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## This son of the soil is bound to his roots

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**BOLPUR:** Away from the prying eyes of the media, there is a silent man working diligently towards the betterment of the society for the last one decade.

Meet Debrasanna Choudhury, a 52-year-old senior-level employee of Abu Dhabi Oil Refining Company. This man's efforts have led to the Mission Compound area of Bolpur.

Choudhury left the country after school for Saudi Arabia and permanently resides there now. But he never forgot his roots. In 2000, he set up the Debkalika Choudhury Charity and Development Centre, a foundation in the memory of his late father, who was also a CA in Saudi Arabia. "I studied in Bolpur till Class 6, then moved to Ramkrishna Mission. After my school, I moved abroad but never forgot my education and my birth place," Debrasanna Choudhury told *HT*.

The trust set up a charitable health care unit in Bolpur where economically backward people receive free medicine. The unit also provides a balanced diet for sick children free of cost.

"Our aim is to serve the weaker section of the society," Choudhury said.

A Master in five subjects, Choudhury is now doing his third PhD from California

University, all the while continuing his job.

"Now I'm working on health, education, income generation and environment. These are the few basic way of a social development. I believe in sustainable development. Continuous improvement is the big aspect of life," he said.

At present 200 students are being coached in the centre formed by Choudhury and as many as 80 patients are receiving treatment in the health centre. The products manufactured in the training centre are not sold in the market, but distributed among the poor.

Slowly ushering a social revolution, the man never takes help from the state or central government to run his projects. "I never knocked their doors for help and I don't want to do that. I want to work in my own way – no obligations," he said.

The entire expenditure is funded by him, which comes down to ₹30 lakh a year.

Choudhury wants to keep it all aside from the limelight. Not only in Bolpur, he is silently contributing in several projects of UNICEF, CRY, Art of Life. "I want to carry on my job – my development work," says Choudhury. "I consider myself an agent of social change. Unless each and everybody think about the betterment of the society, our society and life will not improve," he said.

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