

SLUM KIDS VISIT

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Most slum families do not seek or have access to family planning methods, which usually results in many children per household. These families sometimes see excess children as a financial boon (more workers per household, hence more income) but instead this always works to the downfall of the economics of the household and the society. These children are often neglected and abused, or worse, sold into services such as domestic servitude, prostitution or child labour. Street children are sometimes abandoned by their families or have run away from abuse or exploitation, only to find themselves homeless and in more difficult circumstances. Deprived of material and familial security, these children may turn to drugs, prostitution, rag picking, child labour and other unhealthy pursuits in order to survive.

NSS Unit IIT Mandi works to educate these children to uplift their life. NSS provides educational training, guidance and counseling, empathy, which has resulted in a large number of children being able to enter government schools and also to develop the vocational skills. We hope to continue to provide a safe haven for these children and help to improve their lives.

In this regards NSS unit, IIT Mandi organized one day laboratories visit for slum kids of Mandi district. In this programme 40 slum children participated. Slum kids visited IIT Mandi Campus (Kamand), on 28th August, 2016. IIT Mandi had per- planned interactive activities for these students. Session included topic on study related discussions. Volunteers also briefed students about the procedures and preparation for admission to technical institutions in India. Physics, Computer, Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical lab are few places in IIT Mandi campus that the students visited along with the volunteers. This helped them gain an insight of few ongoing research works at IIT Mandi and also to learn about the working of different-different instruments in the labs.



Slum kids at IIT Mandi campus

The curious questions of the kids starting from how to get an admission in a technical institute to the functioning and purpose of various lab instruments were answered by the volunteers. The slum kids were very enthusiastic to know more and more about different technical activities being undertaken at IIT Mandi, the questions raised by them on the subject topics indicated the high level of interest, enthusiasm.