

Bharti Foundation mainstreams approx. 11,000 Out-Of-School Children into regular schooling in Rajasthan

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- *Bharti Foundation's intervention enables the Government of Rajasthan to declare 'Out-Of-School Children' free in six blocks.*

Jaipur, February 13, 2018: Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, today announced that over 10,840 Out-Of-School Children across 472 villages in Rajasthan have been mainstreamed into regular schooling through the Foundation's Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program.

Bharti Foundation's intervention enables the Government of Rajasthan to declare 'Out-Of-School Children' free in six blocks as a result of the mainstreaming initiative in the region. Of the Six blocks, three (Chohtan, Sindhari and Ramsar) are in Barmer district while the rest (Chauth Ka Barware, Bonli and Sawai Madhopur) are located in Sawai Madhopur district. (**Refer to Annexure A for block-wise details**).

Dr. Priya Balram Sharma, Deputy Commissioner (Rajasthan Education Initiative), Rajasthan Council of Elementary Education said, *"We appreciate the support of Bharti Foundation's Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program in identifying Out-Of-School Children and mainstreaming them in Government Schools, thereby resulting in six blocks of the state getting declared Out-Of-School Children free. We are hopeful that Bharti Foundation would continue its commendable efforts and support in eventually bringing children across all districts of Rajasthan back to school."*

Under Bharti Foundation's Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program, the Foundation has set up centres in Rajasthan's 1,091 villages which is impacting over 25,000 children, of these more than 20,000 children have been mainstreamed into age-appropriate grades after providing them with remedial courses. Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program is a remedial/bridge course program which aims of bridging the learning gap of out of school children and mainstreaming them into regular schools.

Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation said, *"As we celebrate the achievement of mainstreaming the 'Out-of-school Children' into regular schools, it motivates us to further strengthen our commitment to bring back more children into schools."*

Since the Program became operational in 2013, Bharti Foundation's Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program has directly impacted nearly 37,000 children in 1,500 villages (approx.) in 47 educationally backward blocks of Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh.

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 the field of primary, elementary, senior secondary and higher education. The Foundation provides free and quality education to underprivileged children, with a focus on the girl child, across rural India through its flagship initiative - the Satya Bharti School Program. In the year 2016, the



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Foundation completed 10 successful years of the Satya Bharti School Program. The impact of quality education is being scaled up by transferring the learning and best practices of the Satya Bharti School Program to Government Schools through the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program and Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program.

In addition to its primary focus area of education, the Foundation initiated 'Satya Bharti Abhiyan' in 2014, to improve sanitation facilities in Punjab and 'Nyaya Bharti' in 2015 to provide legal and financial assistance to deserving underprivileged under-trials languishing in jails across the country for petty offences.

Bharti Foundation is currently reaching out to over 2,00,000 students through over 2,000 schools/centres, engaging close to 8,000 teachers across 13 Indian states through its initiatives in the education sector. In addition, the programs have impacted over 1.5 million community members across rural India since inception. These programs have already been recognized as one of the largest private enterprise initiatives of the country in the education sector. Satya Bharti Abhiyan has also achieved the distinction of having delivered approx. 18,000 individual toilets, directly benefitting approx. 90,000 beneficiaries in the district of Ludhiana. On 15th July 2017, the Foundation announced the expanded outreach of the sanitation initiative with the launch of the Abhiyan in Amritsar.

All data as of 30th November, 2017

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ANNEXURE A: Block-wise details of the six blocks declared Out-Of-School Children free

S. No.	District	Block	No. of Centres	No. of OOSC Mainstreamed
	RAJASTHAN			
1	Barmer	Chohtan	249	6013
2		Sindhari	55	1362
3		Ramsar	74	1608
4	Sawai Madhopur	Chauth ka Barwara	16	414
5		Sawai Madhopur	28	501
6		Bonli	50	945
		Total	472	10,843

ANNEXURE B: Region-wise impact of Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program

State	District	Block	No. of centres
RAJASTHAN	Barmer	Balotra	51
		Dhorimana	65
		Dhanau	19
		Sedwa	13
		Shiv	78
		Sivana	88
		Barmer	27
		Gadra Road	5
	Jodhpur	Baap	77
		Balesar	32
		Bapini	8
		Lohawat	16
		Phalodi	72
		Dechu	6
Shergarh		74	