



Dear Friends of the Library,

With the growing chill in the air and the ongoing training for the National means cum merit scholarship, a lot of our energy was focused on maintaining this routine and keeping ourselves warm mostly. Children and teachers are both diligently working towards their goal and are making the best of this training. The exam is coming up in January and we are looking forward to soon updating you of the progress of our children.

Despite a heavy silence imbued by the weather the total visitors increased to 400 this month, with **50 new children** and **15 new adult visitors**. November concluded with a fulfilling feeling as though the library is a self-sustaining body now, independently meeting its purpose every day and requiring little facilitation from us. We are so proud and thankful of this presence we have built and the kindness shown to us. We **issued a total of 142 books** this month and added 46 new books to our collection. Competitive books were issued the most.

Bansa Community Library decided to discuss and celebrate an eco-friendly Diwali this year, since it was our library's first Diwali we wanted to set some benchmarks early on. More or less everyone could grasp their responsibility towards the environment after our discussion, and went home with a pollution free festive spirit.



Followed close by this celebration, we also organized a Diwali Online Volunteer's meet-up. It seemed like the perfect time to greet every member of this community, especially the ones who have never visited the library in person. The session turned out to be a warm get together of friends, who share the goal of uplifting the society, one small deed at a time.



This month we screened the movie 'Jai Bhim' and our audience appreciated every bit of it. In a village set up like ours, the sources of media entertainment are scarce and this is all the more reason we want to share only productive, quality content. Movies like these entertain and invigorate adults' and children's minds alike, giving them something to ponder over for a long time.

Another highlight of this month was a visit from IPS officer Ankit Sankhwar, appointed from the batch of 2020. Interacting with these young achievers is inspiring the competitive exams aspirants of our library. Ankit brought along some books and loads of practical wisdom for our students. He even passed his email address for any more queries our students would have.



Here we would like to add a very special progress our library has gained over the months- its ardent [Student Leadership Council \(SLC\)](#). The student leadership council is practically running the library now, they look after their duties wholeheartedly and recognize themselves as the library itself. We recently held a discussion with them and realized that a little appreciation, delegating responsibility and making children feel heard or seen goes a long way with them. It helps them find a way of managing their own life and affairs as well. We are overjoyed to conclude that their ideas are growing confident like them, ever since they were given an opportunity to govern the matters of the library.



On Children's Day we watched the library change its colors to become one with the children. Children freely indulged in fun games and activities, and roamed about as if the library was their sanctuary. At the end we distributed a few presents and now we feel like our children will always remember children's day like it's their birthday.

On 26th November, our country's Constitution day, we held a preamble reading for our children. We believe these simple practices are small steps for the people of our village, towards broadening their awareness and building an attitude of seeking more and more awareness.

[Read and bloom where you are planted!](#)

Here's to the Rural Library Movement!

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