## **Reading Torch Awards**



'Readers are born leaders. Reading daily can significantly enhance an individual's vocabulary and open up a multitude of opportunities for a person. It plays a pivotal role in ensuring the holistic development of a child. In this rapidly evolving technological era, it is imperative that we instill love for reading to mitigate the adverse effects of technology on young minds.

The 'Reading Torch Award Felicitation Ceremony' organized by Primary Plus was held at India Habitat Centre on Wednesday, 4 September 2024. The ceremony was graced by several distinguished dignitaries; Mr. Himanshu Gupta, Secretary, CBSE; Mr. Yuvraj Malik, Director, NBT; Dr. Deepak Vohra, Ambassador & Special Advisor in Africa; Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of SE & L, Ministry of Education and others from diverse fields. Each speaker emphasized the crucial role of fostering reading habits in the formative years of schooling. Schools across the cities participated and were felicitated under three categories. The nomination process included a comprehensive description of all the activities pertaining to reading that are conducted at school level throughout the year; the role of school library and the rewards system implemented to further hone reading skills. Our school, Mata Jai Kaur Public School was awarded 'Progressive Reading School Award' received by the School Principal, Mr, Sandeep Singh Kathuria. Sir, who is an avid reader himself strongly prioritizes and promotes reading as a fundamental skill. Sir strongly believes that in order to mitigate the ever-increasing effects of AI, we, as facilitators should read and become a role model for our children to imitate and learn from.