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Nifty	5,538	235▲	73.5
Dow Jones	12,066	43▼	62.1
FTSE	6,024	49▲	82.7
Nikkei	10,693	167▲	102.1
Shanghai	2,942	64▲	

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Gold	20,990	245▲	102.1
MCX	3,533	81▲	
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SILVER	53,600	3,720▲	

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After DU, slum kids to study in Australia

NEW DELHI, MARCH 6

IF Mumbai's slum children could walk the red carpet at the prestigious Academy Awards ceremony in 2009 for Danny Boyle's *Slumdog Millionaire*, Delhi's urban poor youth would have a chance to go all the way to Australia for studying.

Under an exchange programme between Delhi-based NGO Asha and the University of Melbourne, selected students from around 400 slum youths currently studying in Delhi University will get this golden opportunity.

"Education is the only way for these children to break the shackles of poverty and take part in the econom-

ic progress of this country. They are as talented and intelligent as other students. They lack opportunity and we are providing them with that," says Kiran Martin, a paediatrician and founder of the NGO that works for welfare of slum dwellers.

"Delhi has some 1,500 slums. Every third Delhi resident lives in a slum colony and around 86 per cent of the urban poor in Delhi are illiterate. By the age of 14, only 30 per cent of slum children attend school," she adds.

Coming from a background of neglect and poverty, these students have fought against all odds to get into Delhi University through merit. —PTI