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A Bharti Foundation Program Update

At the Satya Bharti Schools



A class in progress



A parent drops his ward to school



Happy children at school

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I Believe: The Satya Bharti School Dream Comes Alive

Two years into the inception of the Satya Bharti School Program, it was important that we heard the voices of the people who mattered the most to the program- the teachers, the parents and most importantly, the children. So we went out and spoke to them, heard what they had to say and also made their voice heard. Here is a first person account of the Satya Bharti School Dream- how they felt, what they said and how it touched their lives...

Amandeep Singh- Student- Std. 5, Satya Bharti School, Ghumana, Ludhiana,

I joined this school two and a half years ago. Earlier I used to study in a government school. I love coming to school everyday because I have lots of friends and my teachers are very nice. They never scold us or punish us. Our teachers teach us in very interesting ways. We learn through drawing, clay work and even project work in school. I have never done all this before and I have lot of fun doing all these things. We also have competitions in school. We also go on neighborhood tours and visit places like the hospital, post office etc. to see how things work. Our teachers have also taught us good habits like washing our hands and keeping ourselves clean, which we did not know before.

Bhupendra Chaudhary- Teacher- Satya Bharti School, Dholeria Jagir, Jodhpur

I joined the Satya Bharti School 7 months ago. I have always wanted to be a teacher. Teaching here is a very different experience. The thing that strikes me the most is that children look forward to come to school every morning. In this school all our time is spent with the children. We are free to teach the way we want to and there is no pressure to follow any one style of teaching. The trainings are also very useful and I have learnt so many modern and useful teaching practices here. The trainings have also taught me to use my time efficiently. I have also learnt to make interesting teaching-learning materials for the classroom.

Dalvir Singh-Parent, Phars Majra, Haryana.

I am a farmer. My son, Gurpreet studies in Std. 2 at the Satya Bharti School in our village while my daughter has finished Std. X. Studying at Satya Bharti School has made a lot of difference to my son. Earlier he used to study in another private school. But he could not cope there. However, being at Satya Bharti School, my son has learnt more in two months than he did at the other school. Now he enjoys going to school, reads the papers at home and also reads out from the television. People used to tell me that this school would not teach my child anything because it is free of cost. But the teachers here teach them like they teach in the schools in the cities. We need more schools like this all over the country.



Running Together for a Cause

It was a chilly winter morning when Delhi decided to put on its running shoes and run the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon (ADHM) held on November 9, 2008. More than 30,000 people came together from various walks of life for this event, many also running for the charity organization of their choice.

Bharti Foundation was registered as one of the charities at the marathon and more than 500 people ran in support of the Foundation. This included the corporate partners of the Foundation, senior officials and employees across Bharti Group Companies, urban school children running in support of their rural counterparts and even school teachers from our Satya Bharti Schools. Raising more than Rs 20 lakh for its programs, the ADHM proved to be a great platform to bring together people from different walks of life together for a single cause.

"I really enjoyed running for Bharti Foundation. I think it was great opportunity to showcase children from the privileged schools running for the cause of Satya Bharti Schools. Keep bringing about such change towards the upliftment of the underprivileged."

Rajit Mittal.

Beyond the Call of Duty: Volunteering at Satya Bharti Schools

Dinesh Kumar Jain, Head, National Sales & Indirect Taxation, Beitel, shares his experiences of visiting the Satya Bharti Schools in Neemrana as a part of the volunteering Program under ACT



1 November, 2008 was declared as the Volunteering Day at our office. Keen to participate and know more about Bharti Foundation and its programs, this was a God-sent opportunity for me. I had always wanted to contribute a small bit towards the society and I decided to make my time with the children as fruitful as possible.

My colleagues and I organized material for our activities and on November 01, 2008 we all headed for the Satya Bharti Government Primary School, Dhani Nangla. We were all very excited and really looking forward to spending time with all the children there. Once we reached school, we went about our planned activities for the day. Every minute spent at school had to be value addition to the children. The children were very enthusiastic and had a warm smile on their faces. We spent 2-3 valuable hours at the school. We also studied the school infrastructure and suggested recommendations for the school. We hope our recommendations would be of value to the Foundation and help them reach out to even larger numbers of underprivileged children across the country.

Volunteering for a noble cause like this makes me want to devote my life to these children and ensure these gems shine out in this world.

Glimpses from the ADHM



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