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FR. AGNEL BALBHAWAN

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Fr. Agnel Balbhawan, Greater Noida is a home for the poor and destitute children. These children come from various parts of the country. They are: a) from the North East (Manipur State) where insurgency is rampant, b) children of the Leprosy patients, c) children of the sex works, d) a few children of the parents with HIV positive, e) some abandoned and f) orphans or semi orphans.

These children all live together and attend the schools/colleges which are open to all. With the help of benefactors and well wishers, the children are provided with needed facilities and things that they develop into contributing citizens of our country.

In the year 2011-12, the Balbhawan had 230 children of various ages and in stages of education. Four children have finished their schooling and were admitted in prestigious colleges: 1 boy (history) in St. Stephens, 1 boy (Business Administration) Galgotia University and 2 girls (Political Science & History) in Miranda House of Delhi University. This year (2012-13) 6 (3 boys & 3 girls) are finishing their schooling, 5 are completing their college or professional colleges. These will start their life with job or some gainful engagement.

We are grateful to "Aktion "Heim Fur Lepragefahrdete Kinder" for the invaluable help to educate the children and maintain the Balbhawan.

Fr. Agnel School at Greater Noida began in the year 2010, today reach class X. It has today over 1100 students out of which 200 children are from Balbhawan who get the

education free of cost. The construction of the 2nd phase of the school is nearing completion. The last phase is the auditorium.

Besides the school a Polytechnic has been planned which will cater to the needs of the students, specially of the children in Balbhawan, who may not get admission in the colleges (Degree courses). Today, our children have to study and train in professional educational institutes (Diploma courses) outside which costs.