

PREFACE

Street children phenomenon is not new in India. The care and protection for street children in India are grim. The analysis of the global balance sheet indicates that over the past decade the situation of such children has deteriorated. Howrah is a district of West Bengal and it is not free from that problem. In Howrah the greater concentration of street children is seen especially in Howrah railway station and its adjoining areas.

Many schemes or services adopted previously show that those services in India failed to satisfy the need of that critical mass. Through this research work an attempt has been made to examine their socio economic background, underlying causes of leaving the home, their work, activities, nature of participation in informal economy, problem faced by them and their rehabilitation. Efforts have been made to describe the text of this problem rationally, understand the pretext of the problem in depth, to analyze this phenomenon in the sociological context and write its subtext with proper justification.

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