

## **Department of School Education, Government of Telangana signs MoU with Bharti Foundation**

*Bharti Foundation will extend its Satya Bharti Quality Support Program to 15 Government Schools recommended by School Education Department of Telangana*

**Gurgaon, August 26:** Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of School Education, Government of Telangana to support 15 Government schools under its Satya Bharti Quality Support Program. With this, Bharti Foundation has spread program outreach to over 140 Government School partnerships, located in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Telangana.

As part of the MoU, Bharti Foundation will partner with the Education Department to strengthen initiatives in improvement of holistic school quality. Through joint discussions with the school leaders and education department officials, key areas of improvement will be identified and action plans developed along with them as per their vision of the schools.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. G Kishan, IAS, Director of School Education, Telangana, Hyderabad,** said, “The Satya Bharti Quality Support Program has already created successful synergies with the Principals and teachers of Government schools across five other states. Quality education has been recognised by the Telangana State Government as a critical need and we welcome Bharti Foundation’s support in helping the students and teachers of these schools realise their aspirations.”

Under the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program, Bharti Foundation will act as facilitator and will support the respective Principals in prioritising areas of improvement. The core team, consisting of school leaders, teachers, school staff and parents, along with Bharti Foundation’s academic mentor, will implement interventions that contribute towards streamlining school processes, capacity building as well as engage parents, teachers and students to improve the overall school performance. The Government will continue to own, manage and run the schools and provide its ongoing commitments to the school with its financial resources, existing teachers, infrastructure facilities and expansion as per the State’s annual work plan. Bharti Foundation will provide an academic mentor to support the School Principals.

**Speaking about the partnership, Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation** said, “Over the past three years, our experience of working with Government School Principals, teachers and education officers in five states has been very energising. It is their ideas and participation that has led to the success of this program. We look forward to working along with the very supportive team of officials and educationists in Telangana.”

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**About Bharti Foundation:** Bharti Foundation was set up in 2000 as the philanthropic arm of the Bharti Enterprises. It implements programs in the field of primary, elementary, senior secondary and higher education through the Satya Bharti School Program as well as Government School interventions under its Satya Bharti Quality Support and Satya Bharti Learning Centres Program. This year, the Foundation has completed 10 successful years of the Satya Bharti School Program. Bharti Foundation has till date impacted the lives of close to 1,50,000 students from underprivileged background, with a special emphasis on the girl child and has touched over a million lives through its education initiatives.

In addition to education programs, the Foundation has initiated *Satya Bharti Abhiyan*, to improve sanitation facilities in rural Ludhiana District and *Nyaya Bharti* to provide legal and financial aid to deserving underprivileged under-trials languishing in jails across the country for minor offences.



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