

ASHRITA

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ASHRITA is an acronym which stands for Association for Social Reformation Integration and Thought of Health Awareness. The name is self-explanatory, but the underlying mission has much wider scope and significance.

Founded in 2004 to provide care and protection to street children, ASHRITA reaches out to children on whom society has turned its back—ragpickers, beggars, street urchins, among others. ASHRITA not only gives these homeless children a shelter where they are provided with food and other basic necessities, but also supports them by empowering them with education.

The organisation strives to shape them into productive citizens who seek to find their place in the Sun. It also endeavours to reunite these children with their parents.

ASHRITA runs two such homes for all categories of street children; one for girls at Doodhbowli with a strength of 100 girls and the other in Secunderabad with 54 boys.

Education is the organisation's top priority. For students who have never been to school, ASHRITHA runs bridge courses, before they are integrated into mainstream education. Others are enrolled in the nearest government school, to make the most of the educational opportunities which are accessible to them.

ASHRITHA ensures the holistic development of children's personalities, encompassing all facets of their lives—health and hygiene, literary pursuits, art and crafts, and empowers children to take active part in running the home through child committees. 20 children are assigned to a caretaker to ensure their all-round well-being.

Children take part in extra-curricular activities with tremendous enthusiasm, be it sports activities like chess or kabaddi or the theatre festival conducted by the government of Telangana.

The Women and Child Welfare department has helped ASHRITHA set up a Child Help Desk at the railway station in Kachiguda in January 2018 to rescue children in distress. So far the organization has rescued 122 children, out of which 94 were reunited with their families. For its lion-hearted spirit in rescuing and offering protection to hundreds of neglected children, its catalytic role in bringing about change by educating abandoned children and for its efforts to transform the lives of such children in multiple ways, the Sakshi Media Group....(Excellence in Social Development)