

# Succour to the needy

P. K. Khullar helps destitute women and orphans

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Prophets are never praised in their own land. The adage holds true for Sqn Ldr (retd) P. K. Khullar. All the aid for his project to provide health services and education to destitute women and orphans has been pouring in from outside the area where he is running this endeavour. But he is marching ahead with a missionary zeal. The House of Lords has invited him to UK in 2010 to grant him the best possible support.

Khullar has been able to give southern Haryana a 50-bed fully equipped hospital, manned by specialists, and education to 350 orphans and children of widows in the villages of Faridabad and Palwal. He is also fighting female foeticide by offering to adopt girl children and offering free deliveries in the Association for Blindness and Leprosy Eradication (ABLE) Hospital at Behrola village in Palwal. While over 80 per cent of the financial aid comes from overseas and the rest from Delhi and Gurgaon, no government or non-government agency in Faridabad and Palwal has come forward to help him.

Born in 1937 in Lahore, Khullar took premature retirement from the Indian Air Force in 1982 to start wheat and rice farming at Bamni Khera, Faridabad. "I bought 48 acres of land for the



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Students under medical stream come to me from the US, UK, Australia and various developed countries. Is that a mean achievement?

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purpose with my savings. I had 38 women working in my field. Most of them would not show up regularly on ground of illness. That is how I developed a feeling to do something for their health," said Khullar.

So ABLE came into being in 1993 in a one-room tenement at Mitraul Village, that had neither potable water nor electricity. The centre continued running without a doctor upto 1999. Impressed with Khullar's dedication, the village panchayat donated seven acres of land to Khullar at Behrola Village in 1999. Now, there are 10 permanent doctors, most of them specialists, who visit the ABLE Hospital daily.

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