From Trash To School.. But Not Without Aadhar
In July this year, Somu, Sani and Vivek (L to R in the picture on the right) joined a formal school along with 213 other children (6-14 years) from the waste picking communities of Delhi and are a part of Chintan’s No Child in Trash programme.

Studies suggest that there are at least 60,000 children who pick waste in the city. Currently Chintan is working with…. such children (.girls) to make them into happy, healthy and engaged citizen who have freedom to choose a dignified livelihood in their future years.

However it isn’t all a happy story.

At least 40 children were denied admissions this year since they did not have Aadhar cards.

After much running around, our field workers were able to get their Aadhar cards issued recently and they are now ready to go to school, but only after missing two months of their school.

However, there are still many other such children whose future depends on whether or not they have a ten digit Aadhar number. So much for their Right to Education.