

Girl Students Of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni Win Accolades At Prestigious Inter-School Event

Kho-Kho, Wrestling and Weightlifting – These Students Leave No Stone Unturned

9th October, 2015. Ludhiana: The Girl Students of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni proved their excellence in Sports by securing several winning positions at the Sahodaya School Complex Ludhiana East Competition 2015 and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan.

This event marks a proud moment for Bharti Foundation, the development arm of Bharti Enterprises, set up with the vision to help underprivileged children and young people of our country realize their potential. The students of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni cheered as their Girls' team won 2nd Position in Kho-Kho (Girls under 14) and the Boys' team secured 3rd position in Kho-Kho (Boys under 16) at the block level. Also of note were the efforts of Komalpreet Kaur, a class Xth student as she emerged as a winner of the Wrestling competition at the District level at the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan. In addition, these remarkable Girl Students secured 3rd positions in both National Style Kabbadi Girls (under 16) and Weightlifting competition (for girls) at the block level.

The students have consistently participated in several Sports events; however, they were able to gain the edge this time around thanks to the professional training facilitated by the school. The efforts of their Physical Education Teacher, Manish Grover are noteworthy; he brought external coaches and trainers to train the students in the intricacies of Kho-Kho over a period of one year. Intensifying efforts over the last three months by starting every day at 6:30am, the students were engaged in tackling and learning critical techniques of the Game. The skills gained during these sessions proved to be the real differentiator for the students of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni. The tireless efforts of the teachers to give their students maximum exposure through special training in Weightlifting and Wrestling as well, led to their stunning victory. To do so the teachers convinced professional coaches from villages in the vicinity of the school to share their expertise completely free of cost.

Contribution of Parents, Community and Teachers

Another major factor that led to the triumph of the students of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni was the contribution and active involvement of the parents, community and school teachers. Under able guidance of the Principal, the teachers left no stone unturned in successfully convincing parents to allow their wards to participate in the competition after school hours. The teachers themselves volunteered to work extra hours to support the training process of the students over the course of the year. Together, they also motivated the local community to donate a handsome sum of Rs.25,000 to fix the school grounds which consists of laterite soil and is not suitable for Sports. Thereafter, the team coaches and trainers marked out the correct measurement of a Kho-Kho ground helping the students train better and use strategy effectively while learning the Sport. This victory



belongs to all the students, community members, teachers and trainers who worked hard in making this success possible.

Vijay Chadda, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Bharti Foundation congratulated the extensive efforts of students, adding, *"Bharti Foundation aims to provide quality education underlined with holistic development to transform students in rural areas into the leaders of the future. The victory of our students, specially the girls, is indeed a proud moment for all of us at the Foundation and holds the true validation of our efforts to bring the focus on the education of the girl child."*

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 70,622 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 40,925 children and employing 1,638 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, 372 Education Volunteers are engaged in teaching 6,920 out of school children, of which 52% are girls, enrolled at 350* Satya Bharti Learning Centres. Till now, 8,783 children have been mainstreamed, with the total impact reaching up to 16,978 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 12,719 students and 494 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.