUM AREA

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Warm greetings of 2018!

Hoping to solve the massive social problems of poverty appears to the centre increasingly on improvement in the methods of educating the children of the slums. The School of Social Science, DAVV has recognized that such children enter schools but often quit their school early and results in becoming misfits and unemployables. Even some follows the path of delinquency. Although, education can be the major channel for these children to grow not only themselves but their whole family from the cycle of poverty and disparity. Education will give them the power to dream of a better future and a dignified life with better standard of health and also improved food security.



A handful of students from SOSS, DAVV went down to slum near Pipliyapala which is named as 'gadbadi basti' in Indore. The sights like dirtiness, clogged drains, narrow water and cramped houses and of course a clump

of garbage welcomed us. The people gathered around us with their wide eyes. The purpose of the visit was to create awareness about the importance of education among the children of that area and also some lessons of hygiene and sanitation.



Water! First problem they talked about was of water. People didn't have clean drinking water. Hopefully, toilets were built recently in that areas recently but they were in pathetic conditions. Kids had to go to the roadside public toilets.



The living conditions of the houses were equally bad. A family of six people lived in a cramped room. It was so small that you can't even imagine how six people could possibly fit in there.

Seeing small kids living in those conditions was heart breaking. When we asked them whether they went to school, they proudly said NO. In such a less time of few hours we felt suffocated there. Imagine how people spend their daily lives there.



Kunal, is a boy three years old, has a huge spark in his eyes and wants to become a doctor. His father is a laborer on daily wage. His elder brother Vishal, who is 11 years old, is unable to continue his studies due to money problems where their one time meal is rarely managed.

We as social workers awared them about the free compulsory education that they can get as their basic right. We interacted with them and various activities like questioning and games were done. We never thought that a place which is just a few kilometers from your university will change a scenario of method of spreading education among people.



They enjoyed a lot and promised us to go school daily and maintain hygiene in their area. We also motivated the elders to do the same related to sanitation and also encourage their children for studies.



They are also Gods Children...They deserve better life and opportunities!