

## **Bharti Foundation mainstreams approx. 1,500 Out-Of-School Children into regular schooling in Jharkhand**

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

**Ranchi, February 13, 2018:** Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, today announced that over 1,488 Out-Of-School Children across 62 villages in Jharkhand have been mainstreamed into regular schooling through the Foundation's Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program.

Bharti Foundation's intervention enables the Government of Jharkhand to declare 'Out-Of-School Children' free in three blocks (Gopikandar, Kathikund and Masalia) in Dumka district as a result of the mainstreaming initiative in the region. **(Refer to Annexure A for block-wise details).**

**Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble MP, Godda** said, *"Education is the foundation for development and progress. Bharti Foundation has been doing commendable work in the area of education. Its efforts towards mainstreaming Out-Of-School Children into regular schools is laudable."*

Under Bharti Foundation's Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program, the Foundation has set up centres in Jharkhand's 320 villages which is impacting over 8,750 children, of these more than 5,200 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.

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### **About Bharti Foundation:**

Bharti Foundation was set up in the year 2000 as the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises. It implements and supports programs in 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 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.



## **Bharti Foundation**

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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Foundation announced the expanded outreach of the sanitation initiative with the launch of the Abhiyan in Amritsar.

*All data as of 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017*

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

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>No. of Centres</b>	<b>No. of OOSC Mainstreamed</b>
	<b>JHARKHAND</b>			
1	Dumka	Gopikandar	36	676
2		Kathikund	14	477
3		Masalia	12	335
		<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1,488</b>

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

State	District	Block	No. of centres
<b>JHARKHAND</b>	<b>Deoghar</b>	Devipur	9
		Mohanpur	23
		Sarwan	11
		Deoghar	9
		Sonaraythari	1
	<b>Dumka</b>	Dumka	12
		Jarmundi	5
	<b>Godda</b>	Godda	16
		Poreyahat	32
		Sundarpahri	30
		PatharGama	6
	<b>Pakur</b>	Amarapara	55
		Litipara	24
	<b>Sahibganj</b>	Mandro	4
		Pathna	9
		Rajmahal	10
		Taljhari	2