

## **LIBRARY SET UP PROGRAMME**

**Dated:-25<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 - till continue**

Initial inspiration drawn from John Wood, who in his book called "Leaving Microsoft to Change the World ", John Wood (founder of Room to Read), suggests that his organization helps to establish libraries in the third world countries. In India, Room to Read has libraries in around 8 states. In this spirit, NSS unit IIT Mandi started helping hands to setup of libraries through the PRAYAS programme in different local schools around the IIT Mandi campus.



**Reading session at Kamand School**

Reading Program was started by student volunteers on dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 to till continue, with an aim to encourage the reading hobbies in students. They started setting up libraries using books donated by friends, family and some important books provided from NSS fund. Volunteers in teams of 3 or 4 visited schools, and had reading sessions with students. The schools covered in first stages are Kamand, Katindhi, Neri and Katuala of Mandi Districts.

Need for starting these programmes are:-

- Lack of space in some schools for libraries.
- Inaccessibility of the books to general students, because of a peculiar location of books, for eg. in two of the schools we visited the libraries were in Principal's room, making it hard for students to issue books for reading.

- A careful study of books, they already have reveals a gap in the science and technology books, encyclopedias and similar books.

NSS unit IIT Mandi provided competitive exam books, general knowledge, current affairs, novels (Hindi& English) and story books etc. Mainly the event runs through the donors who donated good collections of books for this noble work. The aim of this event to continue till the students embrace reading as a hobby and NSS unit will be associating with them and guide them for their better future.