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- *The Foundation’s intervention in the schools has benefitted more than 22,000 rural children and 700 teachers*
- *Bharti Foundation’s intervention has enabled the Government of Rajasthan to declare six blocks as ‘Out-Of-School’ Children free in the districts of Barmer and Sawai Madhopur.*

Jaipur 28th June 2018: Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, today received the prestigious **“Shiksha Vibhushan”** from the Department of Elementary Education, Government of Rajasthan. The award is the recognition of the Foundation’s support to improve overall schooling experience of 134 Government schools which has benefitted more than 22,000 rural children and 700 teachers in rural Rajasthan.

The Foundation has also mainstreamed more than 20,000 out-of-school children into age-appropriate grades after providing them with remedial courses. The Government of Rajasthan recently declared 6 blocks (Chohtan, Sindhari and Ramsar) in Barmer district and (Chauth Ka Barware, Bonli and Sawai Madhopur) Sawai Madhopur district “Out-of-School children free”.

Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation, said *“We are honored to receive this prestigious award and thankful to the Government of Rajasthan for extending their support, to make this program a great success. The award is a testimony to the efforts being invested by our staff and reaffirms our commitment towards the Foundation’s mission of delivering quality education to underprivileged children.”*

By delivering quality education, the Foundation is cumulatively impacting to more than 60,000 underprivileged village students in the state of Rajasthan. The Foundation’s education initiatives have also benefitted more than 1200 educators, through 1326 schools/centers in 34 blocks, by supporting them in their excursion to achieve excellence.

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



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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. The Abhiyan has achieved the distinction of having delivered **18,000+** individual toilets, directly benefitting **90,000+** beneficiaries in Ludhiana and rural Amritsar. 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. Bharti Foundation's programs have already been recognized as one of the largest private enterprise initiatives of the country in the education sector.

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- *The identified schools reach out to more than 22,000 rural children employing 700 teachers in Rajasthan.*
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Speaking on the occasion, **Vasundhara Raje, Chief Minister, Government of Rajasthan** said "Education is the key tool to empower the young minds and help them realise their potential. We are committed to fulfill our mandate as per our mission 'Education to All'. Bharti Foundation is a key partner to help us achieve the objective. We congratulate the Foundation on winning this award." *(Pl have this approved from the CM's office or else avoid using it in the release)*



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Bharti Foundation’s intervention enabled the Government of Rajasthan to declare six blocks - three in Barmer district (Chohtan, Sindhari and Ramsar) and three others in Sawai Madhopur district (Chauth Ka Barware, Bonli and Sawai Madhopur) as ‘Out-Of-School Children’ free.

Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation, said *“We are honoured to receive the award. I thank the Government of Rajasthan for their unwavering support to make this program successful. The award is a testimony of the dedicated efforts put in by the Bharti Foundation team in the region*

Presently, the Foundation is cumulatively impacting more than 60,000 underprivileged children through 1,326 schools/centers engaging over 1,200 educators across villages in 34 blocks in Rajasthan.

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