

DOOR STEP SCHOOL

❖ About:

"Door Step School" was established in Mumbai, India in 1989 with the aim of addressing literacy amongst the marginalized sections of society. The school provides education and support to the often-forgotten children of pavement and slum dwellers, construction site families and many other underprivileged families. Many of these children are not enrolled in school and have limited access to books and a place to study. Additionally, many of these children are forced to drop out of school to work or care for younger children. With neither support nor resources at home these children too often suffer from very low learning levels. At Door Step School, we are trying to bridge this gap by bringing education to the "Doorstep" of these underprivileged children.

See More: <http://www.doorstepschool.org/pune/>

❖ Activities:



The school provides education and support to the often-forgotten children of slum dwellers, construction site families and many other underprivileged families. Many of these children are not enrolled in school and have limited access to books and a place to study. With neither support nor resources at home these children too often suffer from very low learning levels. At Door Step School, they are trying to bridge this gap by bringing education to the "Doorstep" of these underprivileged children.

Door Step School (DSS) is a school where children of **Nomadic Tribes** from 3 to 16 years of age come to learn. Our group reached the Door step school at 10 am where we met Mrs. Renuka Mam. Mam was there with her own team of teachers. Few other people were also present to help out this lovely NGO with their essential work. The

primary objective for that day was to conduct a survey in *Chakrapani Basti* regarding the awareness of education among the people.

Survey was for understanding the number of children present in the basti. We categorised them into two parts. First, children who previously attended the Door Step School and other were children who didn't attend the school. We were given a form which included many details like : Name of the father, Number of children, age, native place, did they attended the school in their hometown, reason for not attending the Door Step School, for how long they are going to stay in Pune.



After understanding the parameters of survey we divided in the groups of three students with one staff member of DSS & we spread across the society. We started interacting with the families to gather some information. While interacting with the families we got various responses. Some of them were eager to send their children to school while some hesitated. Also some children were not at all interested in attending DSS. We tried to figure out the reasons for these scenarios, some were forthcoming with that while some were not. Many of the basti's children were helpful to us as they helped us in knowing about their communal people. We gathered the information of almost 150 families. We also distributed biscuits and chocolates amongst the children who were helpful to us.

At the end we gathered in DSS to recollect all the forms. We shared our experiences with the DSS staff. They thanked us for helping them in this noble cause. We also promised to help them out in future.

We are very thankful to IIMP & DSS for giving us this opportunity to make our community a better place.