

## **PROJECT INNOVATION AWARDED TO STUDENTS**

Our college bagged the prestigious grant for a project under the Innovation Cell of Delhi University. A group of 10 students from Economics and Commerce programs, were mentored by a group of teachers- Dr Abha Mathur from Commerce dept and Dr Ankur Bhatnagar from Economics in this project. The title of the project is:

### **ASSESSING THE ROLE OF DU STUDENTS' IN IMPROVING ACCESS TO SOCIAL SCHEMES:**

#### **CASE STUDY OF DELHI SLUMS**

##### **SHORT BRIEF of the PROJECT:**

Rajiv Gandhi once remarked “ out of 1 Re that government spends, only 15 paise reach the common people “. Except the policies and the number of policies nothing much changed since then. India's economy has grown by an average of 8% annually over the past few years, and yet a quarter of its population of 1.1 billion still lives on less than a dollar per day. The number of people living in slums in India has grown rapidly in recent past and more than the population of Britain. The capital of India has the second largest slum population in India. Nearly 1.8 million people live in slum areas in capital of India

Our group tries to assess whether the problems with government schemes lies in lack of awareness among the eligible population and/or the lack of the delivery of these schemes. The group covers 3 slum areas of Delhi- Lal Bagh (in north west Delhi), Kanhaiya nagar JJ Colony (in West Delhi ) and Khilona Bagh (in North West Delhi). The extent of delivery gap and awareness gap is the focus of our investigations as we visit different slums of Delhi. What makes this study unique is the quantification of these gaps in Delhi slums using a survey based approach that employs a detailed questionnaire that covers almost 20 schemes that touch upon every aspect of life for slum dwellers. We believe that as students we need to shoulder the responsibility towards reducing the social

inequalities that lower the quality of life in slum areas. Once identified, these gaps can be reduced with the joint efforts of students, NGOs and other government agencies through targeted and selective public awareness drives, Nukkad nataks that involve the student wings of NSS and NCC in Delhi Colleges.





































