

Voice of Change

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A Bharti Foundation Program Update

TOGETHER WE CAN...



Community members join hands during a tree plantation at the Satya Bharti Primary School at Sotha village in Haryana



Community members help level the road in front of Satya Bharti Primary School at Khurana village in Haryana

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"I strongly believe that quality education besides being the biggest contributor to success is a great leveler as well. The importance of quality education has been reflected across the years in the numerous Central and State government policies. However, we must recognize that, like any other initiative, to affect a sustainable change in the sector of education, there is a need to create collaborative models – like public-private partnerships (PPPs). While 'public' and 'private' continue to be two important stakeholders of these models, there is an emergence of an equally strong stakeholder – 'people' as a logical extension of these collaborations."

Sunil Bharti Mittal
Chairman and Group CEO, Bharti Enterprises

And it is these "people" who have made the Satya Bharti Dream possible. Stepping out from the confines of their homes in the rural villages, it is the effort of each person of the community that has allowed the Satya Bharti School Program to grow at such a phenomenal pace in just 2 years time.

Launched by Bharti Foundation in 2006, the Satya Bharti School Program is an education initiative that supports the search for excellence and will set benchmarks for quality education in the country. With every small initiative woven around the child, the degree and scope of stakeholder involvement and the empowerment of the community as a whole forms an integral part of this national level education initiative.

The first gesture of partnership came from Mrs. Toor, the Sarpanch of a remote village in Punjab. Believing in the vision of Bharti Foundation, to take quality education to the deepest rural pockets of the country, Mrs. Toor agreed to give a plot of land in her Panchayat for the first Satya Bharti School. Not only did she agree to give land, she and her husband persuaded other fellow Panchayat members to give land for many more such schools that would be built for their children.

Today, with 161 Satya Bharti Schools operational, reaching out to more than 16,000 underprivileged children, the stories of community participation only keep increasing. In another instance of community participation, a community member in Bagga Khurd, Ludhiana, visited the Satya Bharti School in the village on a cold winter's day, armed with new sweaters for all the children at the school. Living off a meager income himself, his limited income did not deter him from spending money just to make sure that all the children in the school remained warm and comfortable during that harsh spell of dry winter in Punjab.

It is these voluntary acts of kindness that re-inforces our belief in our work and motivates us to carry out our mission of education. We thank all our donors who have enriched our journey with such remarkable acts of kindness. This has encouraged us to reach out to more and more underprivileged children helping them become active participants in the socio-economic development of the country.

To know more about the program, please visit www.bhartifoundation.org

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SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA, HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF HARYANA INAUGURATES SATYA BHARTI SCHOOL IN SOTHA VILLAGE IN KAITHAL

Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana inaugurated the Satya Bharti School at Village Sotha, Dist. Kaithal on July 18, 2008. Also present at the occasion were Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Vice-Chairman, Bharti Enterprises, Mr. Badri Agarwal, President, Bharti Foundation and Shri Naveen Jindal, MP, Kurukshetra.

On the occasion, Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal said "With the UN Millennium Development Goals setting out to achieve universal primary education by 2015, the need of the hour is good quality education for children in all corners of our country. It is thus through the aegis of the Satya Bharti School Program that we have committed to contribute to the education sector in India. This initiative will address the need for quality education in rural areas and provide underprivileged children with an opportunity to be equal participants in the dynamic and changing economy of the country."

In Haryana, Bharti Foundation plans to set up 61 Satya Bharti Primary Schools and 6 Satya Bharti Senior secondary cum Vocational Training Schools, reaching out to more than 24,000 children. Presently 15 Satya Bharti Schools are operational in the state with an enrollment of over 1500 children and 52 teachers.



Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda inaugurates the foundation plaque at the school



Students of the school hand over a memento to the Hon'ble CM

HIGHER EDUCATION



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SUMIT SONTAKKE -BHARTI STUDENT OF THE YEAR, 2007-08

The Bharti Student of the Year 2007-08 was presented to Sumit Sontakke. The Award was conferred at the 10th Convocation of EDI's PG Programs held on 27th June 2008. The award was conferred to Sumit on the basis of his overall academic performance, extra curricular interest, faculty rating, peer rating and focused judgment on leadership qualities, vision and clarity. Sontakke plans to use the Rs. 50,000 he bagged as part of the 'Bharti Student of the Year Award', as a seed fund for the venture. "I plan to start a business venture that will make and market Teflon cables that are used in space programs and in other high-end products. Apart from the seed investment, I plan to generate more investments from others."



ACT...TO MAKE A CHANGE

*I want to touch a rainbow
I want to learn to fly
I want to be a shining star
I want to atleast try...*

It is the effort that counts. And it is this effort that defines the thousands of underprivileged children who attend the Satya Bharti Schools. Effort to learn...effort to rise...effort to bring in a new tomorrow.

Support us as we salute this effort and help turn thousands of dreams into reality for underprivileged children across the country.

We invite you to join us on this journey and walk the path with us. Help us help children and herald in a new tomorrow!!!

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