

has been according to their age. About 31 children were promoted to class II and 51 children passed on to class I. About 168 out of 250 children are studying in nursery which has a, b and c sections. In our school we plan to introduce class IIIrd, IVth and Vth very soon. Due to space crunch we have to return many children who want to seek admission in our school.

However, Prof. B.N. Juyal, an eminent sociologist whose reports on carpet child labour of Mirzapur - Bhodhohi commissioned by International bodies and quoted in many studies, says " the children accommodated in Rugmark Balashraya were not children in servitude. Rather, they were picked up from family looms. Rugmark aims at opening the floodgate of job opportunities for adult weavers after the withdrawal of child weavers from the looms. But, quite contrary to the assumption in these looms the gaps were filled up by the younger siblings of the freed children who are below 14 years in age. People also say that during the admission of the children in Rugmark primary school a carpet magnate was given the full authority to decide, whom to enrol and whom to reject. "

Arguements in Support of Rugmark:

RUGMARK - the hallmark for reputation and quality:

After intensive preparations, Rugmark Foundation proudly introduces the RUMARK, the trade mark for carpets with good reputation. Rugmark is a voluntary, private and market - oriented initiative to promote good manufacturing practices in the carpet industry and to support the marketing of carpets in Europe and the USA.

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The RUGMARK guarantees the commitment of manufacturing units and exporters to produce their carpets without the employment of illegal child labour. Through the supervision of the manufacturing units by professional inspectors, the RUGMARK Foundation monitors the compliance with its principles and offers a valuable tool to restore confidence.

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