

Radha (Kumari) Paswan

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Radha's entire family lives on the footpath with no amenities such as water or sanitation. Radha joined Loreto Bowbazar as a Day Scholar when she was placed in Kindergarten way back in 1996 by the Missionaries of Charity when she was 6 years old. At that stage the Loreto Rainbow Home in Bowbazar had not been started.

As she grew up she was extremely bold, so bold in fact that her mother removed her from school and gave her to a family as a child domestic worker. She was molested by the father of the family and her mother took her to the hospital where she had an abortion. By this time the Loreto Bowbazar Rainbow Home had opened and Radha was placed in the Home in a sheltered situation. Initially she was extremely rebellious but with counseling and firm yet gentle handling she is developing in to a dependable human being with a very good brain. She is now in class VII National Institute of Open Schooling and will be appearing for her first exam (English at Class X level) in April 2009. An excellent dancer with a good sense of rhythm, Radha loves music and is artistic as well as being good academically.

Without the help provided by Partnership Foundation supported by Net4Kids Radha would in all probability, now be lost in the nearest Red Light area but with the support she receives in the Loreto Bowbazar Rainbow Home she has now been able to reconstruct her life and shows promise of developing into a well balanced productive member of the society.