

SLUM KIDS TEACHING PROGRAMME

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A large amount of slum children are those who migrate with their families from rural to urban areas in search of livelihoods. 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 to also develop 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 started a slum kids teaching programme from 3rd June, 2015 to 16th October, 2015 at slum area, Paddal, Mandi. In the beginning the programme started with the help of 4 volunteers and steady-steady the numbers of volunteers increased because most of volunteers are interested in these kinds of social welfare works.

In this programme 60 slum children participated. The programme runs around 5 months. Main success of this programme is that in this period total 17 (Seventeen) children got admission in different government schools of Mandi town who did not go school in their life. Volunteers teaches basics for those who do not have gone to the school and as well as subjective to other school students. They showed them inspirational movies and organized dance and music classes for them. Each session is of one hour. They helped them to solve the mathematics questions as well as show them science experiments (small tricks).

As per studies, one in three of the world's malnourished children lives in India. In India, each year, an estimated 27 million children are born—nearly 2 million of which do not survive the fifth birthday. A major cause of this is malnourishment. To solve the problem of **nutrition** of slum children were provided with different-different eatables (Milk, Bananas etc.) in each day.