

# Back To School

Under the TEACH Program of to Rotary India Literacy Mission, 'C' Stands for Child Development. This can be done in various ways. One of these aspects on which we are supposed to work is 'back to school'. Drop-Outs from School in India is a great problem when we think about Child Education. A Study by Child Rights and You (CRY) in 2014 showed that the drop-out rate from elementary schools stood at 40%. A Survey by another NGO reveals that there are 9 lakhs out of School Children in Maharashtra. These are mainly situated at cane crushing areas, stone queries, red light areas, adivasi places and industrial & construction locality. Most of these Children are beggars, work in hotel, work at private residences, in agriculture sector, construction, sugar mills, queries and brick factories. Some of them come on the road with cows & buffalos, camels, selling medicines, theft at signals etc. Govt is working at its end to bring the drop out children, back to school. It is taking help of various Semi Govt Departments. The Govt has also passed an Act for compulsory education. But the results cannot be happily worded. Hence it becomes the duty of every Rotarian along with volunteers from various sectors of the society to work for 'Child Development'.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Stage will be to find out the places where the drop out children can be detected. For this, a detail survey is to be conducted. Secondly a map has to be Prepared of Municipality or Corporation Schools. Along with this, a list can be prepared of social workers, College Students and Social welfare organizations. We have to explain them in detail the necessity of this focus area. Also approach education officer of Zillah Parishad & Corporation. Take their help & also support them.

Thirdly arrange a committee which will give 'bridge course' to these children. This is because when a child is found who has left school in 2<sup>nd</sup> standard & now he is to be admitted in 6<sup>th</sup> std, the bridge course is necessarily required. It is found that if bridge course is not given, they again leave the school. Rajasthan Govt. has tressed out 22 lakhs school left children. Instead of admitting them directly in the school, it started bridge course in school itself. The Success rate is tremendous.

According to Shanta Sinha from Andhr Pradesh, the reason for drop-out from School is not poverty. Had this been the reason, then all the students of poor class people would have left the School. The main reason of drop-out is, not able to read & write and therefore no interest in studies. Hence today's undeveloped child will be tomorrows out of school child. Thereafter he will be under age labour. And therefore quality, happy & practical training education is needed in primary & secondary Schools.

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