

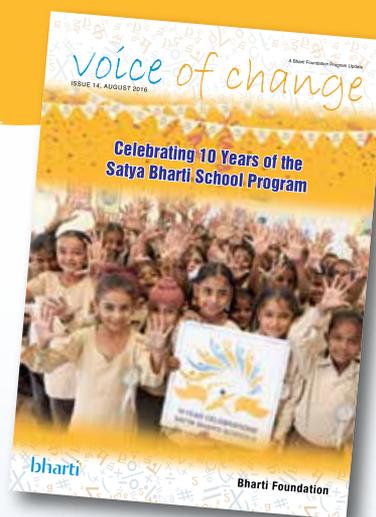
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## Celebrating 10 Years of the Satya Bharti School Program



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# FOREWORD

Over the past 10 years, I have had the pleasure of watching Satya Bharti Schools raise the bar of education in Rural India. It's commendable how the Foundation and other stakeholders - students, teachers, community members and donors have grown as a community. They have together shown resilience, determination and a shared sense of purpose to work effectively as a unified voice for change. What has shone through this journey is a steadfast commitment to help underprivileged children, especially girls, in taking charge of their lives and surging forward.

During the inauguration of the Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management at IIT Delhi in early 2006, when former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, urged corporates to support the Government's initiatives in primary school education. It was then that the idea of the Satya Bharti School Program was first conceived and was subsequently launched in August 2006.

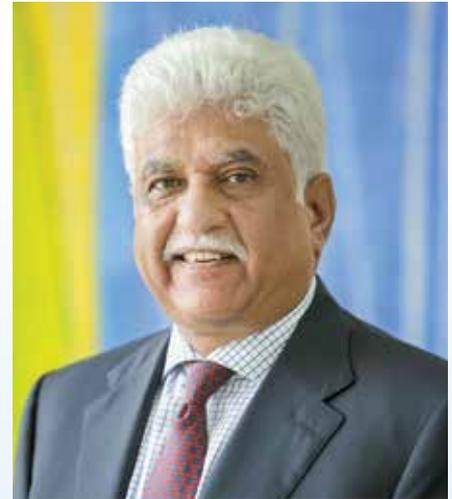
I vividly recollect the day I met with 75 *Sarpanches* and community members in Ludhiana. That day, of the 50 villages represented, 33 immediately pledged their own community land in exchange for the promise of a Satya Bharti School in their village - the promise of quality education and holistic development, completely free of cost. These *Sarpanches* were the first in a long line of community supporters who continue to play a critical role in the success of the program. Today, over 40,000 underprivileged children studying in 254 Satya Bharti Schools in the villages of six states of India benefit from this initiative. Within a year of establishing the schools in Punjab, Bharti Foundation was invited to extend its footprint in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. By 2009, the state Governments of Haryana, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal also welcomed the Satya Bharti School Program with open arms.

The support and involvement of Government officials to expand the Program to new regions has been truly commendable. Over the years, interactions with Government schools in the vicinity of Satya Bharti Schools during events and activities revealed a whole new dimension in rural school education. The opportunity to share best practices and create synergies with the Government's initiatives in education led to the conceptualisation of two models of interventions. The *Satya Bharti Quality Support Program* envisages working with the Principals and teachers of Government schools to enhance holistic school quality education through need-based interventions. The *Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program* works within Government schools by providing remedial courses to bridge the learning gap among out of school children and mainstreaming them into regular schooling. Today, these collaborative programs are registering a direct impact on more than 1,00,000 students across 11 states.

I am proud of what the Satya Bharti School Program has accomplished over the past 10 years and excited about the future. Our synergetic community is strong and vibrant, and together we will continue our efforts in promoting quality in education across our villages - the potential powerhouses of India.



**Rakesh Bharti Mittal**  
Co-Chairman  
Bharti Foundation



# SATYA BHARTI SCHOOL PROGRAM: KEY MILESTONES

**August 2006**  
First seven schools

2006

- Launch of the Satya Bharti School Program
- First meeting with the Sarpanches of Punjab for schools in their villages
- First two schools (in Punjab) started from community buildings

2007

- School program initiated in Rajasthan
- Curriculum designed specially for Satya Bharti Schools delivered to all schools
- Partnership with Rajasthan Education Initiative (REI) for 49 Govt. schools in Neemrana & Amer

**July 2008**  
Crossed 150 schools; over 10,000 students

2008

- School program initiated in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh
- Inauguration of Satya Bharti School Program (Punjab) by the then Chief Minister of Punjab, Sardar Parkash Singh Badal
- Inauguration of the Program (Rajasthan) by Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of India (2007-2012)
- Inauguration of the Program (Haryana) by the then Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda

**July 2009**  
Crossed 200 schools; over 30,000 students

2009

- Inauguration of the Program (Tamil Nadu) by the then Union Minister of Home Affairs, Thiru P. Chidambaram
- Inauguration of the Program (West Bengal) by the President of India, Sh. Pranab Mukherjee (then Union Minister of Finance)

2010

- Launch of Satya Elementary School Program
- First Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School started (Chogawan, Amritsar, Punjab) in partnership with Govt. of Punjab
- Bharti Foundation received the Economic Times Corporate Citizen of the Year 2010 award



**March 2012**  
Crossed 250  
schools; over  
33,000 students

Currently there are over 43,000 students enrolled in 254 Satya Bharti Schools, with an overall impact on more than 1,00,000 children since inception.

Our Government school interventions, namely the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program and Satya Bharti Learning Centres Program, have together reached out to 1,225 Government schools and nearly 71,000 students enrolled therein.

In addition, our various initiatives have impacted over 1 million community members across rural India.

2011

- Six Satya Bharti Schools initiated in West Bengal
- Construction and handover of first set of Satya Bharti Schools selected for Elementary Section upgrade

2012

- Bharti Foundation receives the 2012 World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) Award by Qatar Foundation
- Social Media engagement initiated for Bharti Foundation

2013

- Launch of Vocational Education Program for soft skills and computer fundamental courses
- Satya Bharti Schools initiate engagement with neighbouring Govt. schools for quality improvement

2014

- Satya Bharti Schools initiate sanitation awareness campaigns along with Govt. schools
- (Late) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam visited our school in Ludhiana and administered his teacher's oath to teachers across all Satya Bharti Schools

2015

- 100% result for first batch of Class X students from Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Chogawan, Amritsar (Punjab) at the CBSE Board Exams

2016

- New courses on Financial Market Management and Retail Operations introduced under Vocational Education Program
- All five Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary Schools record great results at the Class X CBSE Examination



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am delighted to see that the Satya Bharti School Program is living the vision that we had articulated at the time of its inception in 2006. It was indeed gratifying to witness the impact of the program during my recent visit to Satya Bharti Schools in the villages of Amritsar District. Over the last ten years, the Satya Bharti Schools have not just excelled in shaping young minds and nurturing their dreams and aspirations, irrespective of their background, but have turned out to be the flag bearers of quality education in the regions that they are present. What really makes these schools stand out is the way they have championed the cause of holistic learning.



Bharti Enterprises has supported this program with pride and our employees have contributed their skills, time and energy to stay connected with the students as well as the teachers. On the occasion of the completion of ten years of the Satya Bharti School Program, I would like to thank all the teachers, parents, community members and every team member of Bharti Foundation who have worked together to make it an exemplary initiative in the area of education for the underprivileged. ”

*Sunil Bharti Mittal*  
Chairman, Bharti Foundation



*Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School  
built on a 10 acre campus in rural Punjab*

# JOURNEY OF THE SATYA BHARTI SCHOOL PROGRAM



*A Satya Bharti Primary School in Haryana is colourful, bright and appealing to a child's senses*

The flagship education initiative of Bharti Foundation – the Satya Bharti School Program was initiated with an announcement in May 2006 and the first school was operationalised on ground on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2006. This ambitious program has completed 10 years of successful operations. Over the years the program has witnessed an evolution in scale, depth and approach with new and innovative initiatives being added every year. It has created its own identity in the rural education space focussing on the child, her dreams, safety, empowerment through quality education and holistic development, giving each student every possible opportunity to excel.



*A Satya Bharti School in Uttar Pradesh exuding vibrancy and warmth*



*A Government adopted Satya Bharti School in Amer, Rajasthan provides a joyful space, boosting the motivation of teachers*



*A Satya Bharti School in Tamil Nadu, encouraging a sense of belonging among teachers and students*



*A Satya Bharti School in West Bengal is welcoming and earns respect and co-operation from the community*

“ Studying at Satya Bharti School, Khanpur (Ludhiana) changed my life. I secured admission in a Navodaya school and I feel proud to have been a part of this schooling system.”

*Jasveer Singh (Alumnus), now a student at Navodaya Vidyalaya, Ludhiana (Punjab)*



# OPERATIONALISING THE SATYA BHARTI SCHOOL PROGRAM

On 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, during the inauguration of the Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management, a Bharti Foundation project with IIT Delhi, the then Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, urged corporates to support universalisation of Primary education in the country. The Satya Bharti School Program was conceptualised as a response to the call given to the Nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The Satya Bharti Schools were set up in those villages where we received invitations from the local communities and Panchayats. The first such meeting with Sarpanches was held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, where Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal addressed around 75 Panchayat members representing almost 50 villages. Post Mr. Mittal's address, 33 Sarpanches offered half an acre of land in their villages to construct a Satya Bharti School. That momentous occasion marked the initiation of the Satya Bharti School Program on ground.

While the construction of schools was being planned in many villages, the community came forward to offer Panchayat buildings so that schools could start operating. The first two schools that started operations were in Ladhawal and Jattapura villages on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2006.



*Dr. Manmohan Singh at the inauguration ceremony, IIT Delhi, where the spark of the Satya Bharti School Program was first lit*



*Rakesh Bharti Mittal addressing the first Sarpanch meeting in Ludhiana*



*First day in the Satya Bharti School, Ladhawal. Employees of FieldFresh Foods Pvt. Ltd. joined the Foundation Team*

“ We look up to Bharti Foundation for providing quality education to the children in our village and that too absolutely free of cost. The Satya Bharti Schools are also creating good opportunities for the students to mingle with the communities through community campaigns and awareness programs.”

*K.R. Ashokan, Community member, Alampattu Village, Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu)*



The first week of the Satya Bharti School in Ladhawal at the training centre provided by FieldFresh Foods Pvt. Ltd. School uniforms, school signages etc. were yet to be supplied



Bharti Foundation officials and Sarpanches discussing details of the provision of Panchayat land for Satya Bharti Schools in the villages in Punjab



Rakesh Bharti Mittal at the first Bhumi Pujan for the Ladhawal School in November 2006



Badri Agarwal, former President, Bharti Foundation, visiting a school in a community centre of Bagga Khurd village, Ludhiana

It is a matter of great pride and joy to celebrate 10 years of the Satya Bharti School Program with the students, teachers and the rest of the team that has led to its successful run. At Bharti we believe in creating programs that contribute towards the development of our Nation and help the underprivileged sections of society. The Satya Bharti School Program has not only impacted thousands of students, with a special focus on the girl child, but also the rural communities where our schools are present. It has empowered the rural youth by providing employment opportunities as well as training and exposure to best in class pedagogical processes. With more than 50% female teachers and mainly mothers as mid-day meal vendors, the program is also playing a role in women empowerment as well as their financial inclusion. The 10 year journey of this program has brought several accolades and I wish Bharti Foundation many more decades of success as a catalytic player in the field of quality education across rural India. ”



Rajan Bharti Mittal  
Vice-Chairman, Bharti Enterprises

“ The importance given to cultural activities at Satya Bharti School made a big difference in my overall development.”

Jasmine (Alumnus) now a student of Government School, Lalheri, Ludhiana, (Punjab)



It has been an incredible journey of 10 years for the Satya Bharti School Program – more so because of the manner in which the program has shaped up.

The reputation it now holds as a quality rural schooling program, the impact on communities and the transformation it is bringing about in the lives of thousands of underprivileged children is all a tribute to the tireless efforts of our teachers and the unflinching commitment of team Bharti Foundation.

Ten years is not a very long time in the life of a schooling program and surely there are miles to go. However, we can all look back at this journey with a deep sense of achievement, pride and satisfaction.

On behalf of all of us in the Foundation, I take this opportunity to thank our Trustees for their vision and unflinching trust, all our donors and partners for their faith and belief and all our stakeholders for their continuing support. I remain confident that the Satya Bharti School program will continue to grow from strength to strength. ”



**Vijay Chadda**  
CEO, Bharti Foundation



*Bharti Foundation representatives initiating association with the Rajasthan Government schools of Amer and Neemrana in 2007-08*



*Students and community members give a warm and traditional welcome to Rakesh Bharti Mittal during his visit to a Satya Bharti School in Neemrana*



*School grounds being levelled post building construction, while schools shifted to the new buildings from community centres*



*Tina Uneken and V.V. Ranganathan interact with students of Ladhawal School during the inauguration of the first school building*



A long queue of village youth apply for the job of a Satya Bharti School teacher in West Bengal



Satya Bharti School teachers at the first ever training camp held at a community centre

Creating a finer generation of young minds and citizens is vitally dependent on one factor: the exposure to learning through teachers that excite and inspire a student to be curious, independent, able and humane. Teachers trained to enjoy the knowledge they impart, transmit the joy and the appetite to learn alive, and do make it happen. All the while discovering the special spark in each child, so that excellence can then be enjoyably pursued.



At the Satya Bharti Schools it is elating to see this in process, enthusing the Bharti Foundation to keep training of faculty, a top priority. The kudos that come through results and awards are yet another spur - and may that always remain so. ”

*Syeda Bilgrami Imam, Governing Board Member, Bharti Foundation & Member Haj Committee of India - MEA (Ministry of External Affairs) GOI; Creative Communications Consultant*



Parents lining-up to view the admission list at the first Senior Secondary School in Punjab



## VISITS BY KEY DIGNITARIES

Established with the clear mandate of enabling quality education and supporting inclusive growth in rural India, a journey that began 10 years ago witnessed wholehearted support from the community which it continues to serve. The Satya Bharti schools, teachers and students are privileged to have hosted many dignitaries since inception, who have inspired our teachers and have motivated our students to scale new heights.



*Sh. Pranab Mukherjee, the President of India (then Union Finance Minister), at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony at Murshidabad, West Bengal*



*(Late) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Former President of India delivering his Oath to the teachers at Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Sherpur Kalan, Ludhiana*

### Special Visit

Former President of India, (Late) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, visited the Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Sherpur Kalan, Ludhiana (Punjab) on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. On this day, Bharti Foundation adopted the Teachers' Oath penned by Dr. Kalam, which was also administered by him to the teachers. The oath was then adopted by all our teachers across 254 Satya Bharti Schools and in many Government schools where Bharti Foundation is working. Allegiance to the oath is reaffirmed on every teacher's day by Satya Bharti School teachers as well as Government school teachers.

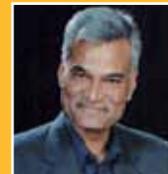


*The Satya Bharti School Program being launched in Rajasthan by Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, former President of India, in the presence of Sh Abhishek Singhvi and Mr. Rajan Bharti Mittal*

“ My Satya Bharti School, Alampattu taught me how education can develop one's personality and confidence. I realised my potential in studies and sports activities because of the encouragement from the teachers. I now have a better way of dressing and have improved upon my personal hygiene.”

*K. Udhaya (Alumuns), now a student at K.M. H.Sc. School, Kallal, Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu)*

The Satya Bharti School Program has been a great initiative for the overall learning and growth of the rural underprivileged children and especially the girls of India. These schools are a shining example of what all can be achieved by the dedication and commitment of teachers and the support system of the program. Satya Bharti Schools provide top quality environment to the children and teachers, enabling the children to not only pass their exams in the academic subjects prescribed but creating a desire to keep learning and inculcating highest moral and civic values so that in future they not only become highly successful in their lives but also handsomely contribute to their society. I am very sure that going forward, Satya Bharti Schools will produce many future leaders in various fields for our Country. ”



**Badri Agarwal**  
Governing Board Member, Bharti Foundation & Former President, Bharti Foundation



Thiru P. Chidambaram, former Union Finance Minister at the Satya Bharti School Program launch in Sivagangai, Tamil Nadu



The program being launched in Punjab by Sardar Parkash Singh Badal, the Chief Minister of Punjab



Former Chief Minister of Haryana, Sh. Bhupinder Singh Hooda, launching the program in Haryana in the presence of Sh. Navin Jindal, former Member of Parliament



Schools in Sangrur being inaugurated by Sh. Sukhbir Singh Badal, Dy Chief Minister Punjab, in the presence of Sh. Bikram Singh Majithia

“ Satya Bharti School, Bithla helped me open my mind through creativity and innovative teaching practices.”

*Bechan (Alumnus), now a student at Govt. Middle School, Bithla, Jhajjar (Haryana)*





The Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School Chogawan, Amritsar, being inaugurated by the former Education Minister of Punjab, Dr. Upinderjit Kaur

There is no more urgent challenge than the need to create more opportunities for underprivileged children to participate in and share the rewards of economic growth. I am so proud of the community development initiatives that Bharti Foundation has undertaken this year to bring about a lasting and positive change. ”



**Kalpana Morparia**  
Governing Board Member, Bharti Foundation & Chief Executive Officer, J.P. Morgan, India



The Satya Bharti School Program in Jodhpur (Rajasthan) being launched by Sh Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha



Satya Bharti School students meet film actor, Rahul Bose during the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon event



Satya Bharti School students with Donovan Bailey, international event ambassador at the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon

## A Rendezvous with Bollywood and Sports Celebrities

The Satya Bharti School Program has provided a platform for students from remote villages to meet and interact with some of the brightest stars of the Indian film industry, as well as gain inspiration from international Sports celebrities.



Students meeting film actor Shah Rukh Khan during the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon

Bharti Foundation is a role model for responsible corporate citizens of India. The Foundation has an audacious vision of providing quality education to underprivileged children so that they can unlock their potential and lead meaningful lives. As a member of the governing body, I can confidently state that the Foundation has invested in systems and processes that have allowed the network of schools to scale without compromising on quality. My recent visit to the schools in Amritsar has reaffirmed my belief that Bharti Foundation is a critical actor in the creation of a better India. ”



Ashish Dhawan, Governing Board Member, Bharti Foundation & Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Central Square Foundation



Students meeting film actor Bipasha Basu during an event in Delhi



Satya Bharti School students meet Allan Border, former international cricketer, during the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon



Girl students emulate the world famous athlete Cathy Freeman during the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon



# UNITY IN DIVERSITY



Confident and happy girl students of the Satya Bharti Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Sangrur



Students from Haryana enjoy their interactive lessons using colourful Teaching Learning Materials



Teachers of the Punjab team: high on energy and commitment



Confidence and inquisitiveness to engage in conversation is very high amongst the Satya Bharti School students



Students in the Murshidabad schools gracefully allow their Regional Head to click photographs

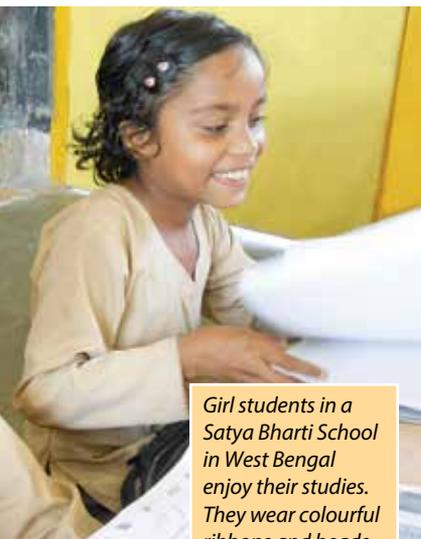
“ At Satya Bharti School, Kolila we learnt concepts of team work, tolerance, sensitivity, balance etc. through games (PEC) activities. The activity-based learning encouraged students to grasp concepts easily.”

*Lakshita (Alumnus), now a student at MDS Private School, Kolila, Neemrana (Rajasthan)*

The Satya Bharti School Program is unique as it embraces communities of diverse ethnic, linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Underprivileged students across India enjoy the same benefits, whether in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu or West Bengal. And yet, there is a common program model which is replicated across such diverse communities without exception. The school buildings, learning resources, the training that teachers receive and so many other program aspects are the same in every Satya Bharti School.



Teachers lead the way in the journey of joyful learning



Girl students in a Satya Bharti School in West Bengal enjoy their studies. They wear colourful ribbons and beads

Bharti Foundation's revolutionary method of providing education to children in rural areas is indeed commendable. The special focus given on educating the girl child and partnering with the community in their endeavors is really amazing. I would sincerely like to congratulate Satya Bharti School Program on their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for giving such an invaluable opportunity to thousands of children from the underprivileged sections of the society in rural India. I am sure Bharti Foundation will keep up the good work and, in the next few years, completely transform the educational landscape of Rural India. ”



**Arun Kapur**  
Governing Board Member, Bharti Foundation & Director, Vasant Valley School & Universal Learn Today



A teacher in a Tamil Nadu school engages her students in an activity using local plants



In a Satya Bharti School in UP, students display confidence by leading the activity of reading

“ Today people recognise me for my teaching skills. I pursued my B.Ed after joining Bharti Foundation and learning the joys of teaching.”

**Pooja Suri**, Teacher, Satya Bharti School, Sherpur Kalan, Ludhiana (Punjab)



# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Bharti Foundation has received various awards and accolades at national and international fora recognising its contribution and commitment towards the development of our country. These awards stand as beacons of encouragement that light the path of quality work undertaken by Bharti Foundation's teams in remote rural areas.

## Organisational Awards Won by Bharti Foundation

### FY 2006-07

- Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Social Responsibility – NGO Category

### FY 2008-09

- Asian CSR Award, 2008 for Support and Improvement in Education – awarded by the Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility, Intel Corporation and the Asian Institute of Management
- Social and Corporate Governance Award, 2008 for Best CSR Practice – awarded by the Bombay Stock Exchange, Nasscom Foundation and Times Foundation
- Indian NGO Award, 2008 – Joint Regional Finalists, Large Category (North) – awarded by Resource Alliance and The Nand and Jeet Khemka Foundation

### FY 2010-11

- Economic Times Corporate Citizen of the Year 2010 – awarded by the Economic Times
- Indian Education Awards 2011 – Best NGO for Excellent Work in Elementary Education – awarded by Franchise India and Zee Business in association with KPMG
- World Education Award 2011- Best Public Choice Award for Innovative Practices in Education – awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, Centre for Science Development & Media Studies and Elets Technomedia

### FY 2011-12

- Global CSR Award 2012- Corporate Social Responsibility – Education – awarded by World CSR Day in association with Star News
- Best NGO for Excellence in Education at Concern 2012 – awarded by The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India and Bal Bharti Academy

### FY 2012-13

- Inclusive India Award – Best Work in Elementary Education under corporate category – awarded by ICICI Foundation and CNBC – TV 18
- Asian Leadership Awards – Best Work in Support and Improvement in Quality of Education
- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Social Welfare 2012 – awarded by PHD Chamber
- 2012 World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) Award – Transforming Education – awarded by Qatar Foundation
- QCI – D.L. Shah Quality Award 2012-13 – Joint National Award for Education – awarded by Quality Council of India for Application of Quality in Teacher's Subject Knowledge Test (TSKT)  
(As decided by the management, Bharti Foundation did not apply for any award in the year 2013-14)

### FY 2014-15

- QCI - D.L. Shah National Quality Awards 2015 - Platinum Award– Quality Council of India for Quality tools applied to reduce, reuse and recycle waste
- CSR Leadership Award – ABP News Global CSR Excellence and Leadership Awards – World CSR Day – 2015

### FY 2015-16

- Award for 'Not for Profit Organisation of the Year' – 2015 Leaders Award – awarded by 24MRC Network
- Award for 'CEO of the Year (NGO) – 2015 Leaders Award – Awarded by 24MRC Network

### FY 2016-17 (YTD)

- FAME Excellence Awards 2016 – Two platinum awards for 'Project in Education Excellence' for Satya Bharti Quality Support Program and Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program
- QCI-DL Shah National Quality Awards 2016 – Platinum Award for impact of quality audit for sustainable sanitation culture in the Satya Bharti Abhiyan

“Our children are getting 21<sup>st</sup> century education in Satya Bharti Schools. I am very happy that there is a focus on holistic development of students.”

*Haitram, Parent, Vijaysinghpura Village, Neemrana (Rajasthan)*



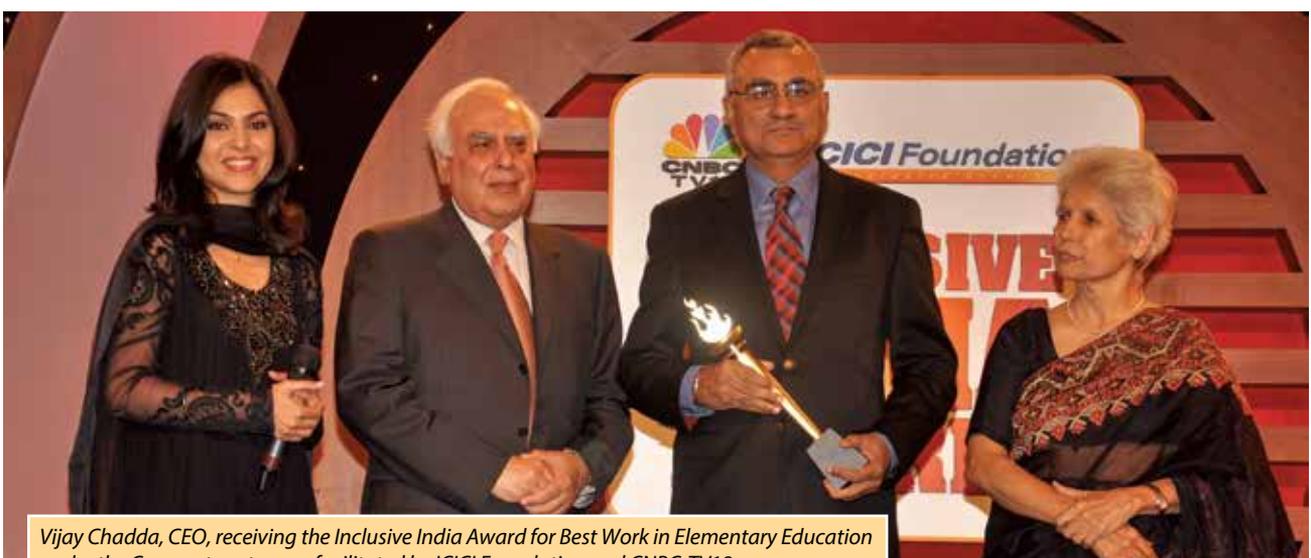
*Rakesh Bharti Mittal at the WISE 2012 along with other winners of WISE 2012 award in the presence of H.E. Sheikh Abdulla bin Ali Al-Thani and H.H. Sheikha Moza bint Nasser*



*Rakesh Bharti Mittal and Sunil Bharti Mittal receiving the Economic Times Corporate Citizen of the Year 2010 award from Sh. Salman Khursheed, former Minister of External Affairs*



*Vijay Chadda, CEO and Deepak Kumar (Head Quality) receiving the 10<sup>th</sup> National QCI DL Shah Quality Award from the Quality Council of India*



*Vijay Chadda, CEO, receiving the Inclusive India Award for Best Work in Elementary Education under the Corporate category; facilitated by ICICI Foundation and CNBC-TV18*

“ Apart from academics, there were many co-curricular activities in my Satya Bharti School, Bohlian (Amritsar) which I enjoyed. These included writing, painting, music and art.”

*Jobanjeet Singh (Alumnus), now a student at Khalsa College Sr. Sec. School (Amritsar)*





Gaurav, from Satya Bharti School, Nangal Mundi, Rewari, performed for the televised telecast of the Indian Idol Junior competition



Student winners of the Yes Bank Natural Capital Olympiad in Mumbai



Students of a Satya Bharti School in UP regularly win at Block and District level events with the Government schools



Students participate in the Indian Idol Junior Contest



The Principal of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School receiving the International School Award by the British Council



Students from Satya Bharti Schools, who won the DLF Pramerica Spiry of Community Award with film artist Dia Mirza

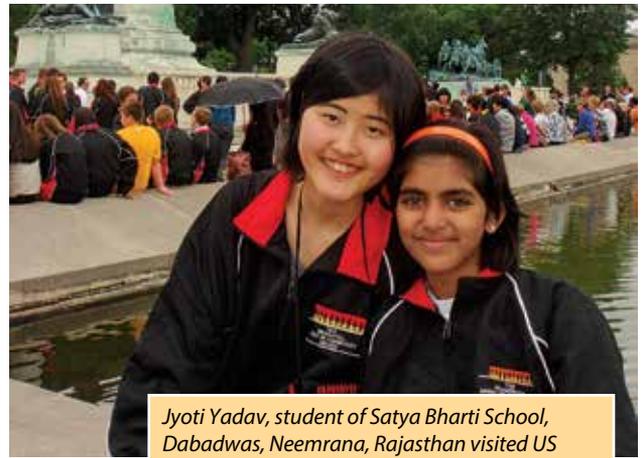
I have had the pleasure and opportunity to visit Satya Bharti Schools in various states across the country. The impact that the Satya Bharti Schools are making, though silent, is remarkably pronounced. This schooling program is an example of what can be achieved through focus and execution with discipline and dedication. Congratulations to all the people at the ground level who have made this happen. ”



*V.V. Ranganathan, Governing Board Member, Bharti Foundation & Co-Founder and Director, Rural Shores Business Services Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly Senior Partner, Country Head, Strategic Growth Markets- Ernst & Young, India)*



Winning teachers and officials from Bharti Foundation at the Award ceremony for teachers felicitated for innovation in teaching by Roehampton University (UK)



Jyoti Yadav, student of Satya Bharti School, Dabadwas, Neemrana, Rajasthan visited US after winning the National Honoree Award at the Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards 2012



Film artist Rahul Bose felicitating students from Satya Bharti Schools for award winning entries at the Design for Change competition



A teacher from the Satya Bharti Schools receiving an Innovation Award from STiR Education

“ My teachers at Satya Bharti School, Mohanpur encouraged my interest in sports which enabled me to be a Captain of the school Kho-Kho team. I enjoyed group study activities of Satya Bharti School the most.”

*Reena Ujjawal (Alumnus), now a student at Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Bhawania (Mahendergarh)*



## VISIT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

To commemorate the 10 year celebrations of the Satya Bharti School Program, on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, members of the Bharti Foundation Governing Board were invited to visit some of the Satya Bharti Schools in Amritsar District for a first-hand experience of the work on ground. The visitors observed classroom activities and various processes instituted by Bharti Foundation while inspiring students and motivating teachers. During the visit, each dignitary launched a special initiative in celebration of 10 years of the Satya Bharti School Program. The visit culminated with a cultural event where students and teachers from all over the district displayed the flavour of Punjab with enthralling performances.



*Sunil Bharti Mittal inaugurating the new building block at Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhila*



*Rakesh Bharti Mittal launching the Satya Bharti Vocational Education Program at the Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhila*



*Syeda Imam launching Bharti Foundation's Twitter handle*



*Prof. V.S. Raju launching the Satya Bharti Educational Research Program along with the students and teachers*



*Badri Agarwal (fifth from left) launching the Child Safety Trainer Manual*

“The training sessions at Satya Bharti School built confidence in me and helped me pursue my further studies. Now I am a teacher in a Government school.”

*Amandeep Kaur, Former Head Teacher, Satya Bharti School, Malsian Bajan (Ludhiana)*



*Kalpana Morparia launching "The Girl Child in Satya Bharti Schools - A Report"*



*Sunil Bharti Mittal expresses delight at the confidence levels of Satya Bharti School students*



*V.V. Ranganathan launching the Satya Bharti Computer Science Curriculum*

## List of Governing Board Members Who Visited Amritsar

1. Sunil Bharti Mittal
2. Rakesh Bharti Mittal
3. Kalpana Morparia
4. Syeda Imam
5. Vinod Dhall
6. Prof. V.S. Raju
7. V. V. Ranganathan
8. Ashish Dhawan
9. Badri Agarwal



*Ashish Dhawan (sixth from right) launching the Satya Bharti School Olympiad initiative*

## Special Invitees

1. Deepika Mittal
2. Nyna Mittal

## List of Schools Visited in Amritsar

1. Satya Bharti School, Waryam Nangal
2. Satya Bharti School, Chawinda Devi
3. Satya Bharti School, Lodhi Gujjar
4. Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhila



*Vinod Dhall (fifth from left) launching "Stakeholder Communication - A Community Awareness initiative"*



*Deepika Mittal and Nyna Mittal launching the new uniforms for Satya Bharti School students*

“ I admire the good habits being taught and the focus to improve English knowledge and communication skills of students at Satya Bharti Schools.”

*Selvi, Parent, Pethachikudiruppu Village, Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu)*



# CREATING AGENTS OF CHANGE

Satya Bharti Schools operate on a model of holistic development, encouraging students to become responsible citizens and equipping them to play an active role in the Nation's progress. To translate this vision of holistic education into reality, Bharti Foundation has institutionalised a host of activities in the schools. Students engage with the communities in the school's vicinity through development campaigns as well as through various community service initiatives. These activities prepare students to tackle real life challenges with confidence and help them recognise self-worth as leaders of tomorrow. From visiting the US after winning the National *Pramerica Spirit of Community Award* for social campaigns, to receiving NTSE Scholarships, or clearing Indian Idol Junior rounds; our students epitomise leadership with the holistic grooming received as a result of quality education in Satya Bharti Schools.

Congratulations to Satya Bharti Schools for pioneering and scaling a unique education program that has quietly and resolutely shaped thousands of young lives in India.



Underprivileged children from rural areas now have a wonderful opportunity to experience high quality schooling; this in turn gives them a chance to compete and excel with others from more privileged backgrounds. This program's strong focus on sports and character building is especially refreshing in today's pedantic and syllabus driven education system; I am confident it will help produce stronger and more rounded leaders for our country.”

**Sunil Kant Munjal**  
*Governing Board Member, Bharti Foundation & Jt Managing Director Hero MotoCorp Limited & Chairman Hero Corporate Services Private Limited*



Students are given exposure to computers and computer based learning



The classrooms in all Satya Bharti Schools are full of colourful Teaching Learning Material created by the students and teachers



Art and craft is a part of the holistic curriculum at Satya Bharti Schools

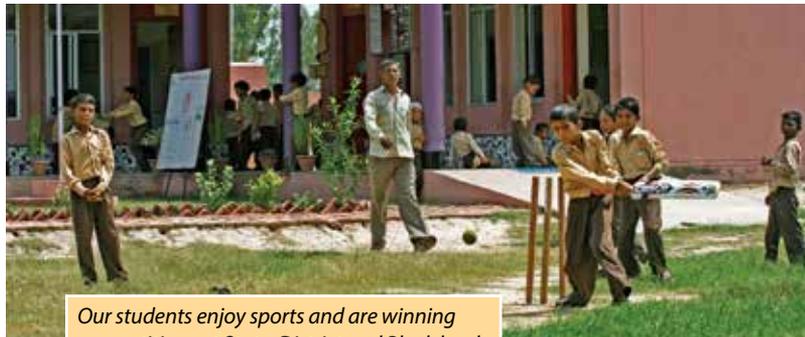


The Physical Education Curriculum (PEC) uses games and activities to teach concepts in Mathematics

“I fulfilled my dream through my Satya Bharti School, today I am in the Indian Army.”

**Vikas (Alumnus), Ladhawal (Ludhiana), now a Cadet at Jammu Infantry, Indian Army**

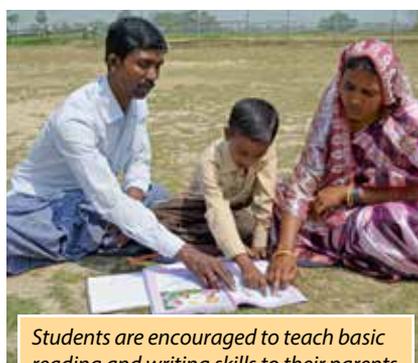
In addition to classroom-based learning, the community development campaigns at Satya Bharti Schools are intrinsic to the curriculum. Through these campaigns, the Satya Bharti School program is building the concept of 'individual social responsibility' among students while inspiring them to become true agents of change.



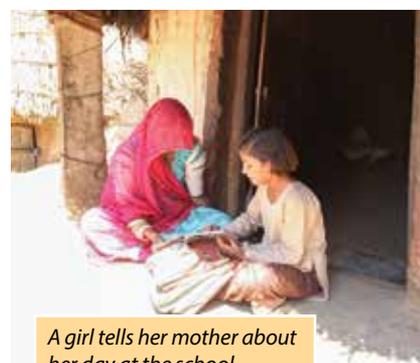
Our students enjoy sports and are winning competitions at State, District and Block levels



Students are provided with board games in Satya Bharti Schools



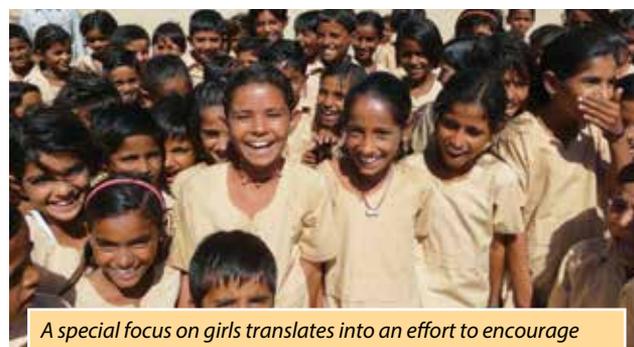
Students are encouraged to teach basic reading and writing skills to their parents



A girl tells her mother about her day at the school



Our students educate and sensitise local communities on many issues



A special focus on girls translates into an effort to encourage and empower girls and help them realise their dreams



Students of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni receiving accolades for sports at external platforms

“My teachers at Satya Bharti School, Raiwana supported me wholeheartedly in removing the curse of untouchability from my village. I am happy that I was able to bring about a change in the mind-set of my community.”

*Arti Verma, winner of Special Jury Mention award at the Pramerica Spirit of Community Awards 2012*



# COMMUNITIES AS OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Satya Bharti Schools help children create a deeper connect with their community by building a robust curriculum around it. School processes ensure a structured involvement of the community as true stakeholders of the schools. In addition to regular Parent-Teacher meetings, initiatives such as the local recruitment of teachers, entrusting of mid-day meals to parents and relatives of students as well as transport arrangements to local community members, have together ensured that the community continues to participate in the school program. One of our special initiatives is the 'Community Volunteering Week' when schools are handed over to the community where they teach students local art, craft, folklore, local vocations, etc. In addition, the *Sarpanch* and community members are invited to all school events fostering a sense of ownership towards the schools. The close relationship that the community has developed over the years is evident in the material donations that our schools receive on a regular basis.



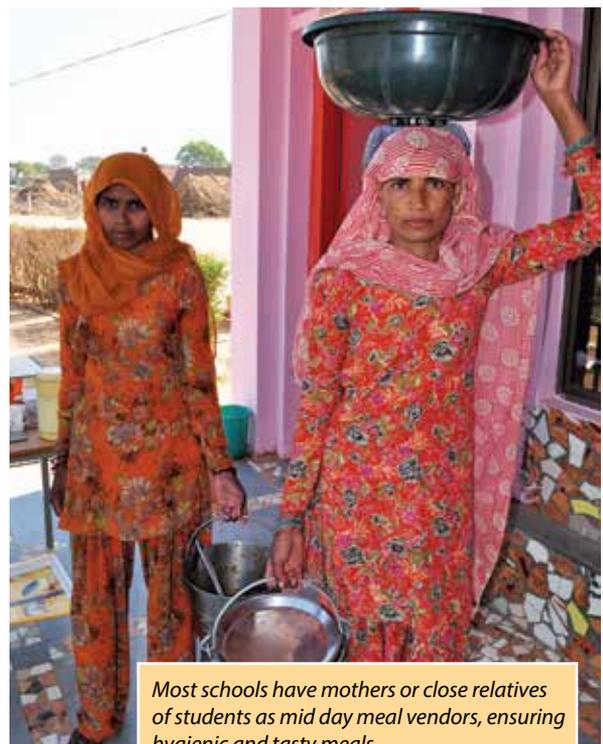
*Community members spending time with our students telling them old stories about their village, local vocations, etc. during the Community Volunteering week*



*Village elders voluntarily extend efforts to beautify the school grounds*



*Community members contribute their knowledge and time skills to add value to our students*



*Most schools have mothers or close relatives of students as mid day meal vendors, ensuring hygienic and tasty meals*

“It was with the motivation and extra efforts of the teachers that I was able to get admission at the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya.”

*Jadwinder Singh (Alumnus), now a student at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Longowal (Sangrur)*



Rakesh Bharti Mittal interacting with community members in Haryana

### Social Impact Assessment by Ernst and Young LLP (EY):\*

EY conducted a study to evaluate the socio-cultural and economic impact that the Satya Bharti School Program has had on the children, on their families and in the community. It seeks to examine whether the program’s emphasis on holistic development, value education, life skills, extra-curricular activities, better health and hygiene practices and its thrust towards grooming responsible citizens has achieved its intended impact. Select key findings are as below:

#### Impact on Children

- Instilling greater confidence
- Developing stronger values
- Coherence and confidence in communication
- Respecting elders

#### Impact on Parents and Communities

- Willingness for the higher education of girls
- Adopting better health and hygiene practices
- Notable shift in the perception of education
- 96% of parents with a girl child studying at Satya Bharti School wanted her to pursue higher education compared to 73.7% parents whose girl child goes to other schools.
- 84.7% of children studying at Satya Bharti Schools were certain of their responses and clear in their communication as compared to only 38.9% children studying at other schools.

\* To view the detailed report download the e-copy from our website at [www.bhartifoundation.org/Resources/Research Corner/Ernst and Young Assessment Report](http://www.bhartifoundation.org/Resources/Research%20Corner/Ernst%20and%20Young%20Assessment%20Report)



Parent Teacher Meetings (PTMs) provide an opportunity to brief parents about various teaching tools being used in schools



After the students go home, teachers prepare the next day’s lesson plans and discuss academic issues



“Selfie with Daughter” was a big hit with the Satya Bharti School parents



Encouraging mothers to learn how to read and write is very important for our students

“ Satya Bharti Schools are developing positive attitudes, which facilitate healthy thinking among students.”

A. Nallappan, Community member, Panangudi Village, Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu)

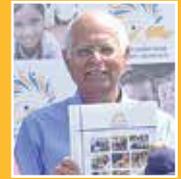


# OUR TEACHERS ARE OUR STRENGTH

Our teachers are the key pillars upholding the philosophy of the Satya Bharti School Program. They have emerged as role models not only for the students but for the parents as well as community members. Their passion and commitment towards the cause of quality education for underprivileged children, especially the girl child, is evident in the joyous environment that has become the hallmark of Satya Bharti Schools.

The teachers at Satya Bharti Schools are mostly recruited from the local community and are empowered with comprehensive 'Teacher Training Programs' that focus on aligning teachers with evolving paradigms of education as well as the vision of the Satya Bharti School Program. Teacher training sessions are planned to equip them with the desired skills and aptitude with the aim of nurturing every child to reach her potential.

Privilege to have seen for myself the outstanding contribution of Satya Bharti Schools to the children of rural India, especially girls, in growing up as educated and well-rounded individuals. ”



**Vinod Dhall**  
Governing Board Member, Bharti Foundation &  
Chairperson, Dhall Law Chambers



*Rakesh Bharti Mittal and Vijay Chadda in Jodhpur during a Reward and Recognition function for teachers and field staff*



*Regular visits to schools by the management infuses new energy amongst the teachers*



*Engaged and energised teachers result in happy schools and motivated students*



*Cluster Coordinators make weekly visits to schools to monitor school processes and mentor the teachers*



*Our teachers break barriers and connect with every student, encouraging each one to learn*

“ I have learnt the true essence of dedication and hard work from the Satya Bharti School Program. Today I am a part of the Haryana Police Department and respect Bharti Foundation for my learnings.”

*Suman Lata, Former Head Teacher, Satya Bharti School, Nangal Mundi (Rewari)*



A teacher in a Class with the first design of desks provided to students with storage space for books

In Satya Bharti Schools it is important that each child, especially the girls, are provided with an encouraging, enabling and empowering environment to study. The bedrock of it all is to create schools as safe and happy places for our students. The emphasis given to the safety of students is evident from the presence of the child safety policy, child safety process manual, regularly conducted safety drills and the involvement of parents in the same.

## Anamika Kapoor, Teacher (2006- till date)

Satya Bharti School, Lakhawal

Anamika was among the first group of teachers recruited by Bharti Foundation and she proudly celebrates the completion of a tenure of 10 years with the 10 year celebrations of the Satya Bharti School Program. In this duration, Anamika has epitomised the ideals of a Satya Bharti School teacher as well as the Foundation's aim of empowering local youth with jobs by rising from a budding teacher to the Head Teacher of the school. Anamika's hard work was recognised with felicitations at various internal and external platforms.

Rejoicing in her long association with the Satya Bharti School Program Anamika added, "Everyday brings new learning at Satya Bharti Schools. I am grateful to Bharti Foundation for helping me become the person that I am today."



Anamika, one of the first teachers of the Satya Bharti Schools was felicitated by Sunil Bharti Mittal, Rakesh Bharti Mittal and Vijay Chadda during the Changemaker Awards held in February 2016



Anamika, Head Teacher of the Satya Bharti School, Lakhawal discussing plans with her team of teachers in the school

“ I give my job's credit to my Satya Bharti School and I am thankful to Bharti Foundation for helping me become what I am today.”

Chamanpreet Kaur (Alumnus), now an Assistant Nurse, Apollo Hospital (Ludhiana)





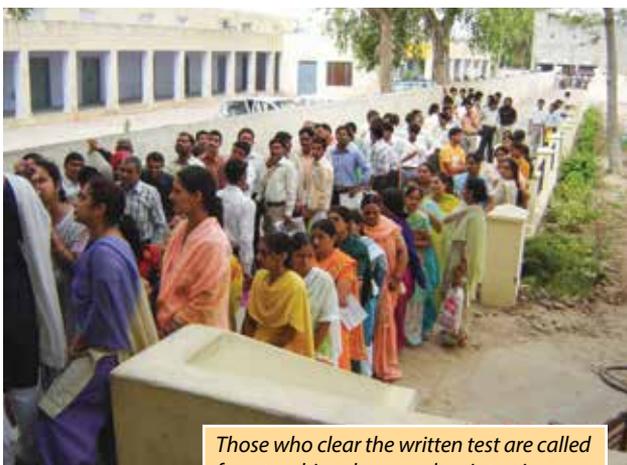
Head Teachers meetings are conducted on a monthly basis where teachers discuss upcoming plans, new curriculum, etc.



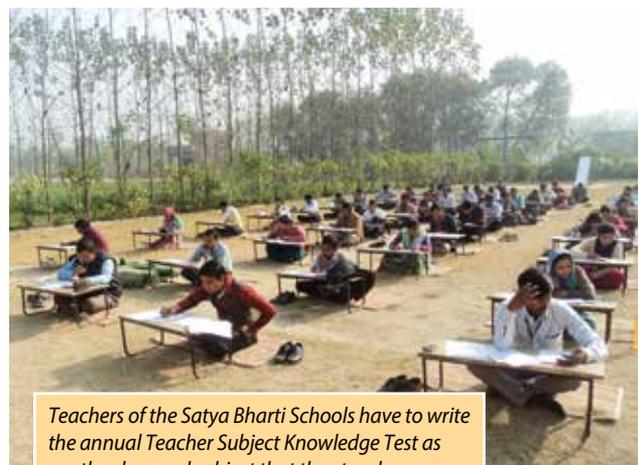
The Teacher's Oath by (Late) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam which was administered by him to our teachers and is renewed each year by our teachers on Teachers' Day



Aspirants for a teaching role at the Satya Bharti Schools take a written exam as part of a stringent selection process



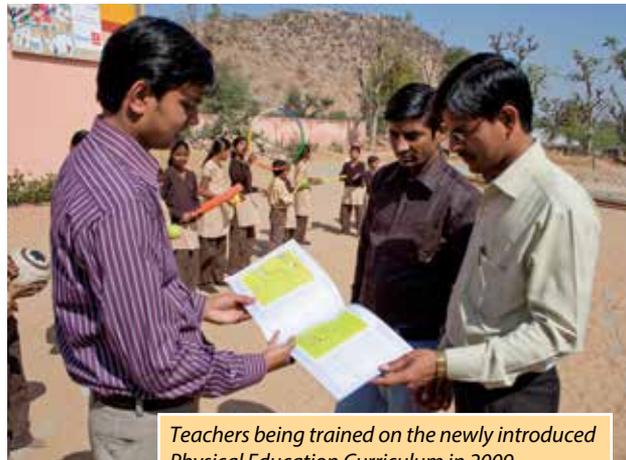
Those who clear the written test are called for a teaching demo and an interview



Teachers of the Satya Bharti Schools have to write the annual Teacher Subject Knowledge Test as per the class and subject that they teach



A teacher exhibits his work with pride



Teachers being trained on the newly introduced Physical Education Curriculum in 2009



Bharti Foundation does not specify a staff uniform, but some lady teachers at Satya Bharti Schools choose to dress smartly in a uniform of their own choice



Teacher training in action



Special POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) sessions are held at school level during regular senior management visits



# CREATING RESPONSIBLE AND EMPLOYABLE CITIZENS

In addition to good learning levels, our students have also displayed success by winning national and international awards, NTSE scholarships, sports competitions etc. These children belong mostly to marginalised communities (SC/ST/OBC), thus their achievements bear testimony to the quality of education and the passion of the teachers at Satya Bharti Schools.

As part of the year-long 10 year celebrations of the Satya Bharti School Program, an Alumni Meet was held across all 254 Satya Bharti Schools to hear about their progress.

Vocational Education and Skill Development are the top priority of the Government of India. The plan is to train 300 million skilled personnel by the year 2022 (Skill India Mission). Skilled personnel is the critical requirement for "Make IN INDIA" program and the Infrastructure Development (again a top priority of the Government of India). The Vocational programs are available through Industrial Training Institutions (ITIs) (2 to 3 year program after Class X) and short term programs (up to 6 months) run by the Government and the Industry. The part time Vocational programs being offered in the Satya Bharti Senior Secondary Schools is a very good starting point. As the country develops, the employability and salary levels of people with Vocational Education and training will get better and better. Therefore, Vocational Education is an excellent opportunity for youngsters, who enjoy working on shop floor and at project sites. ”



**Prof. V.S. Raju**  
Governing Board Member, Bharti Foundation &  
Former Director, IIT Delhi; Professor and Dean, IIT Madras



A large contingent of Satya Bharti School students of Neemrana and Amer, who received laptops from the Government of Rajasthan on securing more than 75% marks in Class VIII, along with the Regional Head, field team and teachers

“ I have been associated with Bharti Foundation for the past nine years. Here I was given an opportunity to learn new aspects in child education and pedagogy. I grew from a teacher to a Head Teacher; I was able to attain analytical skills and improve upon my time and school management abilities.”

**Sonu Sharma**, Teacher, Satya Bharti School, Panwan (Sangrur)



Manga Singh, a Class V student of the Satya Bharti School, Khanpur, Ludhiana, secured 84% marks at the Block/District level and was felicitated by Sh. Parkash Singh Badal, Chief Minister Punjab in the presence of Sh. Bikram Singh Majithia and Rakesh Bharti Mittal in the year 2008

## Towards a Bright Future

Manga was a student of Satya Bharti School, Khanpur (Ludhiana), he passed out of Class V with flying colours in 2008. He scored 84% marks in Class V and was felicitated for his achievement by Shri Parkash Singh Badal, the then Chief Minister of Punjab. In February 2016, he was invited by Bharti Foundation to attend an event at the corporate office in Delhi.

There, he was felicitated by Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman, Bharti Foundation and Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Co-Chairman, Bharti Foundation in the presence of Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation. Speaking to a packed audience, Manga Singh said *"Satya Bharti School gave me an opportunity to pursue my dreams and introduced me to innovative learning methods. I am thankful to my teachers for giving me lot of confidence and encouragement"*, states a confident Manga Singh.



Manga Singh now pursuing a graduate's degree in Computers, was felicitated by Sunil Bharti Mittal, Rakesh Bharti Mittal and Vijay Chadda during the Changemaker Awards in February 2016



## OUR HANDS-ON VOLUNTEERS

Building partnerships to bring sustainability to our interventions has been a key component of the school program. It has been strengthened by partnerships with the village community, *Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)* as well as the State bureaucracy. The Foundation receives programmatic and academic inputs from specialist institutional partners such as NGOs, academic and training institutions. Our corporate partners, besides providing us financial support, also assist the program via material donations and volunteering effort.



*The Airtel Management Board visited Satya Bharti School, Ladhwal in 2007 and spent half a day laying the floor of the school corridor*



*Harmeem Mehta, Global CIO, Airtel, launching the Airtel IT Volunteering initiative at a school in Neemrana to support computer education*



*Senior members from Airtel visit Satya Bharti Schools regularly and volunteer their time*

“The play-way methodology at Satya Bharti School, Basai Bhopal Singh helped me understand fundamental concepts resulting in a better command over my subject knowledge. After passing out, I obtained 92% marks in Class X. I am thankful to the Satya Bharti School teachers for supporting and encouraging me.”

*Sapna Chouhan (Alumnus), now a student at Arya School, Neemrana (Rajasthan)*



An Airtel Young Leader teaching a class during one of their 10-day stints with Satya Bharti Schools

## Poem by a volunteer

"In a world where we run just to be ahead,  
 no stone left unturned, no path un-tread,  
 on our way to the front of the line,  
 we've forgotten what it means to truly shine  
 and it's only when you go and watch these  
 kids,  
 and the home where each kid lives,  
 and the life they go through and the struggle  
 they fight,  
 yet they always smile through their plight  
 and they know the truth of life so simple  
 and plain,  
 that a good deed done is never in vain,  
 so they are warm and caring and have  
 genuine care,  
 with you cups of chai anyone will gladly  
 share,  
 living in penury, resources they lack,  
 yet to get ahead they'll never pull anyone  
 else back,  
 the people, the kids, the Satya Bharti School,  
 I salute you all- you're too cool!"

**Adhiraj Singh** - Young Leader (Volunteer),  
 Young Leader Program -  
 Bharti Airtel Limited (2010-11)



Bharti Airtel Limited (UPU) has adopted a school in Shahjehanpur (UP). Students are very happy with the new sweaters provided by the Airtel team



A team from Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited trained teachers and Head Teachers in computer usage





The FieldFresh Foods Pvt. Ltd. team undertakes regular volunteering at Satya Bharti Government Primary School, Kali Pahari, Neemrana, Rajasthan



Employees from Bharti Infratel Ltd. visit a Satya Bharti School in Neemrana on Independence Day



A team from Indus Towers visits a Satya Bharti School in Murshidabad, West Bengal and interacts with parents



Airtel Management Board members conduct activities with the students of Neemrana



Visits from our supporters encourage and energise our students and teachers

# BHARTI FOUNDATION: A CRITICAL STAKEHOLDER IN THE EDUCATION SPACE

Bharti Foundation considers it a responsibility and mandate to support the education sector in the country by sharing best practices from its flagship initiative - the Satya Bharti School Program. Its representatives are not only members of various national committees in the spheres of education, skill development and corporate social responsibility (CSR) but also part of advisory committees formed by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), etc.



Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation, participating in a round table conference on Quality Education, organised by FICCI



Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation, participating in a panel discussion at the School Choice National Conference with Anu Aga



Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation, participating in a panel discussion in WISE 2013, a conference held at Doha, Qatar



Mamta Saikia, Vice President, Bharti Foundation, addressing BEd and MEd students, to motivate future teachers and apprise them of the importance of their job



Antony N.J., Head - Programs, presenting the Program at the 'Teach A Man to Fish' (UK) conference held in New Delhi



Mamta Saikia, Vice President, Bharti Foundation participating in a panel discussion at the Indian Education Congress 2015, organised by Franchise India

Engaged as a Math teacher in the Satya Bharti School, I got a chance to attend rigorous training in Math for primary children. It helped me to better develop my knowledge and keep me updated with the latest techniques in Teaching-Learning.”

*L. Sona Setli, Teacher, Satya Bharti School, Managiri, Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu)*



# A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS (August 2015 – August 2016)

The year 2015-16 witnessed a host of activities, specially planned to celebrate the 10 years of the Satya Bharti School Program. A snapshot of some of the key activities conducted during this period are shared below.

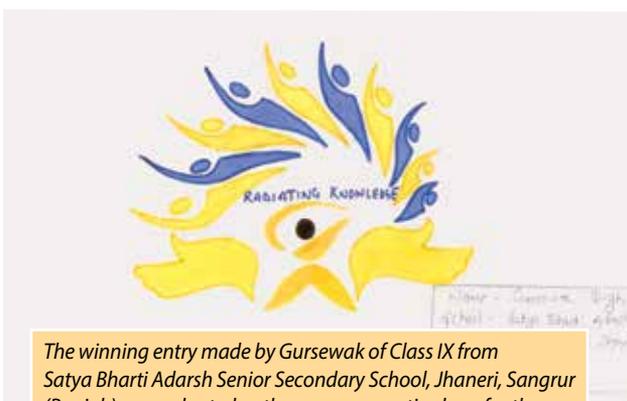
The activities initiated under the 10 years celebrations were designed to reinforce the Foundation's focus on creating future citizens with a keen sense of responsibility towards the community and the Nation.



Launch of 10 year celebrations by Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal at Satya Bharti School, Bhojpur, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh



Saksharta Bharti Abhiyan was launched on 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015, under which our students were encouraged to teach their family members to read and write



The winning entry made by Gursewak of Class IX from Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Sangrur (Punjab); was adapted as the commemorative logo for the 10 year celebrations. This entry was part of a competition held among students of all 254 Satya Bharti Schools



Recognition Badges were given to good performing Satya Bharti School students across all schools

“At my Satya Bharti School, Sultangarh I was taught Math concepts through interactive learning techniques on computer. It helped me teach Math in a very easy and interesting manner.”

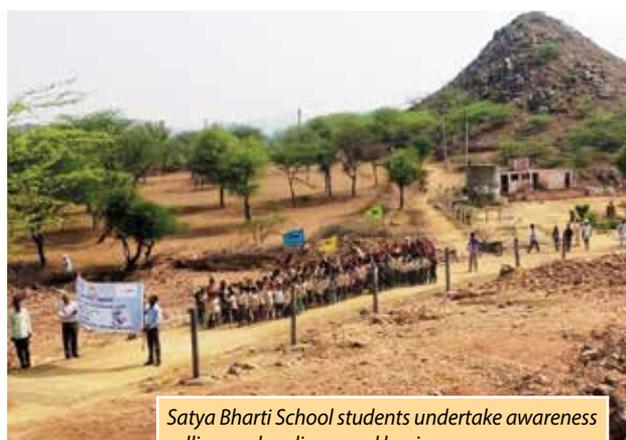
*Sachin (Former Teacher), now a teacher at Government Sec. School Mandan, Neemrana (Rajasthan)*



Tree Plantation Campaigns were conducted across all Satya Bharti Schools; more than 50,000 trees have already been planted under this initiative



A herbal garden developed by Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Sangrur (Punjab) to commemorate the 10 year milestone



Satya Bharti School students undertake awareness rallies on cleanliness and hygiene



Commemorative mementos were presented to Bharti Foundation's employees, including teachers, as part of 10 years celebrations of the Satya Bharti School Program

“ My daughter Mansi started her education at Satya Bharti School, Panwan (Sangrur). She went on to gain admission into the Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri (Sangrur). Mansi has made us proud by scoring 10 CGPA at the Class X board exam this year. I am thankful to the teachers who worked hard to help her do so well.”

*Kulwinder Kaur, M/o Mansi Bawa, Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Sangrur*



# A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS

(August 2015 – August 2016)



Solar Lamps were gifted to families of Satya Bharti School students who got a toilet constructed in their households



Boot Camps (operations orientation for field staff) were organised for field staff from across Satya Bharti School Program, Satya Bharti Learning Centres and Satya Bharti Quality Support Program



An alumni meet was celebrated on Childrens' Day across all 254 Satya Bharti Schools



Convoke - a knowledge exchange platform created by Bharti Foundation for corporate foundations working with Government schools

# BHARTI FOUNDATION'S INITIATIVES WITH GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The Satya Bharti Schools have been a source of great learning as well as incubators of good practices in education in the rural context. Bharti Foundation is using some of the good practices of Satya Bharti Schools to improve the efficacy of Government schools, through two key programs outlined below:

## Satya Bharti Learning Centres

The program brings Out of School Children (OOSC) back into schools and supports them by providing remedial/bridge courses. Its key components are:

- Partnering State Governments
- Enrolling Out of School Children
- Bridging learning gaps
- Provide Education Volunteers
- Mainstreaming OOSC into Government schools

The Program was initiated in 2012-13 in partnership with Educate a Child (EAC), a global initiative by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Doha, Qatar.

*\*1,079 centres (in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh & Jharkhand); 27,104 students impacted; 49% girl students.*



*Students in the Satya Bharti Learning Centre in Chohtan, Sawaimadhopur, Rajasthan, have fun with alphabets*

## Satya Bharti Quality Support Program

Achieving excellence in education through need-based interventions in Government schools; the program's success lies in working with existing school leadership and teachers by:

- Building rapport and establishing trust
- Enriching the overall schooling experience
- Empowering and engaging stakeholders
- Institutionalise best practices

*\*146 schools (in Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Telangana); 43,745 students; 2,140 teachers.*



*Students of the Government Senior Secondary School, Bhojawas (Haryana), enjoying their day in the colourful Activity Room*

\*Data as of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

“ Satya Bharti School taught me that my role is not just of a teacher but also a learner. I gained a lot of knowledge through the training programs of Bharti Foundation.”

*G. Ambalavani (Former Teacher), now a teacher at Raja Rajan CBSE School, Karaikudi, Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu)*



# BHARTI FOUNDATION'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATION'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

## Satya Bharti Abhiyan

On 18th August 2014, Bharti Foundation launched *Satya Bharti Abhiyan*, an initiative to improve sanitation facilities in rural Ludhiana, as a focus area. The Foundation has committed to provide individual toilets in households lacking such facilities, across more than 1,000 villages of the district. In addition, *Satya Bharti Abhiyan* will also improve the sanitation facilities of Government schools in rural Ludhiana by providing a separate toilet for girls, where no such amenity exists. Till date\*, the initiative has impacted the lives of over 76,000 beneficiaries by providing 15,637 individual household toilets across 698 villages of Ludhiana district. The Abhiyan has also successfully handed over girl's toilets in 14 Government schools identified by the Department of Education, Ludhiana.

\*Data as of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016



## Nyaya Bharti

'*Nyaya Bharti*' is a one-of-its-kind corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative by Bharti Enterprises, one of India's most respected business groups. The primary objective of *Nyaya Bharti* is to provide aid to the underprivileged undertrials who are first time accused of petty offences and require financial and legal assistance to apply for bail and release. It also extends assistance to poor convicts undergoing imprisonment for petty offences due to their inability to pay petty fine imposed by the court.

*Nyaya Bharti*'s Governing Board is headed by Justice A.S. Anand (Retired Chief Justice of India).

The *Nyaya Bharti* initiative aims at providing legal assistance and creating awareness about the undertrials' legal rights while complementing the legal aid work being undertaken by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and State Legal Services Authority (SLSAs) set up under statute legislated by the Parliament.



“I was the Head Girl of my Satya Bharti School, Satharasanpatti. Today I am the School Leader in my current school; I achieved this, thanks to the learning and exposure that I received at Satya Bharti School. I am also participating in all events in the current school with full confidence.”

*M. Sri Ranjani Chellam (Alumnus), now a student at Govt. Girls High School, Kallal (Sivaganga)*

# GRATITUDE TO OUR SUPPORTERS

The Satya Bharti School Program owes a lot to its partners and donors for bringing in sustainability. School visits by our partners energise our teachers as well as students.



*Guneet Chadha, Deutsche Bank visits a school in Ludhiana with Rakesh Bharti Mittal*



*Google supported the Elementary School Program. The announcement was made by Nikesh Arora (Google, India) with Rakesh Bharti Mittal*



*Chapman Taylor, a long-time supporter of our program, visiting a school in Kolila, Neemrana*



*Kalpana Morparia, who has adopted schools, enjoys spending time with students and teachers*

“ In this time when too many of the world’s elite are focused on their own, far more modest challenges, Bharti Foundation has taken on the vital task of working with rural Indian communities to improve the educational opportunities and outcomes for their children. This will have a profound impact on the health of the Indian nation, and will hopefully serve as an example for many others to follow around the world. Congratulations and thank you! ”

*F. Chapman Taylor, Partner at Capital International Research, Inc., Washington DC (Long term donor, Bharti Foundation)*



## BHARTI FOUNDATION'S SATYA BHARTI ADARSH SCHOOLS EXCEL IN CLASS X CBSE BOARD EXAMINATIONS (2016)

- For the first time students from all five Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary Schools in Punjab appeared for the Class X CBSE Board Examinations.
- 41 of the 225 students, have scored a perfect 10 CGPA and 56 students scored between 9 and 9.9 CGPA.
- 66% of these achievers are girl students.
- Overall pass percentage stands at 99.11%.
- All the schools are located in rural areas with students primarily from families with challenging socio-economic backgrounds.



**Tania Bawa,** Class X  
Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri (Sangrur)

Beginning her journey from a Satya Bharti School in Class II, Tania continued to blossom under the school's focus on her holistic development. Under the care of her teachers, her prowess in spoken English increased manifold, impressing her father to such an extent that he started saving early for her higher education. Tania validated her father's efforts when she scored a perfect 10 CGPA. She continues to be an excellent orator and is confident of becoming a Gazette Officer with the Government of Punjab.



**Arshdeep Kaur,** Class X  
Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Sherpur Kalan (Ludhiana)

Arshdeep lost her parents at the tender age of eight months. Under the care of her loving but ailing grandparents, she was often found fending for herself. This made her an overly sensitive child. The Satya Bharti school staff worked as a team to nurture her inherent intelligence and help her emerge as a balanced and studious individual. She scored a fantastic 10 CGPA, making her teachers and peers proud of her. She dreams of becoming a Police officer in the future.



**Jaspreet Kaur,** Class X  
Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni (Ludhiana)

Jaspreet's father is confined to their home as he is specially-abled. Her courageous mother remains resolute in providing her children with quality education irrespective of their challenging socio-economic situation. Struggling initially with the wholesome style of schooling, Jaspreet left no stone unturned to learn and assimilate learning concepts. Scoring a perfect 10 CGPA, Jaspreet exemplifies the award of hard work and inspires other girls to follow suit.



**Sukhjeet Kaur,** Class X  
Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Chogawan (Amritsar)

Sixteen year old Sukhjeet Kaur often missed school to stay back and help her mother with household chores. Teachers from her Satya Bharti School visited her at home, encouraging Sukhjeet to attend school by showing her how education can be the path that leads to a golden future. Her determination and the school's consistent support helped Sukhjeet resist the pressure to drop out of school. Proving her mettle, she scored a noteworthy 8 CGPA at the Class X exams.



**Rajbir Kaur,** Class X  
Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhila (Amritsar)

Rajbir's father struggled to make an income with his old rickshaw. Rajbir's mother attended every PTM, returning convinced that her daughter's continued schooling is the only way forward. Rain or shine, the committed Rajbir rode daily to school on the bicycle gifted by teachers who truly believed in her capabilities. Scoring a remarkable 9.2 CGPA, Rajbir has lit the path towards a brighter future for all the girls in her village.

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