

## A family in Search of Success



Ex pupil Anju would like to become a biology teacher. She has already obtained very good grades in the Indian equivalent of GCSEs grades and is spending two years in the science section of her school.

Anju comes from a very interesting family. They used to live in a very rural area some 15 miles from Darjeeling. Their father farmed their ancestral land but he believed in the importance of education and even before they were 5 years old, Anju and her two older brothers had to walk around 3 miles every day to reach their nearest school. They used to arrive exhausted. The youngsters spoke of eating their lunch on the way and later they had to walk 3 miles home again. Their father despaired of getting them properly educated but didn't know what he could do. Then one day he heard from a friend about a new low cost

private school in Darjeeling for children like his. It was called Roseberry School, and was very small. It hadn't been open long but the man had heard very good things about it. So he took the amazing step of moving his whole family to Darjeeling so that his children could attend Roseberry. He himself struggled to find employment and ended up working as a daily labourer for the municipality, cleaning roads and gutters.



The two boys (seen here with their father) have finished secondary school and both hope to begin a three year course in commerce in preparation for working in banking.

They are a wonderful family and every time I have met the boys I have been so impressed by their quiet confidence and natural courtesy. I do hope everything continues to go well for them.