

Hunger Project

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Have you ever experienced hunger? You might have, but never with such severity that you are starving for days and days until finally a bus full of children come with *khichdi* and fed you.

This is exactly the objective of the Hunger Project. We get together and cook a scrumptious meal, which is then served piping hot to the underprivileged.

One Saturday morning, the students of VII-C of St. Mary's School assembled not just for regular classes, but for a class of their lifetimes.

My friends and I assembled for the Hunger Project, a project that feeds the hungry not just to extinguish their hunger, but to inspire more people to do so. We reached the kitchen, tired, from climbing the three-storey staircase.

When we reached the kitchen we could smell *masala* not just any *masala* but the masala for *khichdi*. Since we had to lend a helping hand in preparing the meal, we learnt how to chop vegetables, how to stir the boiling rice, how to not light the kitchen on fire and, most importantly, how to cook.

All of us got on the bus with Reena Ma'am and Adityan Sir in the lead, we set out for Nizamuddin Park, along with the mouth-watering food. We reached the park and saw people on the track lying in thin blankets, I thought to myself "*Is our khichdi enough to warm them up?*".

We got the pots out of the bus and started calling out for these people, it was better than I had expected because everyone automatically formed a line, patiently waiting for their turn. With weak hands and strong hopes we managed to finish all the pots. We went back to the bus and started distributing the gifts we brought for them.

One sad thing I noticed was everyone took the clothes and toys but no one, except for one who was gathering them, picked up the books. We came back to the school and discussed our experiences with our principal, Dr. Annie Koshi Ma'am, and I am very sure that no one will forget this experience.

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