

EDUCATION AS A KEY TO FREEDOM

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Education is a vital component of any child's life. It can single-handedly expand an individual's knowledge of the world and provide an array of opportunities in the future. In the words of George Washington Carver, "education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom". For this reason, ITL Public School, in collaboration with Action India, took the initiative to promote the education of young, underprivileged students in a colony in Bharat Vihar. The school has entered into a long-term partnership with this colony and aims to assist in the growth of its members, academically and otherwise.

The students of ITL Public School generously contributed school bags, pencil cases, and stationery to help with this cause. Furthermore, essential containers such as water bottles and tiffin boxes were also collected. This was done over a period of three weeks. A large number of these items were collected and sorted to be provided to the members of the Bharat Vihar Colony. Members and volunteers of the Social Service Club spent lengthy periods of time segregating the items and ensuring that all the students received equal proportions of the contributions. This included over 90 school bags and water bottles, in addition to a number of tiffin boxes, pencil cases and various stationery items such as pens, pencils, sharpeners, and erasers.

On 25 July, twelve students from Grades 8 to 12, as well as five students from Grade 5 had the opportunity to visit the settlement and distribute the paraphernalia to the children. The school had also provided refreshments for the members of the colony. Upon witnessing the humble conditions of the colony, the students of ITL were directly sensitized in regard to the harsh realities of life. Consequently, they now have a greater understanding of their surroundings and circumstances.

The visit to the Bharat Vihar Colony had a two-fold result. It abetted both the aspiring young children as well as the students of ITL. Through the long-term alliance with Action India, ITL Public School aims to carry out such visits regularly and continue providing assistance to the colony. The visit was a memorable one for all the students involved and the school hopes to have a chance to give such an opportunity to other students as well.