

## Report - Donation to Bal Niketan Orphanage Home

Bal Niketan Ved Mandir is an orphanage home that came into existence in May 1961. The building has two separate premises for boys and girls. Here, food, clothing, education, medicare, accommodation, games, vocational training, computer training and many other facilities are provided to children totally free of cost.

Under the 'Community Outreach Service Program'- An initiative of Interact Club of Army Welfare Education Society (AWES), a donation drive was carried out by APS Jammu Cantt on 29-10-2024. Two teachers and six students from APS Jammu Cantt visited Bal Niketan orphanage home and donated 'Decorated Diyas and Candles' to the children. It was a significant symbol celebrating the true essence of Diwali: Enlightening the inner self by bringing smiles on the innocent faces". There are total 43 children in the primary school of Bal Niketan. The staff and students of APS Jammu Cantt interacted with all the children and enquired about their standard of living, their primary requirements and the issues of homelessness in the society. The visit really proved very fruitful for students of both the schools as they spent good quality time with each other and desired for more meetings/collaborations in the future.

