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Our Mission

At Reading Stars India, We Believe every child has a right to read.

Every Child Deserves A Book, To Dream, Get Inspired, Get Lost, And To Find Themselves

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**Reading Stars believes that
books and stories are vital to
every child –to help them
read, to dream, to get
inspired, to think and to
imagine**

Our Classroom Library programme enables children to read every day. Carefully selected stories from across India and all over the world introduce children to new ways of looking at the world, new ideas and new words.

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Schools

71

Teachers

22k

Students

6k

Books

CREATING CLASSROOM LIBRARIES FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

Every underprivileged child must have access to books. Reading Stars classroom libraries program allows underprivileged children to explore new books and a whole new world for free. These libraries will give a chance to children to develop good reading habits. It should be realized that building reading skills is most essential and lays ground for the development of other learning skills in children. Our mission is to provide that opportunity to those children who cannot afford the luxury of reading great books from across the from great authors.

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Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
The libraries were decorated beautifully by the teachers and students and filled with exciting books to read.

"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." – Jim Rohn

To help children read book and enlighten the future

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Governor gives books to library

Dibrugarh, June 12 (DNB): The governor of Nagaland PB Acharya handed over books to the government middle school of 'Vishwesha' and 'Kohima Model' Primary School, both in Kohima district, as a part of a 'Library programme'.
The programme is said to have been sponsored by Team Nagaland, Library Club of Dibrugarh, and the Dibrugarh Sasi a non-government organization. The motto of the programme is that every school is equipped with a library.
According to updates about the programme on Sunday, Governor PB Acharya urged the students to respect the books and use them to enrich themselves with knowledge. He encouraged them to read as many books as they could and make use of them and knowledge to their studies.
To the teachers, the governor said that they should make every one should make best use of the infrastructure in their institutions. The governor urged them to be positive and work with greater vision and enthusiasm, the updates stated.

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Our Story

Reading Stars India came into being when Shahnaz discovered that her maid's children who go to an English medium school were unable to read independently from their textbooks or a simple storybook meant for much younger children. Determined to help them and several others at the same time, she started reading up about the crisis in our school system, talking to stakeholders in the education sector and figuring out an effective low-cost solution for the malady that ails our schools. Shahnaz started Reading Stars India in 2018 and soon enough her passion for helping children learn to read drew Amthul Tabassum and Padma Baliga to join her organization. We began our journey at Crescent School, Basavanagudi, Bangalore on September 6, 2018, when we inaugurated 18 classroom libraries. Since then, it's been a challenging and exciting year, as we found ourselves venturing out of Bangalore, into Nagaland and Hyderabad while developing our base in our home city with the inclusion of two more schools - BET Primary School and Naasih Public School.


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Raising Readers

A complete classroom library program designed to encourage children to:

- Enjoy reading
- Think critically
- Develop imagination and empathy
- Have dreams for themselves and attempt to achieve them
- Build up language competency

The program includes:

- Assessment of children's reading skills
- A six-to-eight-week library readiness module
- A library of carefully curated books including fiction, non-fiction, a dictionary and wall maps
- Books across different reading levels
- Thoughtfully designed library activities

Currently, the Raising Readers program is live at:

- Crescent Primary School, Bangalore
- BET Primary School, Bangalore
- Naasih Public School, Bangalore
- Shanthi Foundation, Bangalore
- St. MaaZ School, Hyderabad

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CREATING LIBRARIES

In January 2019, Reading Stars India was part of a dynamic team invited by the Honourable Governor of Nagaland to visit the state and evolve ways of helping the children of Nagaland.

We visited schools and held discussions with some of the stakeholders. As part of a pilot project, Reading Stars India helped set up libraries in four schools in and around Kohima. The Honourable Governor, Sri. P. B. Acharya himself visited the schools and handed over the books to the school authorities.

The four schools that are part of the pilot project are:

- Government Middle School, Mengujuma Village
- Government Middle School, Visvema Village
- Government Middle School, Officers' Hill
- Jo Foundation, Middle Medzie.


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Children receiving books-GMS Menjuguma

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Governor hands over the books To GMS Visvema

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Inauguration of a community children's library at Shanthi Foundation, Jayanagar, Bangalore

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News:

School (GMS), Officers Hill, Kohima as a part of 'Library Programme'



Bengaluru: "Reading Stars", a unique programme to promote reading habits among school children, was launched here on

Wednesday. Governor Acharya addressed the function.

The inauguration function was

addressed by Mr. M. A. Siraj, a

former principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya;

Mr. S. Sharif, chairman of the Crescent group of institutions,

which runs a PU college and a Degree College. Contact: Phone:

95388-70630, 99456-79991,

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(By A Staff Writer)

September 6 by a group headed by Ms. Shahnaz Sultan, a visiting faculty in an engineering college. The first school that opted for the programme is Crescent School in Basavangudi in the southern part of the city. Under the programme, Crescent School had dedicated a space for children to browse through latest newspapers and journals and has set up bookshelves in 18 classrooms, with picture books,

Krishnamoorthy, a former principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya; Mr. M. A. Siraj, a Bengaluru based journalist; Ms. Shahnaz Sultan, the coordinator of the programme; and Mr. Saeed Sharif, chairman of the Crescent group of institutions, which runs a PU college and a Degree College. Contact: Phone: 95388-70630, 99456-79991, 98803-53527.

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Nagaland Post

Date: 5 : 6 : 19

Governor hands library books to GMS Kohima



DIMAPUR: Nagaland government handed library books and book racks to Government Middle School (GMS) Officers Hill, Kohima on Friday as part of the 'Library Programme'.

The programme was sponsored by India National Fellowship Centre (INFC), an NGO from Mumbai and initiated by Acharya.

Acharya said that government schools have

committed to strengthen

Magnificent teachers to be dedicated

and give their heart and soul in the education of our

children," he said.

He opined that no child should be deprived

of acquiring knowledge and encouraged parents and sch

olets children to go to school regularly.

The governor often said that reading is not a curse or disease

but a means of curing it. He

said that it was up to the

teachers to make sure that e

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children in every way they could

also promised to support

the school by contributing to the welfare of the school pro

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invited for the school.

The governor also en

couraged the students to take up the colony residence and

make proper use of the library and read as much

as possible so that reading was

a habit that stays in their mind and helps discover new things in life.

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donating the valued books

to the schools under

Kohima district have been

programmed under the Library

The programme was

attended by students, teachers, colony repre

sentatives and students from SCD Burdwan High

School, Mumbai who are

in Nagaland for a teacher

September 6, 2019

Inauguration of Classroom Libraries at Crescent School, Bangalore.

Islamic Voice | by Staff Writer | Bangalore, Karnataka.

Inauguration of Classroom Libraries at Crescent School, Bangalore. The first school to opt for the library programme of Reading Stars India.

June 8, 2019

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Nagaland Post | Dimapur, Nagaland

Governor hands over library books and book racks to Government Middle School (GMS), Officers Hill, Kohima as a part of 'Library Programme' sponsored by Reading Stars.

Morung Express

Date: 13 : 6 : 19

Gov hands over library books to GMS



Governor Acharya interacting with Joe Foundation Inclusive School, Kohima students on June 12.

DIMAPUR: Governor PB Acharya handed over library books to Government Middle School (GMS), Viswema and Joe Foundation Inclusive School (JFIS) on June 12 as part of the 'Library Programme'.

The programme was

motivated by India National

Fellowship Centre (INFC), an NGO from

Mumbai and initiated by Governor Acharya.

The schools will also be

equipped with dictionaries each

to be used by the students and teachers.

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Governor hands over Library Books

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Words of encouragement from Governor PB Acharya while handing over library books to the Government Middle School as part of the 'Library Programme'.

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Governor hands over Library Books to GMS

Morung Express | Kohima, Nagaland

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Eastern Mirror

Date: 13 : 6 : 19

Governor gives books to library



Dimapur, June 12 (ENI): The governor of Nagaland handed over library books to the government school of Viswema and Joe Foundation Inclusive School, both in Kohima. The programme is said to have been sponsored by India National Fellowship Centre (INFC), an NGO from Mumbai and Headquartered in New Delhi. The organisation that works to ensure that every school in

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