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INTRODUCTION

Bharti Foundation was set up in the year 2000 as the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises. It implements initiatives in the field of education, sanitation and legal aid. Providing underprivileged children and youth access to quality education continues to be its key focus. The Satya Bharti School Program, its flagship initiative, currently runs 254 rural schools (249 primary/elementary and five senior secondary) in six states of India. This large scale project of rural schools has developed many processes that are replicable and scalable. Over 1,200 Government schools have already begun drawing benefits from these good practices. The holistic approach of the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program supports the paradigm shift in Government schools towards an enhanced schooling experience for its students. The Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program brings Out of School Children, especially in remote regions, back into the Government schooling system by providing them age and grade appropriate remedial education.

Sustainability of our field programs is strengthened by various partnerships built over time with State Governments, NGOs, academic institutions and corporates for various CSR Programs. Our corporate governance norms, processes of transparency and emphasis on accountability help us deliver impactful initiatives.

BHARTI FOUNDATION – IMPACT

1. Creating Opportunities of Quality Education for Underprivileged Children

Bharti Foundation reaches out to the underprivileged sections in rural areas with more than 75% of the 43,000 students of Satya Bharti Schools belonging to marginalised communities (SC/ST/OBC) and nearly 50% being girls. Over 20,000 Out of School Children have been brought back into 1000+ Government schools covered under the Learning Centre Program. More than 50,000 students of 160+ Government schools under the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program are experiencing a better school environment with energised teachers, new activities for holistic development, training exposure etc. Our Satya Bharti Schools as well as our partner Government schools are recognised as spaces of joyful learning that support the pursuit of excellence.

- Students of Satya Bharti Schools regularly secure admission in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JVN), which enrol talented rural children through a competitive entrance examination and provide high quality education free of cost.
- Students of our five Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary Schools have excelled at Class X CBSE Board Examinations. In 2016, of the 225 students: 41 students scored a perfect 10 CGPA, 56 students scored between 9 and 9.9 CGPA, 66% of these were girls and the overall pass percentage was 99.11%.
- Corporates like Deutsche Bank, The British Asian Trust, TOMS Shoes, Mahindra Comviva and Bharti Group companies like Bharti Airtel Limited, Bharti Infratel Limited etc., have proactively supported our programs.

2. Holistic Development of Children

Holistic education aims to develop the personal, intellectual, emotional, social and physical potential of a child. Designed around the rural context, this approach develops students into educated, employable and responsible citizens of the country. From achieving merit positions, conversing in English, operating computers, to acquiring life skills, entrepreneurship abilities, etc., our students are ready for any challenge. We are grooming leaders from an early age for them to become change agents of tomorrow.

The Satya Bharti School Program, flagship initiative of Bharti Foundation, provides quality education, completely free of cost to underprivileged children across rural India, with a special focus on the girl child.
• To provide international exposure and encourage innovative thinking, schools were given an opportunity to participate in the British Council’s International School Award (2015-18) which was won by two of our schools.
• Creativity skills of students are encouraged through annual events like Rang Tarang, where partners such as Snapdeal and Luxor have provided stationery and other materials.

3. Girl Child Education
Our Girl Child Policy follows four pillars: Enrolment, Education, Encouragement and Environment. It ensures that no girl child remains out of school and an environment is created to not only support their continued education but also to help them achieve their potential. Our girl students win many prestigious awards, hold leadership positions in schools and lead by example to change mindsets.

• Social Impact Assessment conducted by EY found that: 96% of parents of a girl child in Satya Bharti School wanted her to pursue higher education as compared to 73.7% parents of a girl child in other schools, thus signifying the rising aspirations of our parents.
• Girl Rising India Foundation, an initiative that started in the U.S., is creating new opportunities for the girls of Satya Bharti Schools to claim their place in the sun.

4. Student Achievements at National Level
Students are encouraged to participate in competitions to build their confidence. They are winning Indian/international awards, receiving scholarships, winning medals in sports and other contests. Our students belong to disadvantaged communities and their achievements bear testimony to holistic education and the passion of our teachers in our schools.

• Jyoti, a student of Satya Bharti School, Rajasthan was invited to the U.S. as a National Honoree by the Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards.
• 10 students reached the final round of the prestigious YES Bank Natural Capital Olympiad contest competing with thousands of students from privileged schools.
• Gaurav from a Satya Bharti School in Haryana won several hearts at the National telecast of Indian Idol Junior Contest. One of the judges has funded his higher education at the Gurukul School (Kolkata).

5. Empowered Teachers
Bharti Foundation empowers its teachers with the right skills, knowledge, tools and techniques that aid them in delivering quality education. Teachers are encouraged to use innovative Teaching Learning Material, to make education joyful. Teacher training focuses on improving pedagogical practices and bringing in experiential teaching processes. Teachers are mostly recruited from the nearby areas to ensure connect with children and communities. An indirect impact of our schooling program is employment generation, especially for women.

• Teachers are given exposure for self-development by creation of teacher’s network and exchange programs in partnership with STIR Education, SRF Foundation etc.
• Our teachers have received certificates for their innovative Teaching Learning Material from the University of Roehampton, U.K.

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6. **Increased Awareness on Health & Sanitation**

Sanitation, good health and hygiene practices are integral to Satya Bharti School processes. Our students undertake community based campaigns to generate awareness on the importance of hygiene and sanitation. Over 3,000 students of our schools have successfully convinced their families to build toilets in their homes. Five Government schools under partnership with Bharti Foundation have recently won *Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar* 2016, instituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India; under various categories.

- The EY study found that: *family members of 91% households (with children studying at Satya Bharti Schools) regularly wash their hands before and after meals as compared to 62.2% households whose children go to other schools.*
- With the support of Bharti Airtel Limited and Bharti Infratel Limited, over 17,500 individual toilets have been provided in rural areas of Ludhiana under the Satya Bharti Abhiyan.

7. **Partnering Government Schools**

Good practices from the Satya Bharti School Program, existing wealth of knowledge among Government school teachers and their passion for teaching are together ensuring a better schooling experience for Government school students. Bharti Foundation’s initiatives have led to a steady increase in teachers’ engagement leading to better performance by students. Students are being empowered through educational support such as books for competitive exams, student lectures, career counselling, inter-school events, etc. In addition, processes such as sports, art, libraries, computers, remedial classes etc., have been activated for holistic development. Increased participation of community and parents in school’s activities is also being encouraged.

- Government school students are excelling at competitions such as Painting, Quiz, Science Models making, Theatre, Singing, Essay Writing, Debates, Sports, etc.
- Students are aspiring for higher education from premier institutes; two students from a Government School in Haryana qualified for the IIT-JEE Mains (advance level).

**Need-Based Support for Government Schools**

1. Information Technology – Projectors, Audio Visual Aids, Repairing of Computers in Lab (maintenance) and provision of Laptops
2. Libraries – Books, Magazine/Comics Subscription, Newspaper Subscription and Audio-Visual resources
4. Exposure Visits – To various Industries, Science Museums, etc.
5. Guest Lectures – For career counselling and exposure to new professions
7. Workshops/training sessions for students and teachers

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