

Report on Vivekananda Resurgence Foundation

Manav Vikas Kendra at C-35, Satsang Colony, Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi-110052

It was inaugurated by Swami Deshikatmananda, Head TB Centre, New Delhi of RK Mission on 1.12.02. It functioned for more than a year and a half in a rented room with around 40 students-- both girls and boys whose parents are mostly illiterate working in unorganised sector and living in the jhuggis (slum) in most unhygienic and depressive environment. No Govt. funding was sought and the project ran with voluntary donations of members of Vivekananda Resurgence Foundation (VRF). In mid of 2004 some fire Accidents were reported in the press in different parts of the country and lot of school children lost their precious lives in such accidents. As the Colony was unauthorised and existing for more than two decades, electricity connections were also unauthorised. After these fires were reported the management had to shift to another room in the same jhuggi as the former was quiet unsafe for children. The classes started around after 4 to 5 months in the new rented room.

Now we have 30-35 students as the existing room is smaller than previous one and naturally when we refuse any extra admission there is complain against our behaviour. So very recently either we should have two big rooms or we should operate in two shifts.

This elementary school is mainly giving education on health and Sanitation and trying to inculcate a desire among the parents and children to go to school and learn a bit of discipline in this hopeless overall environment.

The eminent people of the school committee are committed to run the School for the benefit of these children for whom Swami Vivekananda Relentlessly fought during his life time. Ours is a micro attempt to fulfil the need of our society and through this we further the cause of Vevekananda's mission.

We want our own accommodation for the school, but unless you bow before The bureaucracy nothing will materialise. A socially conscious gentleman has kindly donated sweaters to the children during last winter and has promised to give to each student a pair of chappal. Thus Manav Vikas Kendra is trying to fulfil an urgent need of our hapless children who are deprived of elementary education though in India it is also a fundamental right. We are trying to do a little bit of our vast duty. Will you help us in this obligation to our own society?