

**Ciena and Bharti Foundation inaugurated the ‘Advanced Technology Lab’ at Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Chogawan, Punjab**

- *The initiative will benefit the students making them future ready*
- *The state-of-the-art lab will help students to improve their problem solving, team-work and decision making skills*

**Chogawan, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021:** Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises in partnership with Ciena inaugurated ‘Advanced Technology Lab’ at Satya Bharti Senior Secondary School, Chogawan, Punjab. The state-of-the-art lab in the Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary school under the Public-Private Partnership model in Chogawan government school will benefit the students and further stimulate their interest in science and technology.

The program curriculum aims to introduce these students to the world of advanced technology by improving their general understanding as well as providing hands-on experience of programming and digital tools. With Ciena’s global experience and expertise in leveraging Information and Communications Technology (ICT), this program will provide knowledge in the areas of new technologies, coding, programming and robotics to name a few. Through these classes, students will learn the basics of programming; it will also enhance their 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and further inspire the students to pursue a career in Science and Technology.

**Mr. Ryan Perera, Vice President and Country Head, Ciena** said *“At Ciena, we are committed to improving educational opportunities for young students around the world through the use of ICT. The program with Bharti Foundation aims to inspire and equip children to approach technology and problem-solving by creating an open atmosphere for learning, where instructors share their enthusiasm for STEM, thus inspiring children to participate in future technological studies. The project highlights Ciena’s commitment to supporting access to education for students everywhere and leveraging ICT to enhance learning outcomes.”*

Speaking on the occasion, **Ms. Mamta Saikia, CEO, Bharti Foundation** said *“Technological interventions at the school level enhances the analytical skills of students. Use of advanced technology in the classroom is one of the dependable way to teach students the required skills and prepare them for the future. I would like to thank Ciena for partnering with us in this initiative and provide this exciting learning opportunity to the students that they would not have access to otherwise. Working in the advanced technology projects will also help students to improve their problem solving, team-work and decision making skills.”*

Ciena is supporting Bharti Foundation with two ‘Advanced Technology Labs’, the second lab is at Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School Fattubhila, Punjab. They are also supporting with ‘Digital Classrooms’ in Satya Bharti Elementary/Primary Schools five in Punjab and five in Haryana.

### **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 behavioral change in communities. Together, these programs have cumulatively impacted over 2.2 million community members.

### **About Ciena**

Ciena (NYSE: CIEN) is a networking systems, services and software company. We provide solutions that help our customers create the Adaptive Network™ in response to the constantly changing demands of their end-users. By delivering best-in-class networking technology through high-touch consultative relationships, we build the world's most agile networks with automation, openness and scale. For updates on Ciena, follow us on Twitter [@Ciena](#), [LinkedIn](#), the [Ciena Insights blog](#), or visit [www.ciena.com](http://www.ciena.com).

### **Ciena's Digital Inclusion Program**

Ciena's Digital Inclusion program aims to mobilize the company's global workforce, leverage its innovation leadership, and collaborate with customers, suppliers and other partners to bridge the digital divide. Ciena has committed to fund \$10 million (USD) over a five-year period on programming that promotes digital inclusion through greater connectivity, access to technology and digital skilling, with a goal of expanding opportunities for 100,000 underserved students in our global communities.

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