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Talent also needs to be spotted by the correct person at the correct time. To nurture it and to make it blossom. So that talent doesn't get wasted because of lack of privileges. We, at Bharti Foundation look for the talented but less privileged, and give them the opportunity they deserve.

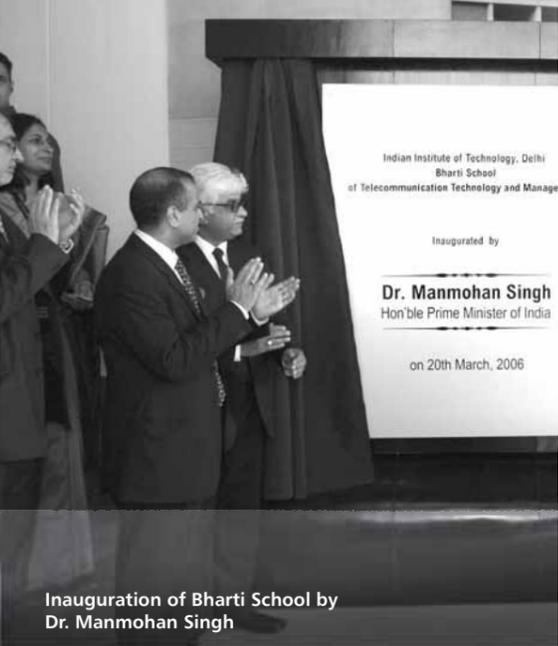
Bharti Foundation was established in 2000 with a vision "To help underprivileged children and youth of our country realize their potential." It aims to create and support programs that bring about sustainable changes through education and use of technology and information & best practice sharing.

Bharti Foundation has set itself the goals of improving accessibility and quality of education at the school level for underprivileged children, and to provide education and training opportunities to youth.

Under its school level initiatives, it has programs in the areas of computers in education, library and reading programs and mid-day meals among other projects. For youth, Bharti Foundation has set up a Bharti Scholarship Scheme to help them complete higher education and has been encouraging entrepreneurship. It has instituted awards and fellowships to recognize talent and to motivate young people to achieve their potential. It has also set up Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management in collaboration with IIT, Delhi to develop young telecom leaders.



Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal welcoming the Hon'ble Prime Minister to Bharti School of Telecom at IIT, Delhi



Inauguration of Bharti School by Dr. Manmohan Singh



Hon'ble Prime Minister addressing the gathering at the inauguration

A picture perfect beginning



Shri Surinder Singla, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Punjab and Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal talking to children at a Bharti Library



Inauguration of Bharti Library Program

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Bharti Foundation is standing at the threshold of massive expansion of its work with disadvantaged communities. In May 2006, the trustees of Bharti Foundation announced three significant decisions: a commitment of a corpus of Rs. 200 crores, a governing board comprising people from distinguished backgrounds and an ambitious project of setting up primary schools in the villages of India, where availability of quality education still remains a distant dream. With this, we have started on a journey which requires dedication, commitment and more importantly passion for making a true difference in the lives of rural communities.



We want to create temples of learning, radiating knowledge and excellence for underprivileged children. We want to provide quality education to poor children, out-of-school children, migrant children and focus especially on the girl child. Our aspiration is to provide education that is practical, complete and truly empowers a child.

We are anchoring the performance of our schools on three critical aspects; curriculum, teacher's training and regular performance monitoring. We are in the process of building a curriculum that meets our aspirations, yet stays grounded in the state curriculum so a child fits into any system of education after primary. We will also set performance parameters to regularly monitor the performance of schools, teachers and learning levels of children in a participatory manner with teachers, trainers, subject-matter experts and local community.

While on one hand we are preparing our schools to deliver quality education at low cost; on the other hand we are working towards anchoring primary schools in the local community. It is very important for us that the community owns the school and plays an active role in its running and management. We want to hold ourselves accountable to the communities we serve. Simultaneously, we want the communities to be responsible to ensure that these schools run effectively and deliver what we have promised them.

We have an exciting year ahead. Bharti Foundation's team is all geared up to start its first batch of schools. We have received an extraordinary support from village communities and Gram Panchayats. Our teams are welcomed into villages with open arms.

The coming year will be full of excitement for all of us at Bharti Foundation. I encourage you to join our efforts for the underprivileged children and youth of India.

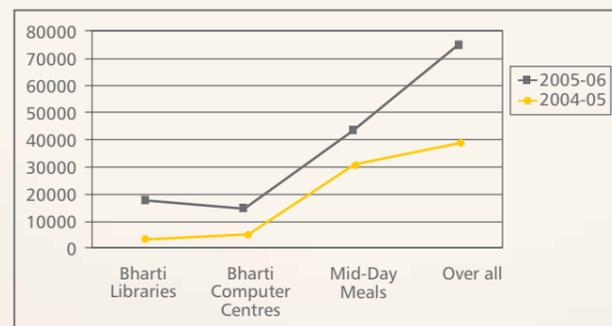
With kind regards,

Badri Agarwal
President

Program Outreach



Increase in number of beneficiaries reached:



- Bharti Computer Centre
- Bharti Libraries
- Mid-Day Meal Program
- Bharti Scholarship Scheme
- Other Projects

Bharti Libraries

No	School	No	School
Punjab (Ludhiana)		Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal)	
1	Government Primary School, Ramgarh/Sahnewal	56	Chandrashekhar Azad Govt. Mid. School
2	Government Primary School, Gobindgarh	57	Damkheda Primary School
3	Government Primary School, Jamalpur	58	Basti Library, Jahangirabad
4	Government Primary School, Awana, Jamalpur	59	Basti Library, Karond
5	Government Primary School, Sherpur Khurd	Rajasthan (Jaipur)	
6	Government Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar	60	Veena Vadini Pvt. School
7	Government Primary School, Dugri	61	JMC Pink City School
8	Government Primary School, Lalton Khurd	62	JMC Community Centre
9	Government Primary School, Baddowal	63	Jhalana Doongiri Community Centre
10	Government Primary School, Bhanohar	Andhra Pradesh (Hyderabad)	
11	Government Primary School, Hassanpur	64	Sharada Bai High School
12	Government Primary School, Mullanpur - Dakha Mandi	65	M. H. Gupta High School
13	Government Primary School, Threekay	66	Lenin Nagar Community-based Library
14	Government Primary School, Khud Mohlla	67	New Rakshapur Community-based Library
15	Government Primary School, BRS Nagar, GPS No. 7	Bihar (Patna)	
16	Government Primary School, Millerganj	68	Digha Ghat Community-based Library
17	Government Primary School, Dashmesh B	69	Nai Sarak Community-based Library
18	Government Primary School, Dholewal - Sevak Nagar	70	Lodi Katra Community-based Library
19	Government Primary School, Kot Mangal Singh	71	Alla Bakshpur Community-based Library
20	Government Primary School, 6 A, Millerganj	72	Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Saidpur
21	Government Primary School, Gahlewal	73	Rajkiya Kanya Madhya Vidyalaya, Musallahapur
22	Government Primary School, Purbi II, Janta Nagar	74	Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Badi Pahari
23	Government Primary School, Simlapuri	75	Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Mridaha Toli
24	Government Primary School, GPS No. 5	76	Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Allabakhsapur
25	Government Primary School, New Simlapuri	77	Rajkiya Prathmik Vidyalaya, Kedar Nath Math
26	Government Primary School, Chandran	78	Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Ramna
27	Government Primary School, Visva Karma Town	79	Rajkiya Prathmik Vidyalaya, Khajekalan
28	Government Primary School, Gobind Nagar	80	Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Kanhaiya Lal
29	Government Primary School, Jawahar Nagar	81	Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Amlatola
30	Government Primary School, Jawahar Nagar	82	Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Raj Bhavan
31	Government Primary School, Punjab Agriculture University	83	Arya Sanskritik Madhya Vidyalaya
32	Government Primary School, Model Gram	Haryana (Gurgaon)	
33	Government Primary School, Salem Tabri	84	Govt. Primary School, Wazirabad
34	Government Primary School, Peru Banda	85	Housing Board School
35	Government Primary School, Jagraon Bridge	86	Jharsa, Community-based Library
36	Government Primary School, Kundanpuri	87	Nathupur, Community-based Library
37	Government Primary School, Bhaini Gahi, Kum Kalan	Maharashtra (Mumbai)	
38	Government Primary School, Bhamia Khurd	88	Transit Camp School
39	Government Primary School, Ghumait	89	Shramik Urdu School
40	Government Primary School, Walipur	90	In the premises of transit Camp School
41	Government Primary School, Karabara	91	Antop Hill Post Office
42	Government Primary School, Basti Jodhewal	Delhi	
43	Government Primary School, Kailash Nagar	92	West Community-based Library
44	Government Primary School, Aliwal	93	Zakhira Community-based Library
45	Government Primary School, Burraich	94	North Shahadra Community-based Library
46	Government Primary School, Hambran	95	Central Shahdara Community-based Library
47	Government Primary School, Talwandi Nau Abad	96	MCD School, Regar Basti
48	Government Primary School, Jassowal	97	MCD School, Joshi Road
49	Government Primary School, Bhattian Daha	98	MCD School, Pahad Gunj
50	Government Primary School, Ghumaun	99	MCD School, Partap Naga
51	Government Primary School, Karnail Shahid Nagar	100	Kalakar Vikas School, Kalakar Trust
Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow)		Assam	
52	Nagar Nigam Primary School, Aminabad	101	Robingaon No. 2, Kamrup
53	Nagar Nigam Primary School, Nishat Ganj (Bajaria)	102	Jeevan Sadhana Vidya Niketan, Guwahati
54	Nai Basti, Sadar	Tamil Nadu (Chennai)	
55	Billauchpura, Dhobi Ghat	103	Chennai Corporation Primary School
		104	Chennai Corporation Middle School

Each year over 200 students access Bharti School, including students from other departments, who take up full-time courses in the area of Telecommunications.

Bharti Lecture Series

In order to provide its students the best environment to learn and conduct research, Bharti School has been a host to several world-renowned guest speakers.

Some of the lectures that have been organized in the last year are:

- 'The Digital Networked Economy: A Fundamental Transformation' by Ben Verwaayen, CEO, British Telecom
- 'All-IP Networks' by Dr. Krishan Sabnani of Lucent Technologies, USA
- 'The Future Outlook' by Pradip Baijal, Secretary TRAI

12th National Conference on Communications

To promote research in Telecommunication, Bharti Foundation supported the 12th National Conference on Communications, held at IIT Delhi. The aim of this annual conference was to stimulate, encourage, and promote basic and applied research in communications and allied areas. Last year, over 200 papers were presented at the conference by national and international researchers and academicians.

Bharti School - A Promising Future

- Linux of the telecom world - 'Open Stacks' initiative is Bharti School's contribution to the world of telecommunications. With this initiative, the Telecom Networks Lab of Bharti School is building an open source telecom protocol stack and building blocks, for use without royalty, much like Linux.
- Expect some new wave of thinking to emerge out of Bharti School. Some cutting-edge projects currently conducted at Bharti School include "Secure Communication using Chaos Theory" and "Development of a Universal Telecom Device for Rural Broadband Access."
- Bharti School is set to become a hotbed of research- three labs at the campus include a Telecom Software Lab, a Wireless Communications Lab and a Telecom Networks Lab.

Excerpts from the Hon'ble Prime Minister's speech at the inauguration of Bharti School

I am truly delighted to be here today to dedicate to the nation the Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management. I compliment Sunil Bharti Mittal and the Bharti Foundation for this initiative which is a glowing example of public-private partnership in the field of higher education and research. If India has to be a major player in the evolving global knowledge economy, we need greater emphasis on such partnerships to boost our Research and Development capabilities and I hope the Bharti School makes a mark in this direction. The phenomenal success of Bharti Telecom symbolizes the transformation of the Indian economy over the past decade. When we launched new economic policies, we did so to unleash the creativity and enterprise latent in our entrepreneurs like Sunil and others like him.



a value-system that anchors her in her culture, gives her observation, logic and analytical skills. There will be due emphasis on sports and games to build an all-round personality.

Our Primary Schools will also focus on developing special teachers training program and curriculum, which will empower teachers to deliver quality education to children in a child-friendly manner.

Key Features of Primary Schools

Our Primary Schools will follow state curriculum to enable easy mainstreaming. Special emphasis is laid on English language, computer-aided learning, library and reading facilities and on sports and games for an all round development of the child. To help children enroll, attend school regularly and study, special schemes such as mid-day meals, provision of uniform, scholarships, etc. have been introduced. Also, the schools have child-friendly teaching, innovative teaching methodology, regular teachers' training and nominal fees.

Implementation

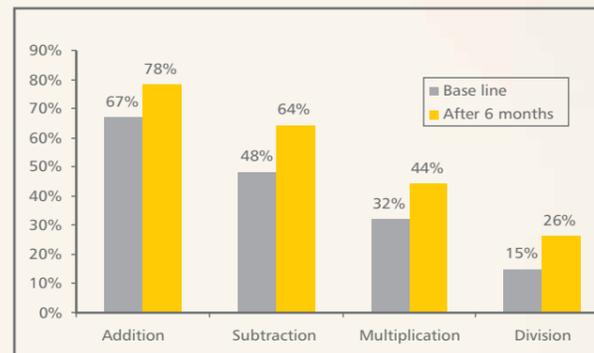
Eight schools have been initiated in the Ludhiana district. The learnings from these schools are helping us design the project plan for rest of the states. Special teams, which work exclusively on the project, are being established at the state level to set up and operate the schools locally.





Children accessing Bharti Computer Centres have shown remarkable improvement in their learning levels, after the introduction of 'computer-aided teaching'.

As an indicative example, this graph shows the percentage increase in learning levels for various mathematical functions for class III and IV students, 6 months after the initiation of the Bharti Computer Centres.



In addition, improvements were observed in many other aspects, such as:

- The learning levels registered significant increase across classes in terms of number recognition and simple mathematical functions.
- Parents are showing a keen interest in sending their children to schools with 'computer-based learning'.
- Teachers, in addition to the Computer Centre Sancharaks, in schools are learning to use computers as a teaching and learning aid.
- Youth programs are drawing both girls and boys to learn basic computer skills, Office Automation, Desktop Publishing and Financial Accounting, thus broadening their job avenues.

Bharti Computer Centres - Helping children realize their potential

Shambhu hails from an extremely poor migrant family in Nangloi, Delhi. He joined the RTBK School at Nangloi, where Bharti Computer Centre was opened. Attending computer classes changed his life completely. Shy to begin with, he is now one of the most vivacious students of the class. With the introduction of computers, he has shown remarkable improvement in his academics. He is now studying in class V and aspires to become a teacher. This computer centre has instilled in him the drive to learn and enjoy the process of learning.

Dr. Sunil Shukhla: Senior Faculty - Entrepreneurship Development Institute

"It has been indeed quite an experience working with Bharti Foundation's team. Their enthusiasm and co-operation at all times, has been very encouraging for us. It fuelled our determination to make all activities resound impact and sustainable results. I must say, that the officials were not just accessible but also prompt in their responses and this sure is the reason behind the success of our project."

Head Master, Government Primary School, Sunrakh (Vrindhavan)

"Government Primary School, Sunrakh has 182 students. Ever since Akshaya Patra started supplying food,

Children are happy since they get hot and tasty meals at the school itself. They have started attending school more regularly and their health has improved.

There is a glow of happiness on the faces of children, when the Akshaya Patra van carrying the food comes in front of the school."

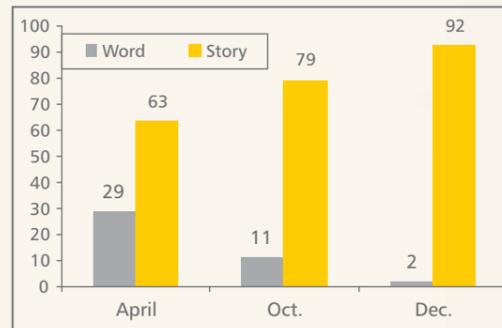


Bharti Libraries were set up in partnership with Pratham, Shanti Sadhna Ashram in government schools, or government recognized schools as well as NGO-based schools for underprivileged children, where the partner school was willing to provide the basic infrastructure for the library.

Impact

- 104 Bharti Libraries opened across 11 states/ union territories of India
- More than 17,000 children benefitted
- 104 youth were employed as librarians, most of them being young girls
- Improvement in reading ability
- Increase in attendance and regularity at school
- Increase in book circulation per month per child

As an indicative example, this graph shows that the children who could only read “words” at the initiation, 29% children moved up to “story” level in six to eight months, leaving only 2% children at the word level.



In addition, further improvements that were observed:

- No. of story readers went up from 63% to 92%.
- Children at 'word' level have moved up leaving only 2% children in that category as compared to 29% in April 2005.

Our Libraries - Helping children realize their potential

Ramesh Kumar, 11 years old, son of a migrant laborer from Bihar, was a very shy student and feared his teachers. This made him perform below his potential. The love and persuasion of the librarian helped him get over his inhibitions and complexes. He is now doing extremely well in his studies. He also participates in other school competitions. His librarian, Amandeep said, “It is really heartwarming to see his progress, the boy who always hid himself in class, is now eager and excited to answer any question asked in class. It is children like Ramesh who keep us going.”

Vidhi, a student of fourth standard, has been coming to Bharti Library from the very beginning. Her librarian Kamla said, “When admitted Vidhi couldn't read with much fluency but the library activities benefited her and established a self-belief in her. Vidhi now shows a keen interest in books and also recites stories and poems in class. She also takes books home for her brother and sister.”

CII - Bharti Woman Exemplar Award



Bharti Foundation in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industries announced the “CII - Bharti Woman Exemplar Award” in 2005. The award recognizes the extraordinary and exemplary efforts of grassroots community women workers who have broken new ground in the fields of Primary Education & Literacy, Health and Micro-Finance & Enterprise.

The “Woman Exemplar” or “Adarsh Stree” award was presented to three exemplary women, at the CII National Conference 2005. The awardees were:

- Poonam Sinsinbar from Haryana for Primary Education/Vocational Training
- Kavita Santosh Shinde from Maharashtra for Health, and
- Tejo Devi from Jharkhand for Micro-Finance and Enterprise

The story of Poonam Sinsinbar, one of our awardees, demonstrates the spirit of this award:

A native of Neb Sarai, Haryana, Poonam went through the trauma of a failed marriage and ill treatment at the hands of her parents and society. Determined to take charge of her life, she joined Nav Srishti as a teacher, where she proved to be one of the best-loved teachers.

She moved to Faridabad in 2003, where she set up a Balwadi (pre-school) and Vocational Training Centre in Azad Nagar and Mujessar respectively. In May 2005, when Poonam received the award, there were 200 children attending the Balwadi and 80 adolescent girls were learning life skills at her vocational training centre.

She utilized the entire sum of Rs. 1 lakh awarded to her to establish her organization as an independent entity. She also registered her organization as a Trust under the name of Stree Shakti Pahal Samiti. Today there are more than 470 children, benefitting from her organization.

In light of the fact that she has chosen not to rest on her laurels and has continued to grow and persevere with her work in the face of obstacles, Bharti Foundation has decided to extend further support to her organization.



Bharti Scholarship Scheme

Bharti Foundation has set up the Bharti Scholarship Scheme to support students opting for higher education in management, engineering and agriculture on a merit-cum-means basis. The purpose is to support students who are academically bright but with limited financial means, and assist them in becoming professionally qualified.

Saurabh Jain, MBA student, IIFT, New Delhi

"It would be an underestimation to say that I received just money in the form of the scholarship, because for me, it was much more than that. The impact of the scholarship on me was multidimensional... it boosted my confidence... it has always been my unique selling proposition. People know me as the person who got the Bharti Scholarship. It gives me enough confidence to face any barrier and to cross all the hurdles. I am and will always be grateful to Bharti Foundation for entitling me as a Bharti Scholar."

Other Projects

Kalakar Trust



Bharti Foundation supports the Kalakar Vikas School, which educates the children of Kalakar community belonging to the Katputli slum in West Delhi. The school is run by Kalakar Trust, which works with 2600 families of artists consisting of puppeteers, musicians, dancers, acrobats and magicians residing in this area.

Bharti Foundation contributes towards their Mid-Day Meal Program. The Foundation also undertook the upgradation of their Computer Centre that provides regular computer classes to 355 children from the school. Support was also provided to obtain additional books for the school library to inculcate reading habits in the children.

Mid-Day Meal Program

An estimated 63% of the children in India go to sleep hungry every night. Even mild forms of nutritional deficiencies can limit a child's development and learning capacity early in life.

The Mid-Day Meal Program in Vrindavan, in collaboration with the Akshaya Patra Foundation has produced dramatic results in terms of enrollment, attendance and attention spans.

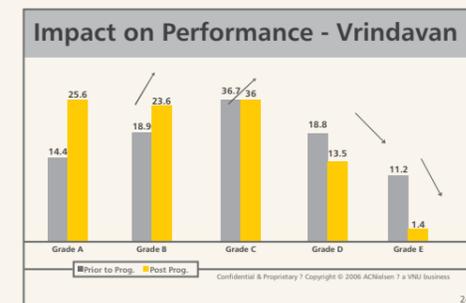
- The Mid-Day Meal Program commenced in August 2003, serving 1,000 children in about six schools.
- Currently the Mid-Day Meal Program reaches 56,520 children per day in 330 government schools and 82 Anganwadis.

In the coming months the target is to reach 1,00,000 children covering the entire Mathura district.

Impact

According to a survey conducted by ORG Centre for Social Research, a division of AC Nielsen ORG MARG Pvt. Ltd., over the sample of 3500 children in 14 schools benefitting from the Mid-Day Meal Program in Vrindavan.

- The average number of students enrolled in class I has improved by 18%
- The average number of students enrolled in class V has improved by 27.4%
- The average attendance rate has increased by 14.6%
- The proportion of students who obtained the highest possible grade of 'Grade A' has increased from 14.4% to 25.6% across all classes (Graph)
- The proportion of students who obtained the lowest possible grade of 'Grade E' has decreased from 11.2% to 1.4% across all classes (Graph)



Average Enrollment	Year	Class I	Class V
Total	1999	808	808
	2004	952	952
Growth rate		17.89%	17.89%
Boys	1999	393	164
	2004	477	199
Growth rate		21.37%	21.16%
Girls	1999	215	187
	2004	475	248
Growth rate		14.60%	32.98%

Government Primary School, Sunrakh, Vrindavan (1st to 5th Std)

Brijesh, who is studying in the fifth standard, is one of six children in his family. All of them are studying in the same school. His father is a tailor and mother a farm laborer whenever she gets work. His elder brother works part time and he used to help him, as the income was insufficient to feed such a large family. Now that he and his siblings are getting Mid-Day Meal in the school, they have stopped working part time and have started concentrating on their studies.

Bharti Centre for Entrepreneurial Initiatives

The Bharti Centre for Entrepreneurial Initiatives was set-up with the belief, "To develop, facilitate and motivate entrepreneurs and sensitize the society at large and youth in particular to become entrepreneurs, through education, training, research, rewards and any other intervention."

"Bharti Entrepreneur of the Year" Award

The award recognizes outstanding accomplishments of the first generation entrepreneurs, who consistently display extra-ordinary creativity, courage and competitiveness. This year, Shri. V. P. Shetty, Chairman - IDBI, presented the award to a young entrepreneur of just 26 years, Bhavin Turakhia, CEO - Direct Information Private



Limited (a web hosting solutions company). Bhavin started his company in 1998 with a capital of Rs. 25,000, which today stands at a total of Rs. 531.6 lakhs serving customers across 232 countries.

In an address at the Centre for the Advanced Study of India (CASI), University of Pennsylvania on November 2005, Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal reminiscing about his early entrepreneurial days, said:

"In 1992 we got our first license to build a mobile company, and in 1995 we launched mobile services in Delhi. That was a time when the large business houses started laughing at Bharti. Here was an entrepreneur who was trying to build a telecom company to provide services that required deep pockets. They said this business is not for small entrepreneurs..... But I was also very clear, taking inspiration from another Gandhi quote, that "a small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission, can alter the course of history." And that's what he did. And if he could do it for a nation, I was clear, we could do it for a company. We could do it in a sector. And that's what we did."

India Music Therapy Trust

Music therapy can make the difference between withdrawal and awareness, between isolation and interaction, between chronic pain and comfort, between demoralization and dignity.

Barbara Crowe (past president of the American Association for Music Therapy)

Bharti Foundation supports The India Music Therapy Trust, the Indian arm of the Otakar Kraus Music (OKM) Trust, in Mumbai. Music Therapy harnesses the power to enable autistic people who find it hard to communicate through traditional channels to express themselves.

OKM Trust, in collaboration with the Autistic Society of Mumbai and Delhi, has initiated the first Music Therapy Postgraduate Training program in India. The program initially seeks to train six therapists over the period of one year. Bharti Foundation is a founder contributor to the Trust's Corpus Bursary Fund. This fund will support the training of music therapists.

Chintan Bharti Waste Resource Centre (CBWRC)

Chintan-Bharti Waste Resource Centre, is run in collaboration with Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group, an NGO that addresses issues of sustainable consumption and social equity. It offers information and hands-on solutions for a variety of problems related to solid waste and toxics.

CBWRC creates awareness about waste related issues and take positive steps to address the outcomes.

The CBWRC produces a newsletter-Waste Watch, on issues related to waste. As part of its initiative to create environmental awareness in schools, CBWRC holds meetings with the eco-club teachers of schools and conducts interactive sessions

with the students of many schools. Till today, CBWRC has trained 32 Residents' Welfare Associations in the various techniques of composting as part of its community involvement initiative.



“Helping people realize their potential”

Amandeep Kaur - Librarian at Ramgarh School

Amandeep Kaur, 27, hails from a small village called Ramgarh in Ludhiana. She was working as a teacher on an ad hoc basis with a local school, which gave her a meager income of Rs. 500 per month.

Early last year, the government school principal, Ms. Tirath Kaur informed her about the plan to start Bharti Library in her school. Amandeep enrolled for the librarian training program. The training equipped her to teach better and instilled a new confidence in her.

Her dedication to her work extends beyond school hours, and she teaches the underprivileged children even after school hours. Today, she has become an inspiration for young girls to become independent and carve their own identity in society.

Jasveer Yadav- Computer Operator at Bharti Computer Centre, Allahabad

Jasveer Yadav was born in Allahabad. His father, the sole bread earner of the family, had a meager income through his job in a printing press.

Jasveer joined the Bharti Computer Centre at Allahabad, under the youth training program. He attended morning classes in summers and evening classes in winters. After undergoing a training of one year, he joined the same centre as a computer operator. This income helped him continue his studies in Commerce. When asked about his aspirations he says, “I want to work as an accounts officer in an MNC”.



Prem Yadav- Director of Pratham Infotech Foundation

He started his career in Pratham in 1994 and looked after the computer program in Mumbai. Hailing from a family with a humble background, this position had seemed a distant dream to him.

The opportunity for him to grow further came when Bharti Foundation joined hands with Pratham to take technology to the lives of people across many states. He says, “Now I am able to get varied implementation experience using the latest technology due to the joint expansion plans in various parts of India. I get a huge sense of fulfillment in making technology available to people, whose economic background can be improved drastically because of the training provided by us.”



Role Models for Talented Entrepreneurs

An archive on case studies has been created at the centre with a bibliographic database of 270 achievers, depicting their achievements and winning traits.

Fellowships for Post Graduate Diploma in Business Entrepreneurship and Management

Mr. Amitabh Bhushan from Patna was selected for the fellowship award. Amitabh has opted for 'New Enterprise Creation' specialization. This award is given on a means-cum-merit basis, based on the premise that monetary support would spur entrepreneurial endeavour and success in deserving candidates from weaker economic background.

"Best student of the Year" Award

This is the most coveted award among the students, based on overall excellence in academics, behavior, discipline, extra-curricular activities and teamwork. Aadil Bandukwala, was awarded the 'Best student of the Year 2005' and was presented with a cheque, a trophy and citation by Shri Hari Shankar Singhania, President J K Organization.

"EDI - Bharti Annual Lecture" Series

The inaugural lecture under the EDI Bharti Annual Lecture Series was delivered by Shri M. Damodaran, Chairman, SEBI. It was a very motivating and thought provoking address on "India in the 21st century". Prof. Bakul Dholakia, Director of IIM, Ahmedabad presided over the function and urged the youth to work in teams to reach enviable results.



LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI WAS BORN IN 1904 AT MUGHALSARAI IN A VERY POOR FAMILY. HIS FATHER SHARADA PRASAD DIED WHEN LAL BAHADUR WAS ONLY A YEAR OLD. HIS GRANDFATHER THEN TOOK THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LAL BAHADUR'S ENTIRE FAMILY. EXTREMELY POOR HIMSELF, HIS GRANDFATHER NOTICED HIS PASSION FOR EDUCATION AND MADE SURE HE COMPLETED HIS SCHOOLING AND THEN SENT HIM TO COLLEGE AS WELL.

LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI

Prime Minister of India
(09.06.1964 to 11.01.1966)

Partners Speak

Mr. Bharat Patni: Advisor Program Support, Pratham

"Bharti Foundation team is so refreshingly different. Counterparts really get a strong feeling that they are actually "partners" and not simply "donors". The program is finalized only after interactive sessions and useful inputs. But what strikes me most is the flexibility demonstrated in a Bharti Foundation project, the action plan is not cast in stone. Based on ground realities after the program roll out, changes in plan and budget heads are possible."

Prof. Surendra Prasad: Director - Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

"Bharti Foundation and IIT Delhi have joined hands to give a new meaning to Industry-Academia interaction. The Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management, set up at IIT Delhi with the help of a Rs.20 crore endowment from Bharti Foundation, provides state-of-the-art post graduate training and education and conducts a vibrant research program. We at IIT, Delhi are proud of this relationship, which has helped establish a Centre of Excellence in an important area of our activities."

Ms. Anu Aga: Chairperson - CII National Committee on Women Empowerment

"CII and Bharti Foundation came together to launch the Woman Exemplar Award with the objective of not only acknowledging and honouring women who have broken new ground in different spheres, but also to recognize how each of the talented awardees had set an example for others; ignited the spirit and the belief that others too can be empowered.

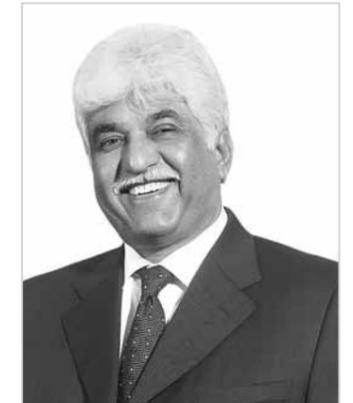
It has been a very satisfying experience for CII to work with Bharti Foundation towards this common goal and we look forward to a continued and rewarding association."

Ms. Bharati Chaturvedi: Director - Chintan India

"Our collaboration with Bharti Foundation has helped us to institutionalize and structure the Chintan Bharti Waste Resource Centre in a manner that we help offices, individuals, colonies and others to reduce their ecological waste. The partnership also offers us encouragement to try innovations and pick up atypical projects that many would not take up. The partnership also helped us organize ourselves so that we're able to offer help when people ask for it."

Bharti Libraries

"Reading is fundamental to education and learning. Lack of reading ability not only impacts learning levels, but also increases the dropout rate among children. In order to inculcate reading habits among children, it is important that they should be exposed to books and reading situations at an early age.



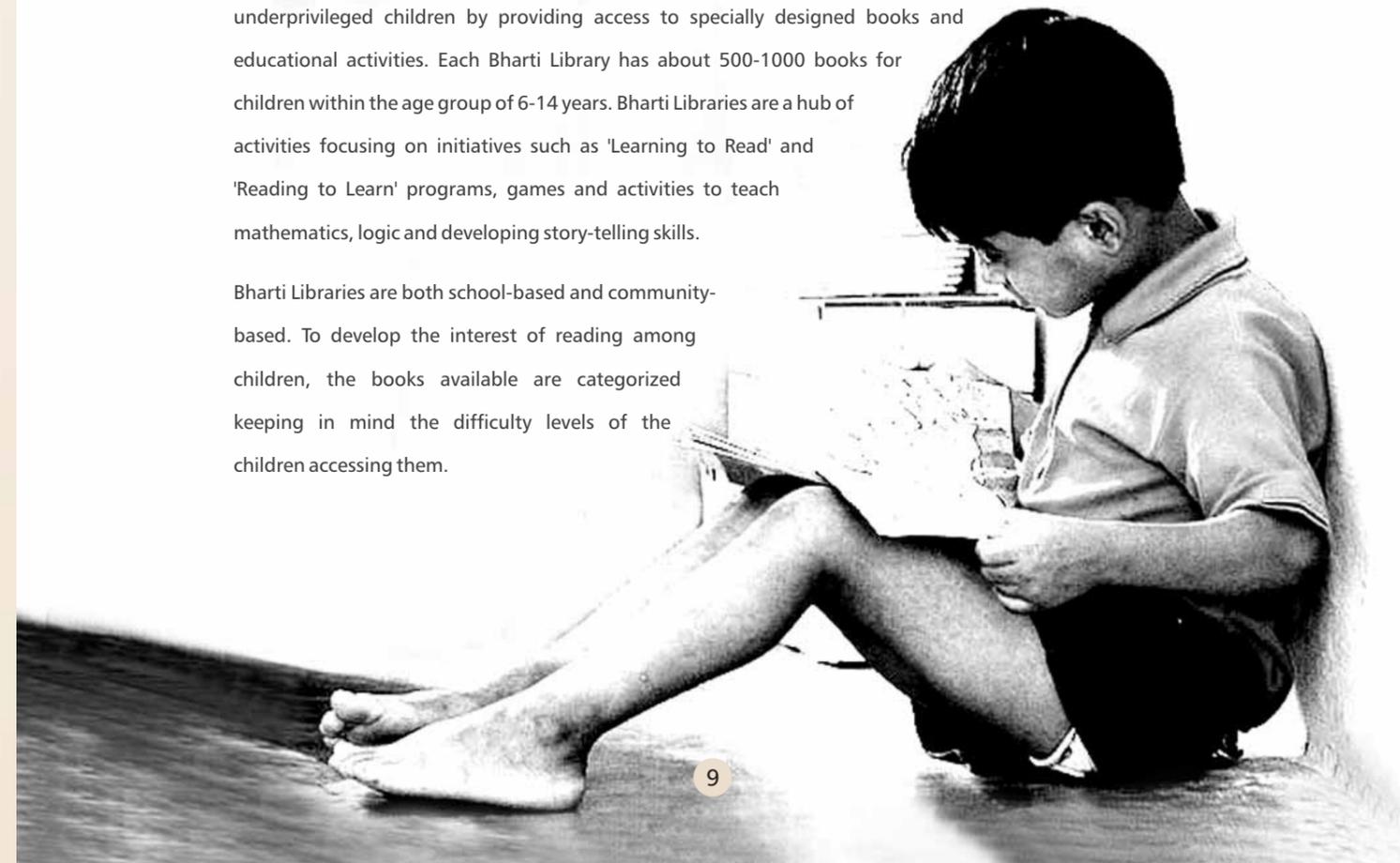
Bharti Library Program by Bharti Foundation aims to provide the underprivileged children, especially first generation learners, with the library facility in their school premises or within their community, to enable easy access to books. We make a special effort to select books that will hold the interest of children and encourage them to read more and more books with ease and understanding.

I am delighted to report that the Bharti Library Program has shown good progress in the last year, reaching out to more than 17,600 children. Increased circulation of books per child per month has been reported by all libraries. Special 'Learning to Read' programs to help children enter the world of books have also been undertaken. The real success of the program can be measured by the fact that it has been appreciated not only by children, teachers and the school management but also by parents and community."

Rakesh Bharti Mittal

Bharti Library Program aims to encourage reading habits and thereby increase learning levels of underprivileged children by providing access to specially designed books and educational activities. Each Bharti Library has about 500-1000 books for children within the age group of 6-14 years. Bharti Libraries are a hub of activities focusing on initiatives such as 'Learning to Read' and 'Reading to Learn' programs, games and activities to teach mathematics, logic and developing story-telling skills.

Bharti Libraries are both school-based and community-based. To develop the interest of reading among children, the books available are categorized keeping in mind the difficulty levels of the children accessing them.





Satya Bharti Schools

"Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free;

.....
Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening
thought and action.

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country
awake."

(Gitanjali, verse 35.) Rabindra Nath Tagore



Bharti Foundation has set itself a goal to establish village-based primary schools across the country for poor and underprivileged children. The guiding philosophy behind these schools is, "To create temples of learning radiating knowledge and excellence for underprivileged children"



Villages for Primary Schools have been identified, based on the request from local communities, local self Governments and field surveys by the Bharti Foundation team. Our Primary Schools aim to lessen the education chasm, by addressing the three main concerns of accessibility, affordability and quality through community participation and offering streamlining options. Our schools aim to make available high-quality education to poor children, out-of-school children, migrant children and especially the girl child.

At our schools we aspire to provide education that is practical, complete and empowers a child to explore, question, to connect with her local environment, to develop language skills as well as to develop social skills,

Bharti Computer Centres

"The convergence of information and technology has made computers an indispensable part of our everyday life. Today, rapid access to and dissemination of information holds the key to competitive advantage over others. Therefore, I feel that familiarity and knowledge of computers from an early age is the only way to bridge the increasing digital divide.

Bharti Computer Centres were introduced with the intent of using computers as an aid to regular teaching, closely interlinked with curriculum to make learning simple, interesting and more meaningful to children. I am glad to report, that the objectives with which the Bharti Computer Centres embarked on the journey are being met with great success. Periodic researches conducted at different stages confirm increase in enrollments by over 21 percent in primary section, with a significant improvement in learning levels across classes at the primary levels. I am glad that the infrastructure was utilized productively during the non-school hours to train over 1500 youth, making them competitive candidates for the existing job market. This has been achieved through training on specialized software, addressing professional requirements, thereby bridging the digital divide for the underprivileged section of society."

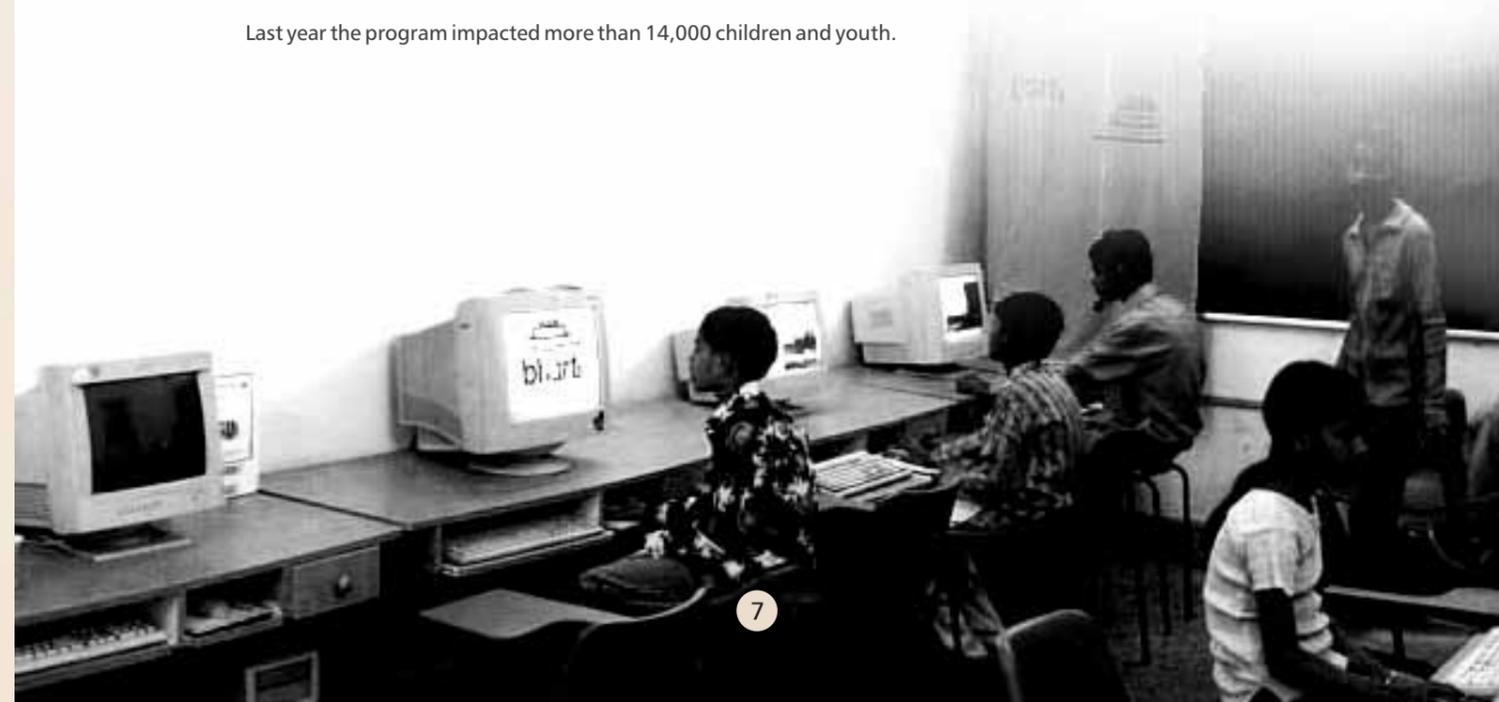


Rajan Bharti Mittal

To make computers accessible to underprivileged children, Bharti Foundation joined hands with Pratham, Kalakar Trust and Adharshila to initiate computer centres in schools and community centres. These computer centres are not only an exceptional teaching aid for the primary school children but also support training programs for youth.

Impact

Bharti Computer Centres are spread across Delhi, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. Last year the program impacted more than 14,000 children and youth.



Annexures

Bharti Computer Centres

No.	School Name	District	Principal Name
1	Kanya Vidya Mandir	Mumbai	Ms. Nirmala M. Lineswala
2	Shivai Vidya Mandir	Mumbai	Mr. Vishwas S. Dhumai
3	Shivam Vidya Mandir High School & Junior College	Mumbai	Mr. Ramkshankar Shrivastav
4	Mandi Vidya Niketan	Delhi	Mr. Shri Prasad
5	Anand Vidya Bharti Public School	Delhi	Mr. B. S. Chambiyal
6	RTBK School	Delhi	Mr. R. D. Mishra
7	Dilshad Public School	Delhi	Mrs. Urmil Sharma
8	Ganga Bal Vidyamandir & Secondary Vidyalaya	Allahabad	Mr. Amit Divedi
9	Rajdev Public School	Allahabad	Mr. Vinay Pandey
10	Yamuna Model Sr. Sec. School	Ludhiana	Mr. Sudershan Khurana
11	Shri Kishan Model Sr. Sec. School	Ludhiana	Mr. Vimal Chhabra
12	Sawan Public High School	Ludhiana	Mr. Surjit Kaushal
13	Sai Public Sr. Sec. School	Ludhiana	Mr. Dr. Deepak Manan
14	M D Public School	Ludhiana	Mr. Kuldeep Singh Bistt
15	Nishkam Vidya Mandir School-I	Ludhiana	Mr. Sarwan Kumar Nishkam
16	Nishkam Vidya Mandir School-II	Ludhiana	Mr. Sarwan Kumar Nishkam
17	Shishu Model High School	Ludhiana	Mr. Narender Kumar Bangia
18	Indian Public Sr. Sec. School	Ludhiana	Mr. Sukhvinder Singh
19	S.S.N. Memorial High School	Ludhiana	Mr. Rakesh Semwal
20	Sat Paul Mittal School	Ludhiana	Ms. Suneet Sindhu
21	Jagatpura Central Academy Sr. Sec. School	Jaipur	Mr. Hariom Jagind
22	Veena Vadini Sr. Sec. School	Jaipur	Mr. Lalit Sharma
23	Joy Central Academy Sr. Sec. School	Jaipur	Mr. Motilal Bairwa, Head Master
24	Indira Gandhi Memorial School	Surat	Mr. Rajkumar Pandey
25	Sanskar Vidyalaya	Surat	Mr. Anil Singh / Mrs. Usha Vajpayee
26	Jeevan Sadhana Vidya Niketan	Assam	Mr. Pawan Kr. Saharia, Head Master

Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management

“To develop Telecom Leaders through excellence in education and research.”

The partnership between IIT Delhi and Bharti to establish Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management, at IIT Delhi was cemented in 2000. Today, Bharti School has emerged as one of the pioneer institutes for telecom education in the country, offering a dual program in Telecom Technology and Management. Since its inception, it has consistently lived up to its mandate by admitting outstanding students, attracting the best teachers and making available to them the most conducive environment to learn, teach and conduct research.

Inauguration of Bharti School

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh formally inaugurated the Bharti School building on March 20, 2006 and dedicated it to the nation. It was a proud moment for everyone at Bharti and IIT Delhi.



Bharti Enterprises has given a grant of Rs. 20 crores to establish the Bharti School, of which Rs.10 crores has been spent towards infrastructure support, including construction of the building, while Rs.10 crores has been set aside as a corpus to facilitate the smooth functioning of Bharti School.

School Infrastructure

Bharti School's impressive building boasts of state-of-the-art teaching and research infrastructure that includes a Telecom Software Lab, a Wireless Communications Lab and a Telecom Networks Lab.

Students

Bharti School offers post-graduate programs like MBA, M Tech, MS (Research) and PhD in Telecommunications.



Chairman's Message

Dear Friends,

It was in the year 2000, during the Millennium Summit, when all the 191 United Nations member states agreed to the eight Millennium Development Goals to be achieved, of which one goal is to "Achieve universal primary education to ensure that all boys and girls complete primary school."

India has made strides in the area of primary education led by the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the very robust voluntary sector of our country, considering the fact that we have the largest education system in the world.

It has impacted millions of un-served and difficult to reach children, but there are still more than 10 million children who are out of school. Of these, 68% never went to a school. In several cases, there are schools but without blackboards and basic infrastructure. There is a lot that still needs to be done.

It is not possible for the government alone to undertake this huge task and achieve the goal of universalization of education by 2015. Effective public-private partnerships will be a key determinant in achieving the universalization goal. Our generation has therefore a unique opportunity to make a significant contribution by providing education to all our children; and we cannot let this opportunity go.

As a response to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh's call to private sector to come forward and add to government's efforts in the area of education, we recently announced an initial grant of Rs. 200 crore to Bharti Foundation. We will commit more funds as our projects grow.

We are also committed towards making our contribution in the area of higher education. Our country's institutes of higher learning are plagued with lack of teachers. We need a large number of educators with excellent academic and research background, but we also need to create financial models to attract such talent towards our colleges and research institutions. If India has to capture its knowledge base to its fullest potential, I think the reforms in the education sector need to take off in earnest. The government's attention has been drawn towards this with comparative salary data from other countries. Industry also can play a critical role here, as they will not only gain from high-quality graduates but also from the industry-relevant researches carried out in our colleges.

I encourage all of you to come forward and play an active role in supporting our country's agenda for development.

Each one of us counts.

With kind regards,



Sunil Bharti Mittal
Chairman



Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal, Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Hon'ble Prime Minister, and Prof. Surender Prasad, Director IIT



Celebrations at the launch of Bharti Library Program



Mr. Rajan Bharti Mittal
inaugurating Bharti Computer Centre

Mr. Rajan Bharti Mittal visiting a computer class

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