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One of India's biggest assets is its young people. According to the United Nations, India has the most youth of any country, boasting an estimated 356 million people between the ages of 10 and 24. China is a distant second with 269 million. But one of India's biggest (and most important)

challenges is educating all of those young people. One of the reasons is India's incredible religious, ethnic, class, and social diversity. In the pages that follow are photographs of schools for Muslims, Dalits, Buddhists, refugees, and others, showing just how diverse India's educational institutions are.



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In Delhi, children of Dalit (India's lowest caste) quarry workers attend school outside by lantern light.

Boys study Islam at an orphanage in the village of Napa, in the western state of Gujarat.

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Students wait for their parents at a Kolkata high school run by the Methodist Church in India.



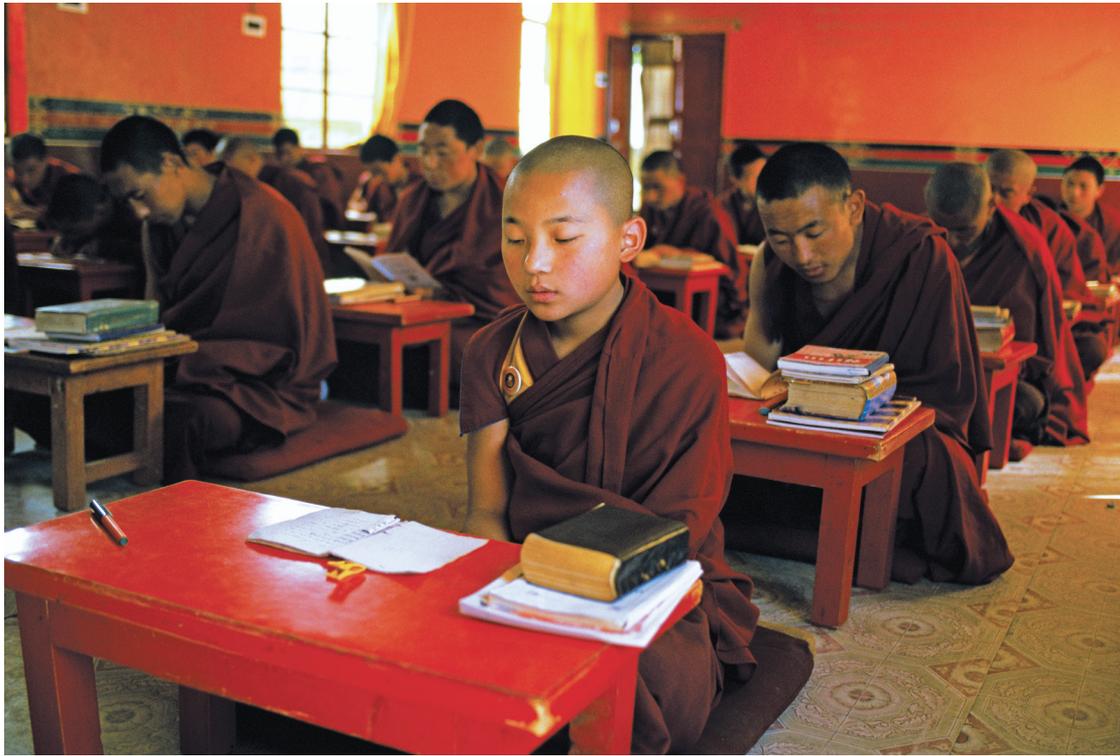


Tibetan refugee children play outside school in Dharmsala, a city in the Himalayan foothills.



A young boy from Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan state, studies atop a wooden cart.





Tibetan Buddhist monks study at Kirti Monastery in Dharmsala, home to the Dalai Lama.



Young women study at one of the Loreto schools operated by the Roman Catholic Church in Kolkata.



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