

Bharti Foundation signs MoU with Jharkhand Government to support the holistic development of 150 Government schools

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- *Under the aegis of Satya Bharti Quality Support Program, Bharti Foundation is reaching close to 2,00,000 students and 7,000 teachers across 12 states of India*
- *Bharti Foundation, through its various programs in education sector, is currently impacting the lives of over 2,40,000 students from underprivileged backgrounds across 14 states*

Deoghar (Jharkhand), 24th August 2018: Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Education Project Council, Government of Jharkhand. As per the MoU, Bharti Foundation will support Government initiatives in 150 schools, enhancing the overall schooling experience of more than 24,000 students and 500 teachers in the districts of Pakur, Godda, Dumka and Deoghar.

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

Bharti Foundation has been working in Jharkhand through its Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program since 2014-15. Under the program, the Foundation has mainstreamed more than 8,000 children in 320 schools, which led the Government of Jharkhand to declare six (6) blocks free from Out-of-school children.

Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation said, *“Under the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program, we aim to work with school leaders to enhance the overall schooling experience for all stakeholders in these Government schools. Our holistic development approach and school improvement plan involves working in close coordination with educationists and officials in the Education Department of Jharkhand, and we look forward to working with them towards strengthening their existing education 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 fields 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 more than 45000 underprivileged children through 254 Satya Bharti Schools, across rural India, with a focus on the girl child. 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 impacted **3,00,000+ students** and **13,000+ teachers** through more than 2,100 schools/centres across **15 Indian states** through its initiatives in the education sector. 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.