

**Bharti Foundation celebrated International Girl Child Day across 183 Satya Bharti Schools**

**Students across Satya Bharti Schools participated in drawing and essay writing competitions on the contribution of women leaders in our society**

**11th October 2021, Gurgaon** – Bharti Foundation the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, working to improve the accessibility and quality of education across six states in India, with a special focus on the girl child celebrated International Girl Child Day.

Nearly 40,000 students from 183 Satya Bharti Schools participated in the celebration. Teachers spoke on the importance of women’s contribution to our society and on how digitalization is the need of the hour. They also shared some examples of women leaders whose contributions impacted change in our society. Success stories and achievements of girl child alumni were shared too with students of Satya Bharti Schools. Students of class III to V made drawings to commemorate the occasion and students of class VI to X wrote essays on the contribution of women in our society, citing examples of the women leaders who inspire them.

All Bharti Foundation programs are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, and they contribute towards ‘Gender equality’ in every possible way.

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**About Bharti Foundation**

Bharti Foundation was set up in the year 2000 as the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises. It implements and supports programs in primary, secondary and higher education as well as sanitation. Since 2006, the flagship Satya Bharti School Program has been providing free quality education to thousands of underprivileged children in 183 schools in rural areas across six states, with a focus on the girl child. The impact of quality education has been scaled-up by transferring the learning and good practices of this program to 2,45,556 students studying in 791 partner government schools across 13 states and union territories, through the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program, since 2013. Satya Bharti Abhiyan, the sanitation initiative started in 2014, has benefitted 2,17,129 beneficiaries by improving sanitation conditions in the districts of Punjab, providing access to toilets and by fostering behavioural change in communities. Together, these programs have cumulatively impacted over 2.2 million community members.