

Bharti Foundation and Department of School Education and Literacy Government of Meghalaya launches project on quality education

- *The initiative will benefit over 6500 students and nearly 140 teachers in 50 government schools*
- *Satya Bharti Quality Support Program has benefited over 1,50,000 students and more than 5000 teachers across 10 states of India.*
- *Bharti Foundation has impacted the lives of over 3,00,000 students from underprivileged background through its various initiatives in the education sector.*

Shillong, May 29, 2018: Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, today announced the launch of Satya Bharti Quality Support Program to support 50 Government schools under Satya Bharti Quality Support Program in East and West Jaintia Hills reaching out to 6500 children and 136 teachers.

As per the MoU, signed with Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of Meghalaya, the Foundation will partner the Government initiative to improve the quality of learning and enhance the overall schooling experience of the students in the government schools.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Lahkmen Rymbui, Education Minister, Government of Meghalaya** said, *“Bharti Foundation has already created successful synergies with Government schools in the area quality education across many states. Quality education has been recognised by the Meghalaya State Government as a critical need and we welcome Bharti Foundation’s support in helping the students and teachers of these schools realise their aspirations.”*

The **Satya Bharti Quality Support Program** is an education initiative of Bharti Foundation specially designed for Government Schools. Through this program, Bharti Foundation engages the school leadership, teachers, students and communities to support them in their efforts to strive for excellence. The approach focuses on identifying and integrating best practices from Satya Bharti Schools with the intent of encouraging innovation, participation, ownership and facilitating a sustainable change.

Speaking on the agreement, **Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation** said, *“Satya Bharti Quality Support Program helps in developing innovative tools and processes which holistically work on the performance of Government Schools and enhance the overall schooling experience for children. We look forward to working with the state educationists and officials in strengthening the existing programs and initiatives”.*

About Bharti Foundation

Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, was set up in the year 2000. It implements and supports programs in the field of primary, elementary, senior secondary and higher education. Through its flagship initiative - the Satya Bharti School Program, the Foundation provides free and quality education to underprivileged children across rural India, with a focus on the girl child. 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 this Program to Government Schools through the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program. In addition to its primary focus area of education, the Foundation initiated 'Satya Bharti Abhiyan' in 2014 to improve sanitation facilities. Since inception Bharti Foundation has reached out to **3,00,000+ students** and **13,000+ teachers** through more than 2100 schools/centres across **13 Indian states** through its initiatives in the education sector. In addition, the programs have impacted over 2 million community members across rural India. Satya Bharti Abhiyan achieved the distinction of having delivered more than **18,000 individual toilets, directly benefitting over 90,000 beneficiaries** in Ludhiana and rural Amritsar. These programs have already been recognized as one of the largest private enterprise initiatives of the country in the education sector.