

Totto Chan

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Group: Bihar Bal Bhawan 'Kilkari', Patna

Language: Hindi

Duration: 1hr 5 mins

About the Group

The Government of Bihar established Bihar Bal Bhawan 'Kilkari' on 30th May 2008. Its main objective is to provide a holistic development of the children belonging to the weakest section of the society. This organisation endeavours to hone their talent and instil an inclination towards the regional art and culture. 'Kilkari' provides those opportunities which are beyond the reach of children at home or in school. Here children's voices are heard, their capabilities are recognised, their creativity, scientific thought, confidence and leadership skills are developed, and behavioural knowledge and ethical values are taught.

About the Play

This play attempts to bring different methods of schooling to light. Totto Chan is an imaginative and inquisitive child whose mind is full of questions. The school teachers are upset with Totto Chan and she is expelled from many schools. Finally, Totto's parents enrol her in Tomoy, a school run from old train-coaches. The headmaster of the school Mr Kobayashi is happy with Totto Chan's inquisitive mind. Totto Chan begins true education at this school. The headmaster not only respects the thoughts and interests of the children, but also answers every query with patience and explains it till the time the child has understood it. This school is about real education taught creatively in a joyous environment.