

Bharti Foundation's Satya Bharti Adarsh Schools outperform CBSE national average in Class XII board exams

- *Overall pass percentage of Satya Bharti Adarsh School is 96.89 %, as compared to the CBSE national pass percentage of 88.78% and Chandigarh region of 92.04%.*
- *The schools are located in rural areas of Punjab where children primarily come from challenging socio-economic backgrounds.*
- *Overall girls pass percentage is 97.74% (last year was 96.43%) as compared to the CBSE national average of 92.15% and Chandigarh region of 94.39%.*
- *The highest subject-wise marks among the Satya Bharti Adarsh Schools' students are Beauty & Wellness (100), Retail (100), Business Studies (99), Economics (98), English (98), Punjabi (98), IT (98), Physical Education (97), History (96) and Accountancy (95).*
- *Gurpreet Kaur (Humanities student from Satya Bharti Adarsh Sr. Sec. School, Jhaneri, Punjab) has scored the highest among all Satya Bharti Adarsh Schools' students with an overall percentage of 97.4%.*

New Delhi, July 15, 2020: Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises proudly announces the remarkable achievement of students of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary schools located in rural Punjab in the Class XII CBSE Board Examinations. The success of these children becomes special as most of them come from weak economic background and parents are primarily engaged as daily wage earners.

With an overall pass percentage of 96.89 % which is higher than the national pass percentage of 88.78 %. Out of 225 students, 32 secured 90% and above, and 218 students passed in 1st division.

These students, especially the girls, who outshined CBSE national average with 97.74% pass percentage, withstood various social and economic pressures. The teachers and the Principals have been committed and dedicated to ensure that the children, despite their socio-economic backgrounds, get an equal opportunity towards achieving their aspirations.

Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, humanities student of Satya Bharti Adarsh Sr. Sec. School, Jhaneri secured the highest marks among all these schools' students with 487 out of 500 (97.4%).

Congratulating the students and teachers, Ms. Mamta Saikia, CEO, Bharti Foundation said, *"The success of Class XII students is always special as they fight against every odd to deliver the stellar performance. Their success is the reinforcement of our belief that changes can be brought in rural India*

by ensuring access to quality education. I congratulate each and every students as well as teachers for the outstanding performance, thank the community for consistently supporting our schools."

Currently 183 Satya Bharti Schools are operational across villages of Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. Of the 183 schools, 178 schools are primary/elementary schools and five schools are senior secondary schools run in public-private partnership mode under Punjab Government's Adarsh Scheme.

The Satya Bharti Schools provide quality education to children in rural India, most of who are first generation learners. Keeping this in mind, the school curriculum has been designed to help children understand what they are being taught. Encompassing both classroom as well as out-of-class activities, the program aims to develop students holistically by inculcating in them attitudes, values and life-skills that will hold them in good stead later in life. While innovative Teaching Learning Material (TLM) enhances their classroom experience, special programs like Physical Education Curriculum (PEC) are used to make outdoor learning more meaningful. Other interventions like the English Phonics Program and use of education software, aid the delivery of English and computer education.

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 primary, secondary and higher education as well as Sanitation. The flagship Satya Bharti School Program provides free quality education to thousands of underprivileged children in rural India across six states, with a focus on the girl child, since 2006. The impact of quality education has been scaled-up by transferring the learning and good practices of this program to lakhs of students studying in government schools across several Indian states and union territories, through the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program, since 2013. Satya Bharti Abhiyan, the sanitation initiative since 2014, has been improving sanitation conditions in the districts of Punjab by providing access to toilets and by fostering behavioral change in communities. Together, the Foundation's programs have cumulatively impacted over 2 million community members.

As the country continues to battle the impact of COVID-19, Bharti Foundation has ensured that students continue to receive quality education, while at home. The Satya Bharti School teachers have connected with students through class-wise WhatsApp groups/voice calls. Teaching-learning methodologies have been adapted for distance education. Similarly, the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program team has worked with government school teachers and Principals for reaching out to students and parents and have also helped in implementing many government-led initiatives.

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