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SLUM STUDENTS TO GET DU DEGREES

Finishing school was a great achievement for them, and the fact that they have become graduates today is no less than a dream come true. A total of 183 students from many of Delhi's poorest slums have been admitted this year to Delhi University and other prestigious private colleges and many of them became graduates this year. The children of labourers and domestic workers have emerged as graduates. Affiliated with Delhi based NGO, ASHA, they are the first in their respective families to go to college, collect degrees, take education loans and stay in hostels. Their success is a result of a pioneering initiative by ASHA which was celebrated in Ambedkar Basti, Ekta Vihar, RK Puram on Wednesday. "We are taught English, told how to dress and carry ourselves," said Dilip, who joined ARSD College in 2010, according to a Press release.