



# Books for all

We Don't Teach, We Educate



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## Warmth of Story Books in the Cold Desert

When people think of Ladakh, they often think of mountains, monasteries, and adventure. But for hundreds of children studying in villages such as Kargyak, Karsha, Raru, Sani, Pibiting, and Abran, it is simply home.

This year, Books For All set out on a different kind of adventure, taking storybooks from Noida to some of the most remote schools and learning centres in the cold desert of Ladakh.

Despite the distance, difficult terrain, and geographic isolation, 34 Wall Hung Libraries and 15 Mini Wall Hung Libraries have already been dispatched, with another 7 currently in the process of reaching their destinations. Together, these schools serve more than 800 students across the Zaskar and Khamtsi regions.



The journey of these books reminds us that education is not limited by geography. Whether a child studies in a large city or a small mountain village, every child deserves access to books, imagination, and the joy of reading.

In the cold desert of Ladakh, these libraries are bringing more than storybooks—they are bringing warmth, curiosity, and new possibilities, one page at a time.

## From Storybooks to Headlines

Following a government circular encouraging newspaper reading among students and young readers, Books For All has introduced a newspaper reading initiative across 6 libraries serving urban village schools in Noida.

While our libraries are not just traditionally focused on books alone but creativity as well, yet we strongly believe newspapers provide readers with an opportunity to stay informed about current affairs, government policies, sports, science, and employment opportunities.

This is just a small beginning. We are making every effort to ensure that more than 2,000 students have access to newspapers every month and develop the habit of reading and learning.



### First Braille Games Donation of FY 2026–27



Books For All received its first donation from Ms. Anita Chandra, exclusively for Braille Games consisting of Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, Chess, Tic-Tac-Toe, and other games.

Coincidentally, she was introduced to Project Sparsh and especially to the concept of Braille Games by our Founder Pravin Bhasin during an informal meeting. She found the idea interesting and, through her donation, the first shipment for FY 2026–27 became possible.

We are deeply grateful to her. Because of her support, a Braille Games Kit was successfully delivered to a blind school run by Fortune Foundation, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh.

### From Aspiration to Admission

For FY 2026–27, our goal is to enroll at least 100 youth from families of first-generation learners into vocational courses.

By May 2026, we had reached 1,228 students through phone calls and personal meetings. Of these, 79 students showed interest in one-on-one counselling, and 44 have already been enrolled in various professional courses.

This year, Project Aarohan of USA is also sponsoring 7 students. In May 2026, Kavita Prasad ji visited us and met the proposed students, encouraging them to pursue higher education and career opportunities.

We are hopeful of achieving our target soon and will continue to support deserving youth in their journey from aspiration to admission.



*Career Counselling by Kavita Prasad ji to selected students*

## BFA CANVAS



*Library students celebrated Mother's Day by creating greeting cards. A few of their cards are displayed here.*



*Team Saksham conducting counselling sessions with students and their parents.*



*Students at Vishwa Bharati Blind School, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, learning to play Braille Games*



*WHL books being accessed for the first time by students at one of the remotest schools in Assam.*



*Tiny toddlers happily posing after receiving storybooks for their school in Kargyak Village, Zaskar, Ladakh*

Would you like to support us in our activities or help as volunteers or mentors? We can be reached at **+91 - 9818649949** (Deepa Sengar) or **+91 - 9313584600** (Pravin)

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