A SCHOOL IN MUMBAI SLUM

Unorganized aspects and dreams of various children, a school in Mumbai slum which encourages the poor to be literate and achieve their goals.



Unlike the German Schooling System, these schools have less electronic equipment but that doesn't make their morale down. The children start their day by having a proper uniform check conducted by the teacher and a prayer time in which believing in god and respecting everyone are taught. The slum schools aren't as well- structured and attractive as German schools but they still have everything a German school has. The

schools provide the students with all of the required items.

The students often live under the pressure of getting the best grades possible but they are also well aware of the fact that hard work will lead them to success and they must make efforts. The schools provide various extracurricular activities such as sports, dancing, art and craft and much more.

The schools are much stricter than in Germany and one has to work really hard to get

full marks, something that not every scholar manages. The students study maximum 2-3 compulsory languages and on top of that basic subjects like math, science and social studies. They also receive triple the amount of homework along with learning for class tests which are conducted every single week in every subject.

Having a very limited source of information, the students aren't aware of many career



streams and don't have a realistically broadened mind, but the teachers are there to support students for career advice as well as help them through different problems while learning.

The students can minimize or even totally not pay the fees, if their grades are good enough and they are eligible to get a scholarship. The kids who live in the slums do not have many utilities and luxury which our parents, luckily, can provide us. Henceforth, they have a certain desire to work hard and live a life in which their children don't have to experience the unfortunate fate they had.

Another admirable fact is that the kids want their parents to feel proud for them. The children work hard, whether it be in sports, studies or any other activity, so that their parents can hold their heads high.

Despite all the obstacles, may it be financially or socially, the children keep smiling and hope for a better future for themselves and their families. They are mature enough to understand their parents' problems and are willing to help them in every way possible.

The kids deserve better and it should be a hats off to them for being so motivated even through such difficult living conditions.

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