



# Let's walk together

DBL Night School

For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.' (Deuteronomy 15:11)

The DBL Night School started under the aegis of the Past Pupils' Association on 31 January 1976, with a noble mission of imparting basic education to the less privileged children of the society. Initially, it had few number of students, but it slowly grew from strength to strength and became a small middle school (up to class 8). Currently it caters to the needs of 600 students and is an independent unit, looked after by the institution. Any child between the age of 7 and 14 years, irrespective of caste, religion, gender or economic status, is eligible to join the school.

Instead of neat rows of uniformed children, the classrooms of this night school comprise a merry bunch of errand boys and girls who run 'pan-beedi' shops or cook and clean for eight hours a day. If they have one thing in common, it's the desperate will to study despite having a slim access to half of the facilities available to them.

Typically, the night school functions for three hours every evening and is attended by students, who work to support themselves and help their parents during the day. From standard I to V there are two sections to accommodate the eager learners; standards VI, VII and VIII have a section each. The curriculum takes within its ambit all the subjects, which the students have to deal with.



*Teaching is my passion but teaching the students of Don Bosco Night School is my privilege. I am proud to be associated with this school for the past 33 years and I reckon it to be my second home.*  
Ambika Roy, Teacher



*In my 26 years I have seen many ups and down. I have enjoyed every moment of my life here. I think, our school is doing a wonderful job by providing education to the poor children of our society, thus preparing them for a bright future.*  
Sujata Sinha, Teacher



*I passed out from Don Bosco Night School in 2010. I was an average student with a little knowledge of English. My strong desire to speak and read 'English' did override my dislike for the odd timings of the school. I had to give up my games and friends to be in time for the assembly. The patience and hard work of my teachers have borne fruit and today I am pursuing a B.Tech degree.*

**Md. Shahjahan**



Mentoring is in the hands of 14 teachers, who work double-shift. The likes of Ma'am Sujata Sinha and Ma'am Ambika Ray have been providing dedicated service for over 25 years, to aid the children.

To ensure money does not become an impediment to study, text books are provided at subsidized rates. No admission or tuition fee is charged for their entire school life. Once the students finish night school they are encouraged to get themselves admitted into NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) to complete standards X and XII. There have been meritorious students, who have emerged from the DBL Night School. Md Shahjahan and Triloky Shau, bright and gifted students of the night school, are at present pursuing engineering courses.





*I have been a part of Don Bosco Night School from 1998 to 2005. During these 7 years, I have gained a lot of experience and inherited certain qualities which I would not have had otherwise. Besides excellent academic environment, I have also experienced an environment where every individual was taken care of. I have seen due importance being given to sports and other annual events in the school. I owe my success today to the Salesians and teachers of the school.*

**Troloki Shaw**

Pursuing B.Tech in Electronics & Communication Engg. from Academy of Technology



It is not known whether it is the vast playgrounds, the congenial, non-judgmental environment of DBL or the friendliness of the Salesians in cassocks, that draws these tender minds to the school, but there is a constant rush among the deprived parents to get their children enrolled into the Night School, for they know where brilliance lies.