AIIMS Bhopal Chronicle - School for the Children of Lesser World

AIIMS Bhopal has started a school for the underprivileged children of its construction site workers. The AIIMS site has a huge mobile population of labourers – male and female and the children of labourers are just loitering about on the site. A plan to start an informal school for them was announced on Gandhi Jayanthi – 2nd October 2012 and the school was inaugurated on 6th October 2012 in an empty parking lot of Type V flats – Now shifted to a Type III flat. The idea is to teach these children at least the 3 Rs – reading, writing and arithmetic.

There is a lot of enthusiasm among the families of the faculty, administration, medical students, and the children themselves regarding ‘Hamara School’. Dr Ashwin Kotnis, Assistant Professor in Biochemistry is the driving force and has already established a wonderful rapport with his young students. Finance Advisor Rajesh Nigam came forward to support the school financially. Rajesh Sukhramani provided the green chalk board, KK Kaushik of JMC Constructions got the place spruced up and Gupta Ji of KIC gave the store space. Shopaholic Ankita Mishra, Assistant Warden was given the task of procuring charts, slates, copies, abacus counters and even bats and balls for the children. Even Awadh Driver pitched in to transfer all the things to the school and help with the decoration.

The school carries forward the idea of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan to include children of construction site workers – a somewhat neglected population.
Akash likes to play.

Satwanti likes to read.

Akhilesh likes math.

Kajal likes to play.
Manisha likes to laugh.

likes poems.

Shanta likes music.

Sangita likes to teach.
Payal likes to sing.

Prakash likes to write.

Rakhi likes to play.