



## **Announcement of Satya Bharti Innovative Teachers Award by Deputy Director, Education Department, Jodhpur in Collaboration with Bharti Foundation**

*Education Department, Jodhpur Supported by Bharti Foundation to Recognize Outstanding  
Teachers*

Bharti Foundation, the development arm of Bharti Enterprises will provide support to the Education Department of Jodhpur for the 'Satya Bharti Innovative Teachers Award'. This award will honor outstanding school teachers for bringing innovation in teaching. Smt. Nutan Bala Kapila, Deputy Director, Jodhpur, with the Education Department, announced this award in the presence of esteemed Government officials and senior members of Bharti Foundation.

*Satya Bharti Innovative Teachers Award* is a special honor that underlines the importance of the teaching profession and is given to the educators who create a stimulating and innovative learning environment for the students by using hands-on strategies and need-based teaching techniques.

During the inauguration ceremony, **Nutan Bala Kapila** said "I appreciate the support provided by Bharti Foundation for the **Satya Bharti Innovative Teachers Award**. We believe that teachers are the driving force behind all our successes. It is my great pleasure to announce this award which recognizes and celebrates the dedication of our noble teachers."

As per the Government guidelines, teachers of Primary, Middle and Senior Secondary Schools affiliated to Rajasthan State Government can partake in this notable award. The award ceremony will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. The winning teachers will be selected by a special jury comprising of officials from the Education Department of Jodhpur and a representative from Bharti Foundation and selected teachers shall be felicitated with certificates and prize money.

**Mr. Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation** said, "We are happy to support Rajasthan Government for this special award. Bharti Foundation shares a fruitful relationship with Rajasthan Government and this new joint initiative will surely strengthen this bond. Also, being in the field of education, we believe that teachers ignite the potential of future India. Thus, it is important to recognize their contributions."

### **About Bharti Foundation:**

Bharti Foundation provides free education to underprivileged children in rural areas. Its Programs (Satya Bharti Schools, Satya Bharti Learning Centres, and Quality Support Program) presently reach out to over



73,000 children from socially and economically challenged backgrounds, with special focus on the girl child.

**Some of the initiatives of Bharti Foundation include:**

➤ **The Satya Bharti School Program:**

The Satya Bharti School Program is the flagship program of Bharti Foundation. This rural education initiative provides free quality education to underprivileged children, with a special focus on the girl child. The program envisions transforming students into educated, confident, responsible and self-reliant employable citizens of India with a deep sense of commitment to their society. The program's reach is multi-pronged, encouraging active involvement of the rural community, parents of students and like-minded organizations working in the field of education in India. Making a lasting and sustainable impact on the community where schools are present and finding innovative solutions, through its primary and senior secondary schools, to create replicable and scalable components in the program ensures delivery of quality education. The Satya Bharti School program is being implemented with the intent to arrive at replicable and scalable components of quality education which may be adapted by the Government and other like-minded organizations. Reaching out to thousands of underprivileged children, the program, through its focus on holistic development, aims to bring forth a new generation of citizens eager to usher in positive change. Currently 249 primary/elementary Schools and five senior secondary schools are operational across Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal reaching out to 40,808 children and employing 1,652 teachers. Focusing on the girl child [49% girl students] and the weaker sections of society [75% of children from SC/ST/OBC Communities], the program is one of the largest end-to-end education initiatives by a corporate group in the country.

➤ **Satya Bharti Learning Centres:**

Bharti Foundation has introduced the remedial/bridge courses program in close partnership with 'Educate A Child' - a global initiative. The program aims at bridging the education gap of out of school children and mainstream them into regular schools. The first phase of the program has been deployed in partnership with the Government of Rajasthan. Currently, 417 Education Volunteers are engaged in teaching 9,135 out of school children, of which 50% are girls, enrolled at 447\* Satya Bharti Learning Centres. Till now, 9,299 children have been mainstreamed, with the total impact reaching up to 20,042 children.

➤ **Quality Support Program:**

This initiative envisages working with the government system and improving the quality of schools through need-based interventions. Bharti Foundation has taken the learning and best practices from the Satya Bharti Schools to the Government schools for improving the overall quality of schooling experience. The program aims to partner the Government schools and work along with its leadership



and teachers to support them in their journey towards excellence. Currently, 25 government schools are under active implementation supported through this model, across Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, reaching out to 12,377 students and 516 teachers.

➤ **Satya Bharti Abhiyan:**

Bharti Foundation has undertaken a major initiative – ‘Satya Bharti Abhiyan’ - to improve rural household sanitation facilities in Punjab. Inspired by the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s call to the corporate sector in his 2014 Independence Day speech to strengthen Government’s initiative on this score, the Foundation has decided to adopt Ludhiana district – home district of the Founders - as its focus area for improvement of rural sanitation. As part of this program, the Foundation has committed an investment of INR 100 Crores over the next three years for constructing toilets in rural households lacking such facilities in over 900 villages across the district. In addition to rural household sanitation, ‘Satya Bharti Abhiyan’ will also invest in improving sanitation facilities in Government schools in rural Ludhiana by building new toilets for girls, where no such facilities exist.

Till now, the Abhiyan has directly benefitted 39,659 users, providing 7,982 Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) across the villages of Ludhiana district.