

### SUASHA Play School, Araria.



Naina Verma, the founder and head teacher, did not enjoy teaching in the ambience of a normal school and decided to start teaching children in her own school in her own way in the very modest house in which she was born. Three years down the line, smartly dressed children assemble every weekday in her tiny courtyard and spend the day with her and two other teachers.



The children's families buy their books, pay for their uniform and pay a monthly fee to give their children a better start in the race for survival in the overcrowded Indian labour market. The fees by the going rates are quite modest and yet beyond the reach of poorer families and most of the street-children.



When the new school year starts in April 10, DESI Power Foundation will sponsor 20 children from families who are not able to pay for their children to go to SUASHA. Naina will take a batch of her children out of the class rooms every Saturday,, which is a half day, in a vegetable garden of a generous neighbour and teach them to grow their own vegetables.

The new school year has started with 20 new children. Their gardening Saturdays start with a fruity snack and they have clean drinking water.



Lucy, who has worked out the details of gardening program with Naina, and Mithilesh, the gardener, will teach the children how to grow saplings from seeds and grow vegetables and herbs on their plots.

