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Turning street hawkers to Entrepreneurs - A team effort that reckons applause.

Four students of grade XII from DDMS P.Obul Reddy Public School are thriving to make a difference in the lives of street hawkers in Hyderabad.

Pakhi Agarwal, Vedant Nath, Chitahari Vaishnav Reddy and Varun Chandra associated themselves with Nexteam –Loo Café (the youth team). The organisation primarily identifies street hawkers and plays a catalyst in providing them with a more secure opportunity than hawking. Several street hawkers have been provided with a space to run their businesses in return for which these businessmen must maintain Public Toilets in the stipulated sanitation and hygiene standards."Our work has just begun," they say, "there are many more to come." The activities of the organisation are backed by several eminent personalities.

These four students have identified 28 such hawker turned entrepreneurs who were mostly hit due to COVID 19 conditions and interviewed them. In order to bring to light their losses and their struggles, the students co-authored a book called 'Toilet Tales-Hyderabad' that tells us stories of these 28 hawkers turned entrepreneurs. The book was released on 6 May 2022 by Mr.K.T.Rama Rao (KTR), Minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development of Telangana. The book is but the beginning of the chronicles that are to follow .