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## The Power of Change Agents:

- Identify
- Act
- Impact



10 YEAR CELEBRATIONS  
SATYA BHARTI SCHOOLS



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# From the CEO's Desk

Dear Friends,

This issue of the *Voice of Change* is dedicated to the social transformation being brought about through the various community campaigns run by our students addressing myriad issues. Besides the fact that a lot of them have won awards and recognition at various national and international fora, the impact on our culture and value system has been noteworthy.

Our belief in the importance of holistic development has also manifested itself in academic achievement. The results of our students from the five Senior Secondary Schools in the Class X CBSE Board Examinations have left us all with a sense of great pride. This is a credit to both the commitment and dedication of our teachers and the hard work put in by the students.

At Bharti Foundation, we believe that every child must become a responsible citizen of the Nation in order to "be the change they wish to see in the world". These stories make me extremely proud of every student and teacher as they continue the journey towards quality education. Join us in celebrating the success of our children!

Jai Hind!

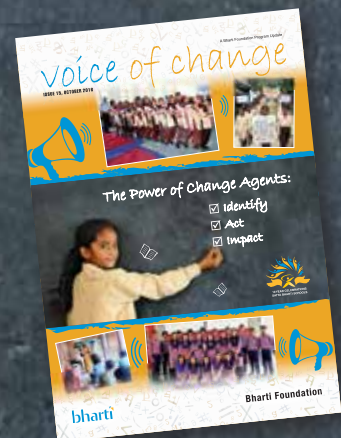


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# Overview

## Class X Results of Five Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary Schools in Punjab

CGPA	No. of Students	% of Students	No. of girls (out of total students)	% of Girls (out of total students in this category)
10	41	18	25	61
9 – 9.9	56	25	39	70
8 – 8.9	59	26	28	47
7 – 7.9	38	17	17	45
6 – 6.9	27	12	10	37
5 – 5.9	2	1	1	0
4 – 4.9	0	0	0	0

## Design for Change Award Winners (2015-16)

Award	Winner	Campaign
Special Jury Award	Satya Bharti School, Bari Khas, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh	Girls Should be Bold, Not be Sold- Creating a Safe Environment for Girls
Top 20	Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Sangrur, Punjab	Growth - A Nature of Law - Addressing Issues Girls Face During Adolescence
Top 100	Satya Bharti School, Chimna, Ludhiana, Punjab	Beti Bachao Beti Padhao - Movement Against Female Foeticide and Promoting Education for Girls
Top 100	Satya Bharti School, Gadhiya Rangeen, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh	Gyan Ka Deep Jalao, Jan-Jan ko Sakshar Banao- Providing Literacy
Top 100	Satya Bharti School, Lodhi Gujjar, Amritsar, Punjab	Waging Through Murky Waters
Top 100	Satya Bharti School, Sultanganj Kharenta, Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh	Acchi Sadkein, Unnat Gaon - Convincing Local Authorities to Construct Roads
Top 100	Satya Bharti School, Bangro Ki Dhani, Amer, Rajasthan	Construction of Toilets and Creating Awareness on Swach Bharat Abhiyan
Top 100	Satya Bharti School, Kurrian Kalan, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh	Fight for Girl's Right - Fight for Gender Equality

## Design for Change Awards: Over the Years\*

Year		2015	2014	2013
No. of Entries	Satya Bharti Schools	225	231	172
	Government Schools under Satya Bharti Quality Support Program	1	4	-
Winners		8	11	46

\*Participating since 2009

Note: In 2014, the 11 winners were among Top 100; in 2013, the 46 winners were among Top 205, out of which 22 featured Nationally, total number of participating schools grew from 700 in 2012, 800 in 2013 to 1992 in 2014 to 2300 in 2015.

## Pramerica Spirit of Community Award Winners (2015-16)

Silver Medal Winners				
<b>Campaign</b>	Campaign against drugs	Education to children in the Village	Awareness on Sanitation	
<b>Student Name</b>	Amandeep Kaur (7th)	Ranjot Kaur (7th)	Pooran Kanwar (8th), Mukesh, Jabar Singh, Jitendra Singh, Mamta Suthar	
<b>School Name</b>	Satya Bharti School, Nassar, Amritsar, Punjab	Satya Bharti School, Bath, Amritsar, Punjab	Satya Bharti School, Gumansinghpura, Jodhpur, Rajasthan	
Bronze Medal Winners				
<b>Campaign</b>	Education of the underprivileged	No to Child Labour and Yes to Education	Construction of toilets in villages	Employment to women in villages
<b>Student Name</b>	Kamaljeet Kaur (6th)	Arshdeep (7th)	Dipesh Kumar (8th)	Manpreet Kaur (9th), Hidepal Singh, Pavneet Kaur, Harwinder Kaur, Inderpal Singh
<b>School Name</b>	Satya Bharti School Bagga Khurd, Ludhiana West, Punjab	Satya Bharti School Dhulka, Amritsar, Punjab	Satya Bharti School Vijay Singh Pura, Neemrana	Satya Bharti Adarsh School, Fattubhilla, Punjab

## Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards: Over the Years\*\*

Year		2016	2015	2014
No. of Entries	Satya Bharti Schools	56	65	61
	Government Schools under Satya Bharti Quality Support Program	1	1	-
Winners		3 (Silver); 5 (Bronze)	1 (Silver); 12 (Bronze)#	1 (Special Jury Mention); 1 (Top 20); 6 (Top 40)

\*\*Participating since 2011

#One bronze medal was awarded to the Government School under the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program.





# The Success of Class X at the CBSE Board Exams

## A Father's Faith

**Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Sangrur, Punjab**

With a family of 12, Tania Bawa's father, Harwinder Singh, struggled to make ends meet.

Despite being the only earning member of the family, Harwinder was determined to help Tania fulfil her dreams. Starting from class two, she was enrolled in Satya Bharti Primary School, blossoming under the holistic development approach of the Program.

To her father's awe, Tania excelled in English public



Tania Bawa scored a perfect 10 CGPA in her Class X CBSE Board Exams



Tania is a source of inspiration for the children of her village and school

speaking, strengthening her father's resolve to keep Tania in school despite the tough circumstances. Inspired by her performance, he began a fund for her higher studies.

Her father's faith in her stands validated with Tania scoring a perfect 10 CGPA in her Class X CBSE Board Exams.

She aspires to appear for the Punjab Civil Service Examinations and work as a Gazetted Officer with the Government of Punjab, only multiplying her father's joy.

### Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Sangrur: CBSE Class X Results

CGPA	No. of Students	% of Students	No. of girls (out of total students)	% of Girls (out of total students in this category)
10	25	33	13	52
9 - 9.9	23	31	11	48
8 - 8.9	19	25	6	32
7 - 7.9	7	9	3	43
6 - 6.9	1	1	0	0
5 - 5.9	0	0	0	0
4 - 4.9	0	0	0	0
3 - 3.9	0	0	0	0
2.9 and below	0	0	0	0
Total Students	75	100	33	



# Nurturing True Potential with Grace

**Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School,  
Sherpur Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab**

Arshdeep Kaur stood proud, with her head held high after having scored 10 CGPA at the Class X CBSE Board Exams. This bright 16 year old's happiness is beguiling as she has faced more challenges in her young life than most adults.

After the tragic death of both her parents when she was just eight months old, her loving grandparents raised Arshdeep. Her elderly guardians couldn't



*Today Arshdeep has transformed into a strong and confident girl who is admired by her peers*



*Arshdeep participates actively in class*

keep up with the precocious child and she soon developed an aggressive streak that her teachers and peers often witnessed in class.

Undeterred by her attitude, her teachers worked as a team to nurture Arshdeep, helping her build a rapport of trust with them. Today, she is a balanced, studious child with many friends and doting teachers. Her academic performance speaks volumes of her hard work and her dream of being an IPS Officer, appears closer than ever.

## Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Sherpur Kalan, Ludhiana: CBSE Class X Results

CGPA	No. of Students	% of Students	No. of girls (out of total students)	% of Girls (out of total students in this category)
10	11	28	7	64
9 - 9.9	7	18	5	71
8 - 8.9	12	30	5	42
7 - 7.9	7	18	3	43
6 - 6.9	3	8	1	33
5 - 5.9	0	0	0	0
4 - 4.9	0	0	0	0
3 - 3.9	0	0	0	0
2.9 and below	0	0	0	0
Total Students	40	100	21	



# The Power of Perseverance

**Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School,  
Rauni, Ludhiana, Punjab**

Jaspreet Kaur, is the knight in shining armour to her family of eight. Since her father is disabled, her uncle runs the house on his limited and sole income. Her resilient mother provides Jaspreet with the emotional support and the will to study.

In the early years she struggled to balance her lessons and the situation at home, but each time, she dug her heels in deeper. Her teachers soon spotted her grit



*An excited Jaspreet stands proudly after her accomplishment*



*Jaspreet managed to help her mother as well as study hard, graciously*

and potential and slowly but surely, Jaspreet rose to the top of her class, excelling in both curricular and co-curricular activities.

Today, despite a limit of resources, the abundance of support has helped this 16 year old scale the pinnacles of success, scoring a perfect 10 CGPA in her Class X CBSE Board Exams.

Jaspreet’s winning smile and tireless perseverance serve as a source of inspiration for every girl in her village.

## Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni, Ludhiana: CBSE Class X Results

CGPA	No. of Students	% of Students	No. of girls (out of total students)	% of Girls (out of total students in this category)
10	5	13	5	100
9 - 9.9	10	25	8	80
8 - 8.9	9	23	2	22
7 - 7.9	4	10	1	25
6 - 6.9	9	23	2	22
5 - 5.9	1	3	1	100
4 - 4.9	0	0	0	0
3 - 3.9	0	0	0	0
2.9 and below	2	5	0	0
Total Students	40	100	19	

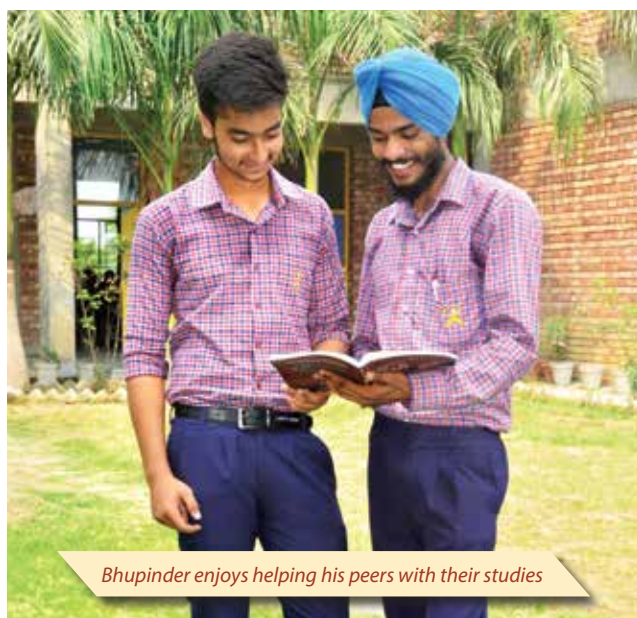


# From Tea Kettles to Hydraulic Cylinders

**Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhila, Amritsar, Punjab**

Bhupinder Singh came very close to losing his childhood to poverty until fate intervened the day some Satya Bharti Adarsh School teachers spotted him serving tea at a construction site.

The teachers left no stone unturned to nurture the motherless boy as soon as they convinced him to



*Bhupinder enjoys helping his peers with their studies*



*Bhupinder displays a crane arm model made by him using the concept of hydraulic pressure*

enroll at the school. Even as he continued to support his family of five, his passion to learn grew by the day. Bhupinder displayed a keen interest in Science winning several accolades for his projects and models. Scoring an impressive 7.2 CGPA in the Class X CBSE Board Examinations, Bhupinder's aspiration to pursue Science as a career appears firmly on track.

## Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhila, Amritsar: CBSE Class X Results

CGPA	No. of Students	% of Students	No. of girls (out of total students)	% of Girls (out of total students in this category)
10	0	0	0	0
9 - 9.9	10	30	9	90
8 - 8.9	10	30	7	70
7 - 7.9	11	33	5	45
6 - 6.9	1	3	1	100
5 - 5.9	1	3	0	0
4 - 4.9	0	0	0	0
3 - 3.9	0	0	0	0
2.9 and below	0	0	0	0
Total Students	33	100	22	



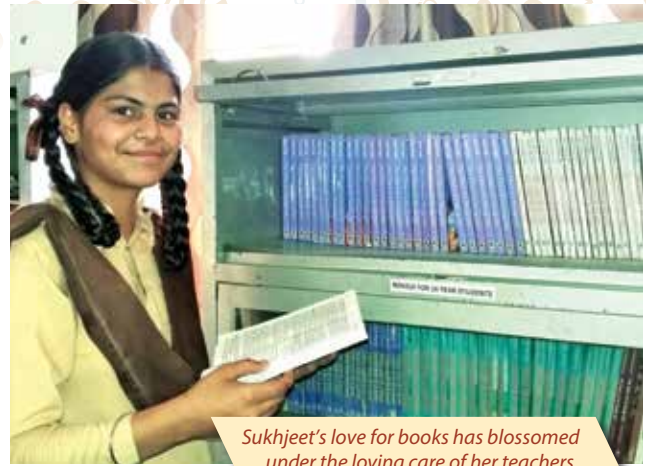


# A Stitch in Time...

**Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Chogawan, Amritsar, Punjab**

Belonging to a family of five, 16 year old Sukhjeet Kaur led a hard life with a father with intellectual disabilities, an overworked mother and domestic disputes that had left the family homeless. The unfortunate situation forced Sukhjeet and her sister to sacrifice school life to support their mother who worked as a tailor’s assistant in the village.

However, the teachers of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior



*Sukhjeet’s love for books has blossomed under the loving care of her teachers*



*Sukhjeet shares a concept in business studies with her peers*

Secondary School became Sukhjeet’s guiding light, visiting her regularly and encouraging her not to leave her books. With such a support system backing her, Sukhjeet was determined to study hard and continue helping her mother.

Slowly but surely, Sukhjeet’s hardwork earned her a commendable 8 CGPA at her CBSE Class X Exams. Her goal today is to pursue higher studies in the Commerce stream, and set an example for every girl in her village.

## Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Chogawan, Amritsar: CBSE Class X Results

CGPA	No. of Students	% of Students	No. of girls (out of total students)	% of Girls (out of total students in this category)
10	0	0	0	0
9 - 9.9	6	16	6	100
8 - 8.9	9	24	8	89
7 - 7.9	9	24	5	56
6 - 6.9	13	35	6	46
5 - 5.9	0	0	0	0
4 - 4.9	0	0	0	0
3 - 3.9	0	0	0	0
2.9 and below	0	0	0	0
Total Students	37	100	25	



# Successful smiles and



# Proud Students of Class X!





# Design for Change Winners

## Award Winner: Special Jury

### A Safe Haven for Girls

#### ✓ Identify

Students noticed the issue of eve teasing in their village

#### ✓ Act

Community members and girls were educated through campaigns highlighting their social responsibility

#### ✓ Impact

The girls of Bari Khas feel empowered and confident today

#### Satya Bharti School, Bari Khas, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Eve teasing was an evil that the students of Satya Bharti School, Bari Khas noticed in their village. Girls

faced harassment, obscene gestures and unpleasant comments. The situation had turned so grim that girls were terrified of stepping out of their homes and some even dropped out of school. One of the reasons

## Award Winner: Top 20

### Menstruation is not Taboo

#### ✓ Identify

Teenage girls lacked basic adolescence education

#### ✓ Act

Satya Bharti School students rolled out campaigns to sensitize girls and women.

#### ✓ Impact

More than 100 girls in the village are fully aware about the issues related to menstruation and are spreading awareness among elder women of the community as well

#### Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Sangrur, Punjab

The beginning of a menstrual cycle can prove daunting in a teenage girl's life. Along with the

anxiety, comes the added stigma of not discussing menstruation openly, leading to a lack of knowledge and unnecessary pressure.

The students of Jhaneri noticed this hesitation to talk

## Award Winner: Top 100

### Our Daughters, Our Pride

#### ✓ Identify

Students learnt of female foeticide cases and the inequality faced by girls

#### ✓ Act

They started huge rallies and went door-to-door sensitizing families about the value of a girl child

#### ✓ Impact

The Youth Club of the village now gifts Rs.1000 to every new born girl child

#### Satya Bharti School, Chimna, Ludhiana, Punjab

Students at the Satya Bharti School, Chimna organized a campaign to eradicate the issues of girl child education and female foeticide in

their village. They went door-to-door and met community members, with the aim of raising awareness on providing equal opportunities to girls in every sphere.



that eve teasing was taking place was due to open defecation.

The students of Satya Bharti School decided to stand united against this situation. Awareness was generated through rallies, street plays, distribution of self-made safety pamphlets and self-protection camps for girls. Motivating villagers to build toilets in their homes, they discouraged the practice of open defecation in their village. In addition, a special "Girls Safety Committee" was set up to understand the issues faced by girls and make them aware of their rights within society.

It is thanks to this indomitable spirit of the students that the girls of Bari Khas feel secure and confident today.



*Students organized rallies to highlight the need of a secure environment for every girl in the village*

about ones physical changes and even saw some girls being faced with ridicule. Therefore, they approached their Principal and created a plan to sensitize teenage girls and their parents.

The students organized an adolescence education camp where the girls were encouraged to conduct open discussions and acquire knowledge to adopt healthy behaviour. The school staff made sure that the girls' toilet was well equipped with water, soap and adequate low cost sanitation facilities to provide a healthy and safe physical learning environment for them.

The campaign positively impacted 100 girls who now understand the importance of personal hygiene and confidently share their learning with the elderly women of their community.



*This initiative also won the bronze medal at the Pramerica awards 2015 and the students were facilitated by cricketer, Irfan Pathan*

They conducted rallies and advocated the need for gender equality by citing examples of eminent female personalities and their contribution to the Nation and the world. While it was an uphill task to convince the uneducated and often conservative community members, many began to appreciate and support the children's counsel.

The students urged the Youth Club of the village to become a part of this socially relevant campaign. The passionate efforts of these students inspired the village Youth Club, and they decided to gift a Fixed Deposit of Rs. 1000 to every new born baby girl in the village, taking the village to the path of inclusivity and girl child empowerment.



*Proud fathers display the Fixed Deposit certificates gifted to them by the Youth Club of the village*

Award Winner: Top 100

## Lighting The Lamp of Education

### ✓ Identify

Most of the parents in the village were illiterate

### ✓ Act

Students of Satya Bharti School decided to educate and empower parents by teaching them after school

### ✓ Impact

46 parents can read and write today and participate in their child's education process

**Satya Bharti School, Gadhiya Rangeen, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh**

You are what your parents teach you. But in Gadhiya Rangeen, a remote village in Uttar Pradesh, children's

education was being affected due to illiteracy with 62 of the 200 parents being illiterate.

Hence, the students of Satya Bharti School, Gadhiya Rangeen ran a campaign called "Gyan Ka Deep

Award Winner: Top 100

## Waging through Murky Waters

### ✓ Identify

Lack of water was leading to health problems

### ✓ Act

Students initiated a campaign through home visits and rallies to educate the villagers

### ✓ Impact

People of the village are aware about the common water borne diseases and have become cautious while consuming water fetched from the local well

**Satya Bharti School, Lodhi Gujjar, Amritsar, Punjab**

Students of Satya Bharti School, Lodhi Gujjar noticed the growing concern of water issues in their village.

Their mothers and sisters traveled miles every day to fetch water, which too was far from clean. Impure

Award Winner: Top 100

## The Road Less Travelled

### ✓ Identify

Students often reached late to school due to damaged roads

### ✓ Act

They collected funds from the villagers to initiate the construction of better roads

### ✓ Impact

Today, the number of road accidents has decreased considerably

**Satya Bharti School, Sultanganj Kharenta, Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh**

While the road to success stood clear and smooth, the road to school was not so smooth for the students

of Satya Bharti School, Sultanganj. The roads were full of bumps and gaping holes; making the walk to school a tough task.



*Jalao, Jan-Jan Ko Sakshar Banao*” (light the lamp of knowledge, increase the power of education). Breaking society stereotypes, students convinced the community members to attend classes and encouraged parents to read and write. Their efforts weren't limited to the classrooms as some of the shy parents preferred home lessons.

The result was astounding! 46 parents were comfortable in reading and writing (as per the basic requirement) while all 50 enrolled parents are now fully aware of their child's academics and participate actively in their education process. The joy of learning has lit their smiles and paved the way for a brighter future.



Children of Satya Bharti School, Gadhiya Rangeen, brought the light of education in the lives of their parents

water was the cause of grave illnesses like Cholera and Typhoid in the village, directly impacting the attendance of students in school.

The students of Lodhi Gujjar rolled out a campaign against water pollution. Mass rallies were organized by the students to sensitize the community members and they explained the importance of pure water during village meetings.

Soon, the village witnessed a remarkable change in attitude and action. People took steps to prevent contamination of water while learning about the illnesses it had caused. To this day, the students and villagers continue to extoll the goodness of health and hygiene.



The students of Satya Bharti School, Lodhi Gujjar carried out rallies and made posters to spread awareness on the need of clean water

Tired of the everyday nuisance, the students, with the guidance of their school teachers, wrote a letter to the local MLA, the Sarpanch and Block Head seeking support for better roads.

Adamant to complete the task on time, the students began to collect funds from houses, to start the construction work. With the support of elders, they successfully completed the task.

Today, the people of Sultanganj travel with ease thanks to the efforts of these Satya Bharti School students who showed the true “path” of change in their community.



The students of Satya Bharti School, Sultanganj raised awareness with their campaign, 'Acchi Sadke' (Good Roads)

Award Winner: Top 100

## Sensitizing Citizens on Safe Sanitation

### ✓ Identify

Many villagers used to practice open defecation due to lack of awareness and sanitation facilities

### ✓ Act

Students decided to eradicate the issue by increasing awareness against the harmful effects of open defecation

### ✓ Impact

Broke social stigma and initiated the construction of toilets in the community

**Satya Bharti School, Bangro Ki Dhani, Amer, Rajasthan**

The Students of Satya Bharti School, Bangro ki Dhani were all part of the age old tradition of open defecation, until they were educated about its

hazards by their school teachers.

The women of the village would venture out before dawn to defecate and were often faced with harassment.

Award Winner: Top 100

## ERadicating Gender Inequality

### ✓ Identify

The issue of gender inequality was escalating in the village of Kurrian Kalan

### ✓ Act

Students planned door to door campaigns creating awareness about the importance of the girl child

### ✓ Impact

By the end of the campaign, students received heartfelt support from the community members, neighboring schools and *Gram Panchayat*

**Satya Bharti School, Kurrian Kalan, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh**

Gender inequality is a stigma that shrouds communities. The students of Satya Bharti School, Kurrian Kalan didn't let it go unnoticed. They knew

that if girls were treated inferior to boys, it would leave a long-lasting psychological impact.

Quick to take action, the students planned a mass campaign to raise awareness in their community on the importance and contribution of girls in society.







The students vowed to improve the sanitation situation of their village by raising awareness about the dangers of open defecation.

They started awareness campaigns across their village informing people about the advantages of cleanliness and healthy sanitation methods. Their efforts received heartfelt support from the Sarpanch who helped these change agents in setting up camps during *Gram Panchayats*. These camps encouraged women from the village to discuss the issues faced by them.

Ultimately, the students were able to break the stigma within their community acting as catalysts of change while adopting correct sanitation facilities in order to secure the health of their village.



*Students of Bangro Ki Dhani worked hard to create awareness about the advantages of good sanitation practices*

Their campaign included a special song and skit outlining the rights of girls. They also approached the *Gram Panchayat* with the idea, thus receiving full support from the Sarpanch.

The students carried out door-to-door counselling sessions to break the rigid mind-sets of the adults in the village. Approaching neighbouring schools, they performed the song "*Beti Hai Toh Kya Hua Beto Se Aage Hai Hum*" (Girls Cannot Be Left Behind) to create awareness and distributed self-made posters in the village, urging parents to provide equal opportunities to their daughters.

Their tireless efforts to make a change were met with enthusiasm and support by the *Gram Panchayat*, community members, neighbouring school Principals and several local newspaper reporters.



*Students of Satya Bharti School, Kurrian Kalan made posters with powerful slogans*





# Pramerica Spirit Of

Award Winner: Silver Medal

## Teaching to Transform Lives

### Identify

Ranjot Kaur saw underprivileged children working as labourers at a family event

### Act

She decided to open a learning centre to provide education to school drop-outs, child labourers and other underprivileged children

### Impact

Today, Ranjot is successfully bringing a change in the lives of numerous children by guiding them through the path of education

**Satya Bharti School, Bath, Amritsar, Punjab**

Ranjot Kaur, a student of class VII, runs a learning centre to provide basic education to school drop-outs, child labourers and other underprivileged children.

She was inspired to set it up after she noticed a group of poor children washing utensils and serving tea to guests at a family event she attended. Determined to ensure that these children had an opportunity to learn and grow, she soon started teaching them after school.

Award Winner: Silver Medal

## A Fight Against Open Defecation

### Identify

Pooran Kanwar and her classmates noticed the practice of open defecation in their village

### Act

They launched an awareness campaign with rallies, skits, etc; highlighting the hazards of open defecation

### Impact

Due to the efforts of these students, Gumansinghpura has been declared an *Open Defecation Free (ODF) village*

**Satya Bharti School, Gumansinghpura, Jodhpur, Rajasthan**

As India woke up to the idea of making sanitation a National priority, Pooran Kanwar and her classmates looked at making a change in their own village.

Together these energetic students initiated a health and sanitation campaign in their village. They began by undertaking a survey of the area to gather the number of operational toilets available in the village. Next, they addressed community members, explaining

Award Winner: Silver Medal

## Fighting Substance Abuse from within

### Identify

Students noticed rampant drug abuse in their village

### Act

They created a group of families affected to support their fight against drug abuse

### Impact

Their efforts led to over 70 people quitting drugs

**Satya Bharti School, Nassar, Amritsar, Punjab**

Amandeep Kaur, a class VII student, has been running an awareness campaign against substance abuse for almost two years now. She and her family had suffered a great deal because of her father's drug

abuse problem and this had motivated Amandeep to help others in the village fight this evil.

Amandeep began her campaign by visiting the homes of villagers and encouraging them to share their experiences with her. However, it was not

# Community Award Winners



The path to set up a learning centre was not easy as Ranjot had to first convince her own parents that her studies would not be compromised and then persuade the parents of the working children. Another hurdle that crossed her path was the lack of learning materials. Undeterred, Ranjot addressed this issue by selling her old books, collecting funds from neighbours, while her Satya Bharti School teachers gave her full support in the form of extra learning materials from their own classes.

Today, her hard work and resilience has transformed the lives of numerous underprivileged children. Many of them have given up working and attend regular classes at her learning centre while still others have even been enrolled in schools!



Children seen attending a study session in Ranjot's courtyard

the importance of toilet usage and the maintenance of cleanliness and hygiene in their surroundings.

In a bid to push for tangible results, the group contacted the Gram Panchayat, convincing them to issue a cheque of Rs. 12,000 under *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* (a Government scheme) towards building toilets in the village. Pooran and her friends left no stone unturned in making the campaign a success, walking close to 5 kms every day to carry out their campaign. When they started out, only 300 of the 850 families in their village used toilets. With their concerted efforts, the group was able to show impact in 410 households and their village has been declared an Open Defecation Free (ODF) village by the district administration.



The Sarpanch shows a toilet built as a result of the children's campaigns

easy as the elders of the village, including her own grandmother worried about a little girl visiting houses and speaking about drugs.

Slowly but steadily, Amandeep found support among the wives and children of the substance abusers. Riding high on the wave of support, Amandeep's awareness drive led to 70 people quitting drugs and several villagers joining her as volunteers. Her efforts even led to her felicitation by the Sarpanch on Independence Day.

At just 12 years of age, Amandeep became a source of inspiration to many families who lived in the shadows of drug abuse.



Amandeep rallies the support of families affected by drug abuse

## Award Winner: Silver Medal

### Saying Yes to Education!

#### ✓ Identify

Recognised the evils of child labour taking place in the village

#### ✓ Act

Convinced parents that children should be studying in Satya Bharti School

#### ✓ Impact

Child labourers are now going to school and changing mind-sets of other parents as well

#### Satya Bharti School, Dhulka, Amritsar, Punjab

12-year-old Arshdeep passed labourers working in the fields every morning as she walked to school. But the beauty of the green fields and the balmy

weather did little to lift her spirits as she saw a little boy, as young as her own six year-old brother, working tirelessly alongside his family in the Pea fields.

Encouraged by her teachers, she stopped by each

## Award Winner: Bronze Medal

### The One Man Sanitation Army: Construction of Toilets in Villages

#### ✓ Identify

Dipesh noticed the rampant issues faced by women due to open defecation

#### ✓ Act

He singlehandedly ran a sanitation campaign to break the rigid tradition

#### ✓ Impact

Today, many households have individual toilets leading to a marked improvement in health and safety

#### Satya Bharti School, Vijaysinghpura, Neemrana, Rajasthan

Perhaps owing to his powerful words and focused approach, people call Dipesh Kumar, "a leader of

tomorrow." This class VIII student wanted to make a positive difference in his village through the adoption of healthy sanitation practices.

In Dipesh's house, open defecation was being followed

## Award Winner: Bronze Medal

### Recognizing 'Ability' in Disability

#### ✓ Identify

Recognised the importance of education for the disabled

#### ✓ Act

Began evening classes for disabled children in the neighbourhood

#### ✓ Impact

Empowers both disabled and abled children with the power of quality education

#### Satya Bharti School, Bagga Khurd, Ludhiana West, Punjab

Kamaljeet never let her disability stop her from chasing her dreams. With calipers on both feet and two elbow crutches, this young firebrand did not let

her situation deter her from rightfully seeking quality education at the Satya Bharti School in her village.

In her neighbourhood, there were other children with severe disabilities and their parents could ill afford the cost of transportation, even though Satya Bharti



morning to engage the boy's parents while exhorting the evils of illiteracy. The boy's parents remained reticent at first as they worried about the potential cost of schooling adding to the loss of the boy's meagre but needed income. Arshdeep was not easily discouraged, she continued her daily visits giving them assurance of a better income in the future through quality education. With the added bonus of free schooling and free books, uniforms, shoes and other teaching materials at her Satya Bharti School, Arshdeep, ever a great communicator, soon convinced the parents. Today the little boy enjoys the holistic approach at Satya Bharti School even as more parents engaged in daily labour begin to see the light of reason in Arshdeep's unwavering conviction.



*The Satya Bharti School Program made Arshdeep confident to speak against the evils of child labour among members of the village*

as a tradition, making it difficult to eradicate. He grew anxious every time his mother and sisters walked out of the house at dawn to defecate in the open.

Vowing to change these circumstances, Dipesh ran a sanitation campaign along with his school teachers. Under their guidance, he contacted the Sarpanch of his village and requested support to increase awareness among villagers about the importance of hygiene and sanitation.

Dipesh's noble intention was supported by all the key leaders of the community. He spearheaded the sanitation movement in his village and urged everyone to build toilets in their houses. Through *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* (a Government scheme), the construction of toilets within houses increased and the conditions in Vijaysinghpura changed for the better.



*Dipesh helped change mind-sets against open defecation starting with a change in his own home*

Schools provide quality education and several welfare schemes such as uniforms, books, mid-day meals, etc., completely free of cost. Kamaljeet took it upon herself to help these children, by giving classes in her home after completing her own household chores every day. Inspired by her determination, her teachers provided books, practice sheets and other learning aids to support her. Soon, the word spread and other children from the community flocked to Kamaljeet's evening classes to learn from this compassionate little teacher.

Kamaljeet stands as a beacon of courage and perseverance helping not only disabled children but every underprivileged child in her village. She dreams of becoming a teacher, specializing in teaching children with special needs.



*A determined Kamaljeet, walking to class along with the students she helps in studies*

**Award Winner: Bronze Medal**

# Women Employed, Village Empowered

## ✓ Identify

Students noticed the growing unemployment in the village

## ✓ Act

They discovered that women of the village have skills which can help them earn extra money for their families

## ✓ Impact

Today, women are equally empowered as men and add to the finances of the families

### **Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhilla, Amritsar, Punjab**

Unemployment was rampant in the village of Fattubhilla leading to a financial crunch among families. Many children could no longer afford coming to school and the students of Satya Bharti Adarsh

Senior Secondary School, were quick to identify and work towards resolving this issue.

Students along with their teachers, conducted a survey to find the number of employment sources available in the village. The team discovered that the ladies of the village had talents like embroidering, knitting

# Community Volunteering

Community Volunteering Week is part of the regular on ground initiatives under the Satya Bharti School Program. To build trust and ownership among the parents and community members, the initiative facilitates ample opportunities for them to perceive and participate in school activities during the school calendar, with community members taking charge of the schools for a week. Students learn about their culture and get a chance to interact with their elders. The Satya Bharti Schools garner support from the local village authorities and community members aligning them towards the Program philosophy, contribution of land for building schools, monetary, material and labour support, arranging transportation facilities, constructing boundary walls and many such community contributions.





and pickle making. However, they were saddled with household chores and the responsibility of their children.

After a SWOT (Strength-Weakness-Opportunities-Threats) analysis, students found the most preferable occupation for the women of the village. They were divided into groups according to their skills and they started making handicrafts and pickles which were then sold at a local fair. Women were advised to use the earned money to buy more material directly from the farmers at cheaper rates.

The students of Satya Bharti School spread this message of women empowerment in over 38 villages through rallies, skits, posters, banners and counselling cells. They singlehandedly guided the village of Fattubhilla towards a brighter and empowered future.



*Students carry out a survey of skills among the women of the village*

## Week: Glimpses



# Recent Awards & Recognitions

Awarded "Not for Profit Organization of the Year" and "Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the year (NGO)" at the 2015 Leaders Awards (Enterprise Edition)



Bharti Foundation was conferred with "Not for Profit Organization of the Year" and Mr. Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation was awarded "Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the year (NGO)" at the 2015 Leaders Awards (Enterprise Edition), on 23rd January, 2016.

Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, received the awards for exemplary work in providing quality education to underprivileged children in rural India. This special honor has added another laurel in the Foundation's ongoing 10 year celebrations of the Satya Bharti School Program. Currently, this flagship initiative is reaching out to over 40,000 students across 254 Satya Bharti Schools operational in the villages of six states of India.

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