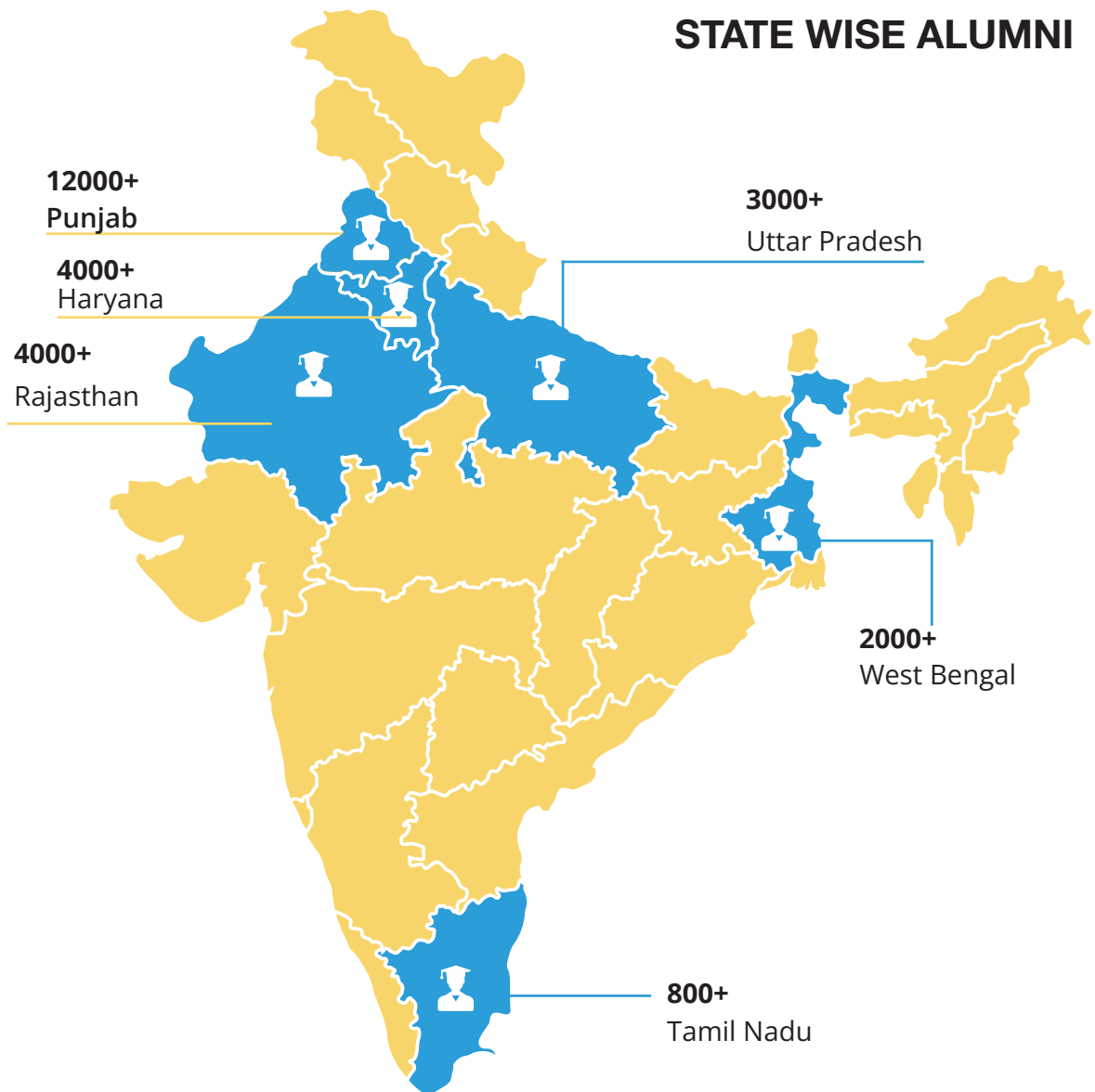




## STATE WISE ALUMNI



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# From the CEO's Desk



Our vision at Bharti Foundation is to help underprivileged children and young people of our country realise their potential. We believe that quality education can develop all facets of a child's personality and provide an environment that is conducive towards a holistic growth.

We launched our flagship program, the Satya Bharti School Program in 2003, to provide quality education free of cost to underprivileged children from rural areas. Currently, through our 173 schools across 5 states, we focus on providing holistic development to around 40,000 children. We try to instil values among our students at a young age, to help them grow into responsible citizens.

I strongly believe that every child has the potential to achieve great heights and inspire others. Our Satya Bharti Schools have been designed to provide joyful learning to the children and our 1400

teachers are trained to build life skills amongst the students through various interactive programs and co-curricular activities besides imparting knowledge. They take utmost care of the children in building strength and resilience in them to remain steadfast in the times of adversities.

This with immense pleasure that I share this issue of The VOC which has inspiring alumni stories of children from the Satya Bharti Schools. These stories talk about the challenges and inequalities that our children, especially our girls faced and their tenacity in making sure that nothing stands in their way towards education. They are not just survivors but children with the utmost strength of will and character, who stood their ground on the battlefield of life and have emerged winners.

Their stories have inspired many of us and they continue to embolden the lives of people around them. I hope you will love reading this edition as much as we enjoyed putting it together. These children are India's future and the sky is the limit for them.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mamta Saikia".

**Mamta Saikia**  
Chief Executive Officer

# Section 1

## ON FOREIGN SOIL

### Harkirandeep Kaur



Coming from a village named Kohala near Amritsar, Harkirandeep Kaur, daughter of a farmer, has constantly worked to better herself every day. She completed Class X & XII with 80% and 84% (in 2020) respectively from Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Chogawan. Getting a good score was not easy for her, as she was not very good in Accountancy, but, with a 'never say die' attitude coupled with additional support from teachers she came out in flying colours. Speaking of her success, she said *"I truly believe that honesty and hard work can help anyone achieve their goals."*

*"The eight golden years I spent at Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School were very special, as they helped me shape my life."*

- Alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary school, Chogawan
- She is currently pursuing Business Administration from Canadore College in North Bay, Ontario, Canada

After clearing the IELTS test with band 7, Harkirandeep is pursuing Business Administration from Canadore College in North Bay, Ontario, Canada.



## Tania Bawa

Harvinder Singh, father of Tania Bawa believed in equal opportunities for girls and boys, even though many girls in his village were not given the same preference as boys when it came to education. As a dedicated and hardworking student, Tania Bawa reassured her father's faith in her by achieving big and making him proud.

The immense support from her teachers gave her the ability to develop self-confidence without having to doubt herself every step of the way. In 2019, she moved to Australia where she pursued a diploma in Commercial Cookery at Stotts College in Melbourne. She also did part-time jobs as a crew member and chef at a well-known fast food chain called Lipari Pizza and Pasta. She moved on to manage the front counter at McDonald's.

Tania said, *"My aim is to help my family fulfil their needs, desires and dreams. In India, we are currently building a house together. I am very proud of myself that I am standing on my own two feet and have got to a position where I am able to support my family financially. My dream is to have them move with me to Australia. I am making arrangements for them to come and visit me here. For me, it is the happiness of one's family that is core to keeping one's own happiness."*



- Alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School Jhaneri, Sangrur, Punjab
- She is managing the front counter at McDonald's. Her weekly income rose to \$1000

## Manpreet Kaur



Hailing from a small village of Amritsar, Bathu Chak, Manpreet Kaur joined Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School in Fattubhila when she was in class VI. Unlike other girls of her age, she was fortunate to have a family that supported her education.

Manpreet's perseverance to succeed helped her do well academically and she scored a GPA of 3.87, despite all challenges. Her goal in life is to become a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) in a reputed company in the US and is currently pursuing bachelor's degree at California State University, United States. While she managed to get a US\$12000 scholarship that covered 50% of her tuition expenses, she worked part-time to pay the rest of her fees.

Speaking on her achievement, Manpreet said, *"I really appreciate Bharti Foundation's initiative to invest in the education sector and help those who can't afford studying in school/college but have the potential to climb up the ladder. I am inspired by their initiative and look forward to joining them in giving back to society as soon as I complete my graduation. I will provide the necessary resources to students in remote locations and enhance their potential."*

- Alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhila, Punjab
- Currently pursuing CPA (Certified Public Accountants) in Canada

## Neelam Rani

Neelam who hails from Jhaneri, a small village in Sangrur district of Punjab, has dual aspirations of excelling in her career and fulfilling the responsibilities of her family. Her success story is an inspiration for others on how one can stand strong and work independently to fulfil the dreams s/he envisions in life.

Daughter of Bhagwan Dass, Neelam Rani, is already on her path to accomplish the vision she has for herself and her family. Her schooling at Satya Bharti School helped her shape dreams of providing the best to her family. Neelam moved to Canada in 2018 to pursue a diploma in Business Administration from Capilano University in North Vancouver. Determined to move up the career trajectory, she joined Censorio Group of Companies. Currently, she is working as a Junior Accountant with a weekly income of CAD 650.

Speaking about her journey Neelam said *"Whatever I am today, I owe it to my school and my teachers. My teachers have always been there, not only to give us knowledge from the books but also support us in building confidence, instilling values and much more. I thank each of them and wish to make them proud. My dream is to become a Chartered Accountant and support my family."*



- Alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Sec. School, Jhaneri, Sangrur, Punjab
- She is working as a Junior Accountant with a weekly income of CAD 650

## Harpreet



Harpreet's life vividly illustrates how a person from rural background can cross the seas and outshine in his career. At Satya Bharti School, Harpreet has not only garnered knowledge, he has learnt to be responsive to the needs of his family while following his passion.

Having passed out of Satya Bharti School in 2018, Harpreet, the son of Phulla Singh, moved to Australia in 2019 where he pursued his education at Acumen in Melbourne. His passion for automobiles paved a way for his career. Presently, he is an Operational Supervisor at Brunswick Automotive in Melbourne and has a weekly income of \$1300.

Harpreet said, *"My motive in life is to build a strong career, study other courses or complete higher education. I want to support my family who did every possible thing to make my career better."*

- Alumnus of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Punjab
- Presently he is an Operational Supervisor in Brunswick Automotive in Melbourne and has a weekly income of \$1300



Satya Bharti (Primary) School, Gorkha, Haryana



Satya Bharti (Primary) School, Sohian, Punjab

## Section 2

# THE ARMED FORCES

### Sahil Banwala



- Alumnus of Satya Bharti School, Karora, Haryana
- Presently he is an Airman in AIR FORCE

Growing up in Karora village in Kaithal had not been so easy for Sahil. Born in 2001 to Sube Singh, a farmer, and Mukesh Devi, a homemaker, Sahil left no stone unturned to accomplish his dreams of joining the Indian Air Force.

Throughout his school years, Sahil performed extremely well in academics. He was also a good sportsman and channelled his energies into kabaddi. His leadership skills were exemplary; he headed the school's kabaddi team and won two trophies at cluster-level competitions. Sahil shifted to Pai's Saraswati Senior Secondary School in Class X after studying at Satya Bharti School till Class IX. He scored 90% marks in Class X and 83% in Class XII. He was very excited when he was selected for the state-level kabaddi team from Haryana, and the team received gold medal for the Kabaddi Tournament at Panchkula, Haryana.

Fuelled by passion and motivated by teachers at Satya Bharti School, Sahil had a clear focus and worked each day to accomplish his aspirations. He was always determined to outshine his peers, be it in studies or co-curricular activities. His father too wanted him to be well educated and supported in every way possible to complete his education. He would take Sahil to school on cycle every day. Taking a leaf out of his father's book when it came to strength, resilience and hard work, Sahil performed his best in every task he undertook. The foundation laid at Satya Bharti School helped him reach great heights.

Running parallel to his scholastic, sports aspirations was Sahil's deep desire to join the Indian Air Force. He worked diligently towards his goal and got selected in June 2020.

*"Sahil's story is a perfect example of the saying "Success comes to those who work hard to achieve it."*





## Akashdeep Singh

Akashdeep hails from Khidowali village of Amritsar, Punjab. It had been a struggle for him and his family to make ends meet. As the village awaits development in certain areas, Bharti Foundation's Satya Bharti School paved the way for good education for many children in the village including Akashdeep. Born to Heera Singh, a daily wage earner and Kulwinder Kaur, a homemaker, Akashdeep was always encouraged by his family to stay focused on education despite the challenges and faith in his dreams. He worked persistently to realize his ardent desire of joining the Indian Army.

Thanks to his dedication along with his teachers' and family's love and support, Akashdeep was selected in The Corps of Engineers of the Indian Army. Currently, he is undergoing training in the Bombay Engineer Group and Centre, Kirkee, Pune, Maharashtra.



- Alumnus of Satya Bharti School, Khidowali, Amritsar, Punjab
- Currently he is undergoing training in the Bombay Engineer Group and Centre, Kirkee, Pune, Maharashtra

## Vipin Kumar



Life was far from tranquillity for little Vipin, but the way he conquered every obstacle and made concerted efforts in making his family's life better is an inspirational story for all.

Vipin's father passed away when he was in Class V. Since then, he along with his mother could barely make ends meet. He constantly faced hardships as a young fellow and despair loomed large at times. However, Vipin always believed that there's light at the end of the tunnel. He was aware that his journey will not be smooth. But he was determined to come out of the struggle and studied diligently to build a career that will help him and his family rise above depressing circumstances.

- Alumnus of Satya Bharti School, Mohanpur, Haryana
- Working in the Indian Army

Teachers and classmates at Satya Bharti School always witnessed Vipin being filled with passion and tenacity. Vipin received his fruits of labour when he won gold medal in national and international level 100M race and a gold medal in National Level Kabaddi (2018). It was the most opportune moment for Vipin when he was selected in the Indian Army. Working in the Indian Army helped him serve the nation and paved way for upliftment of his family.

## Gurpreet Singh

Right from childhood, Gurpreet was assertive and he loved group activities, projects and sports that were conducted in school. His multifaceted nature extended beyond academics; he wanted to excel in sports and co-curricular activities. Gurpreet's industriousness along with an extremely supportive environment at home and school helped him perform well at school consistently.

Gurpreet was a cluster-level winner in Kho-Kho and art competition. He won the 200M race as well. From sports to the drawing board Gurpreet worked hard and proved his mettle. Although he had multiple interests, his cherished dream was to join the Indian Army. It was no surprise when he received a letter stating that he was qualified to serve the Indian Army (Sikh Regiment) in January 2020.



- Alumnus of Satya Bharti School, Bath, Amritsar, Punjab
- Gurpreet is currently undergoing Indian Army training in Uttar Pradesh

## Amit Kumar



When Amit joined Satya Bharti School in 2009, he did not realise how his life was going to change for the better. The school routine in itself became a journey of self-discovery. As he grew older, his focus grew in academics and soon he became a confident young boy.

The encouragement provided by his teachers in every step of the way was the driving force behind his success. Gradually under their guidance, he explored his talent areas and soon his strengths were identified. On one hand his academic graph soared each day, on the other hand, he excelled in sports and co-curricular activities. His hard work and ethics played a pivotal role in his life and helped him to get selected in the Indian Army. Presently, he has embarked on a new journey with training in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

- Alumnus of Satya Bharti School, Surakhpur, Haryana
- Currently he is undergoing Indian Army training in Bhubaneswar, Odisha

## Bhupinder Singh

Having lost his mother in class VI, Bhupinder Singh, had to drop out of school and do odd jobs to support his family. He missed going to school everyday because that was a world where he had dreams and the teachers convinced him that his dreams could become a reality. He said, *"I missed being motivated by my teachers to work towards my dream. To fill this gap, I would take out my old books and study them all over again."*

One day, his life took a positive spin when he met teachers from Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School at Fattubhillah, Punjab. They encouraged and supported him to join school again despite financial difficulties.

Bhupinder always wanted to join the Indian Armed Forces to serve the country. He cleared his exams and was selected in the Sikh Light Infantry. Speaking on his success, Bhupinder said, *"Whatever I am today, I owe it to my teachers. I hope to make them and my nation proud."*



- Alumnus of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhillah, Punjab
- He is currently working in Indian Army

## Banful Singh

There comes a day in one's life that can change the course of their life completely. When that day occurred in Banful Singh's life, he put his foot down and stood his ground courageously. His life was like any other child's, until the day he was ranked first in 100 metre race at a cluster level competition. This motivated him to work towards joining the Indian Army.

It may have taken a while for the young lad to make this decision, given that his father, Machharam, had retired from the Army. But once he made the decision, there was no looking back. He pursued his dream passionately. Currently, Banful Singh is posted at Nasik Army Centre, Maharashtra.



- Alumnus of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhillah, Punjab
- He is currently working in Indian Army

## Section 3

# MEDICINE & SCIENCE

### Sanjana



- Alumna of Satya Bharti School, Teek, Kaithal, Haryana
- Pursuing MBBS from PGIMS, Rohtak and secured 10 CGPA in Class X

Sanjana always dreamt of serving her country. *“What could be better than becoming a doctor in India’s defence sector?”* she wondered. Her father, Jaswinder Singh is a farmer in the Kaithal village of Haryana who enrolled Sanjana in Satya Bharti School, Teek in 2009 with high hopes that education has the ability to transform lives and beyond. The school played an immense role in realising her dreams. The teachers mentored her extremely well and motivated her at every step of the way to achieve this major milestone of her life.

Sanjana’s academic performance had been exemplary. She received Certificate of Honour from Ms. Smriti Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development. She had put concerted efforts in studies and blossomed equally in extra-curricular activities. She was a consistent topper in academics while being extremely disciplined and received numerous accolades for sports, quizzes and paintings. With a strong foundation at Satya Bharti School, she was able to earn a scholarship for her academic pursuits from Class VII-XII when she joined Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya. Her multi-faceted nature did not stop her from trying more, she joined NCC too during her school years and was recognized as the best cadet during the TLC camp.

Sanjana did not stop yet! After clearing the NEET (**National Eligibility Entrance Test**) in 2020, she enrolled herself in a medical course at PGIMS Rohtak. She is now looking forward to joining the defence services as a doctor after completing her MBBS.

Education has transformed Sanjana’s life and she has inspired her community immensely.



## Nityanand Agnihotri

Nityanand, son of a farmer, turned all odds in his favour and created a path of opportunities for himself. Being the only son of his parents, he was a very studious student right from the start. His enrollment in Satya Bharti School Kurria Kalan, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh, happened when he was in Class II in 2008.

Since his heart was at the right place, Nityanand gained a lot of confidence in school through the course of time. He became more participative and active in nature. He not only excelled in academics but was also interested in co-curricular activities. He secured first prize in a district-level patriotic songs competition. He also bagged the Cluster Level Rang Tarang winner award. Having cleared his high school exam with 72% and the Intermediate exam with 69%, he expressed interest in the field of medicine. With his can-do attitude, he was able to complete D. Pharma. With utmost pride and satisfaction, he said, *"Serving others brings me great joy and fulfillment."*

Currently, he is undergoing apprenticeship training in Pandit Ram Prasad Bismil Memorial Medical College, Shahjahanpur.



- Alumnus of Satya Bharti School Kurria Kalan, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- Currently undergoing apprenticeship training in Pandit Ram Prasad Bismil Memorial Medical College, Shahjahanpur

## Ganga Ram



Ganga Ram, an avid learner and dreamer, was born to Lehro Devi and Goparam, a farming family from a marginalised community in Jatibandhu, in Rajasthan's Jodhpur District. Goparam was the only earning member of the family, but he was determined to put his son through school. Ganga Ram was enrolled in Satya Bharti School, Jatibandhu in Class III in 2008.

While Ganga Ram was very active in both scholastic and co-scholastic fields, his ultimate dream was to become a doctor. His first two attempts to qualify for the NEET (**National Eligibility Entrance Test**) were unsuccessful, but he refused to give up.

He appeared for NEET 2020 and finally cleared it with an All-India Rank (AIR) of 3796 and secured a rank of 1294 in his category (OBC). Ganga Ram believes that, it was because of the immense faith his parents and teachers had in him, he was able to achieve this.

- Alumnus of Satya Bharti School, Jatibandhu, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Currently pursuing MBBS from AIIMS, Nagpur

## Paramjit Kaur

There are three elements that can shape a person's success – Boldness, Hard work, and Determination.

Paramjit appears to have stood true to these characteristics which helped her to consistently perform well in school. While these elements were internal, there were external factors like the encouragement from her teachers that worked as a motivating factor. She was nominated as the Head Girl of her school in 2017 and 2018 and she even topped school in Grade XII.

Scholarship from Bharti Foundation helped her to pursue medicine to help patients as a nurse. Paramjit is currently doing a course in Nursing from Guru Gobind Singh Institute of Nursing, Kamal Pura, Punjab.



- Alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Sharper Kalan, Punjab
- Currently pursuing a course in Nursing from Guru Gobind Singh Institute of Nursing, Kamal Pura, Punjab

## Mahima



*"I consider myself blessed that I did my schooling from Satya Bharti School in Koharar, Haryana. I studied there for six years and it was a life-changing experience for me. I can proudly say that the teachers of Satya Bharti School are my role models; they have given me good education and imparted moral values in each one of us. While studying here, I received an opportunity to meet our honourable former presidents - Mrs. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil and (Late) Dr. Pranab Mukherjee.*

*The safe learning environment at my school invoked my love for books, as well as sports. It also kindled my passion for stage performances. Moreover they helped in getting closer to my goal of completing higher education in the course that I always wanted to."*

Mahima acquired 10 CGPA in the Class X and scored 93% in Class XII.

- Alumna of Satya Bharti School, Koharar, Haryana
- Final-year B.Sc Biotechnology student



Satya Bharti (Primary) School, Bari Khas, Uttar Pradesh



Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni, Punjab

### Amritpal Kaur



- Alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Jhaneri, Sangrur, Punjab
- Currently an Assistant Branch Postmaster

For Amritpal, her recent appointment as Assistant Branch Postmaster in Punjab's Barnala district is an inspirational reminder of her family's commitment in providing her with the best education they could afford, and ensuring a bright future for her. It wasn't easy for her father, a farmer, to make sure all his children got quality education, and this shaped her future in such a manner that she wouldn't settle for anything less. Amritpal's story contains valuable lessons not only about her personal grit and perseverance; it is also enriched by the immense support she received from her father and his determination in making sure she was able to continue her studies. Amritpal gave back to that labour of love by working hard on her studies and shoring up his faith in her capabilities. In school, Amritpal was meticulous, active in co-curricular activities and embraced leadership qualities by becoming the Head Girl – while also being resolutely focused on her goal to be an achiever. From the earliest days, she wanted to work as a government employee. When she cleared Class XII exam with 90.2% marks, she chose to pursue her education in humanities. Having graduated with good results, she was able to get a position as an Assistant Branch Postmaster. Today, Amritpal is extremely proud to shoulder the responsibility of her family. She is also proud of the fact that she has changed the belief of girls being seen as less capable than boys. Amritpal's commitment towards working for a better society goes beyond her family. She teaches underprivileged children in her village during her free time at home.





## Jashanpreet

When Jashanpreet shifted from her previous school to Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School Sherpur Kalan in class IX, it felt like she was moving from one city to another. In her new school the variety of facilities were incredible, and the teachers were extremely invested in the students' progress. She recalls the consistent encouragement and appreciation she received from her teachers and the head teacher. Inspired by her father's side of the family, Jashanpreet always aspired to be a lawyer.

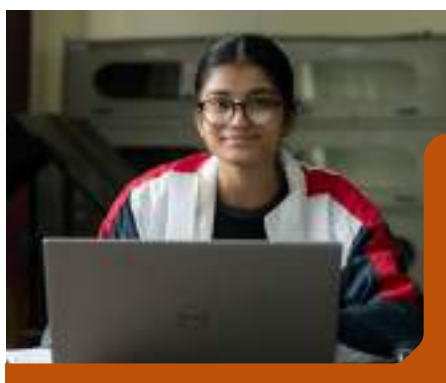
*"Without the help of my teachers at Satya Bharti School, my ambition of studying law would have never come true. They mentored me and my classmates every step of the way, which helped us discover our true potential, to achieve our goals."*

Jashanpreet was awarded Bharti Foundation's merit-based scholarship that helped in supporting her education. She is currently a Law student at GHG Law Institute for Women of Punjab and aspires to become a judge one day



- Alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Sherpur, Kalan. Presently Jashanpreet is pursuing Law in GHG Law Institute for Women, Punjab

## Harmandeep Kaur



It all began with a simple box of paint and brushes which was a gift from Harmandeep's father, a daily labourer. Inspired by the art teachers at school, she soon realized her potential and started working towards becoming an animator and graphic designer.

*"Satya Bharti School not only encourages students to pursue higher education but also provides excellent resources to help students in finding the right opportunities. As an intern during my study, I have been working with Bharti Foundation's communication team to generate numerous creatives and concepts. This experience is supporting me to get a better understanding of the industry while it challenges the creative instincts in me."*

- Alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni, Punjab
- Harmandeep is presently pursuing Animation from Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Jhanjheri, Mohali

She received 94% in her Class XII exam and was the topper of the school. She also got a scholarship from Bharti Foundation to pursue her higher education. Harmandeep is presently pursuing Animation course with a focus on multimedia pursuits and graphic design from Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Jhanjheri, Mohali.

## Kuldeep



- Alumnus of Satya Bharti School, Shergarh, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Kuldeep is studying in XI

Kuldeep lost his father, Chandra Ram in his childhood. There were no earning members in the family when he took admission in Satya Bharti School. Kuldeep's mother, a housewife, took on the entire responsibility of taking care of her six children. She left no stone unturned to ensure quality education for all her children.

For Kuldeep, his mother was his inspiration, she taught him to embrace challenges while staying determined to stay strong and never let anything stop him from reaching his goals. At Satya Bharti School, teachers helped and motivated him to stay focused on his studies.

With the dream to play kabaddi for India, Kuldeep worked hard on his game and was soon selected at the district level kabaddi competition. Later he played for Jaipur at the state level. Now he is working hard to get selected for the next level. With hard work and consistent good performance, Kuldeep is confident that one day he will fulfill his dream.

## Sanjana

*"What are the values that my primary school taught me? Being kind and respectful to others.*

*What I gained from studying in the Satya Bharti School was much more than just academics. Every teacher was a positive influence for me and my classmates. Apart from education, we all participated in extra-curricular activities that helped us in our overall development and also helped unearth our talents in other areas apart from education.*

*Recently, I got selected for a state-level competition in shooting, I owe this achievement to my teachers. My dream is to win medals for India."*



- Alumna of Satya Bharti School Teek, Kaithal, Haryana
- Currently Sanjana is studying in class XII

## Jasmeet Kaur



Jasmeet hails from Chogawan village in Amritsar. She studied at Satya Bharti Adarsh Sr. Sec. School Chogawan from 8th to 12th class, passed with good marks, and received scholarship from Bharti Foundation for further studies.

*"I feel very proud to say that I am a student who has benefitted from the Bharti Foundation's amazing work in education. At school, I was fortunate to have wonderful teachers who were both friendly and knowledgeable. They stood by me at every step, whether it was studies, mental health or emotional growth. After my schooling, I took the admission for Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) course and I am now in the 6th semester."*

- Alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Chogawan, Amritsar, Punjab
- Jasmeet is pursuing Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) course

In 2019, Jasmeet started taking IELTS coaching while pursuing her under-graduation. Thereafter, she took a part-time job at e-next academy as an English trainer and was earning enough to take care of all her expenses and reduce her parent's financial burden. Soon she managed to get sponsorship from e-next where she spent a year and a half as an English tutor (ESPD) at the e-next centre. Impressed by her outstanding performance, Jasmeet was promoted as the Managing Director (MD) of English Guide IELTS Institute, Chogawan.

## Omprakash

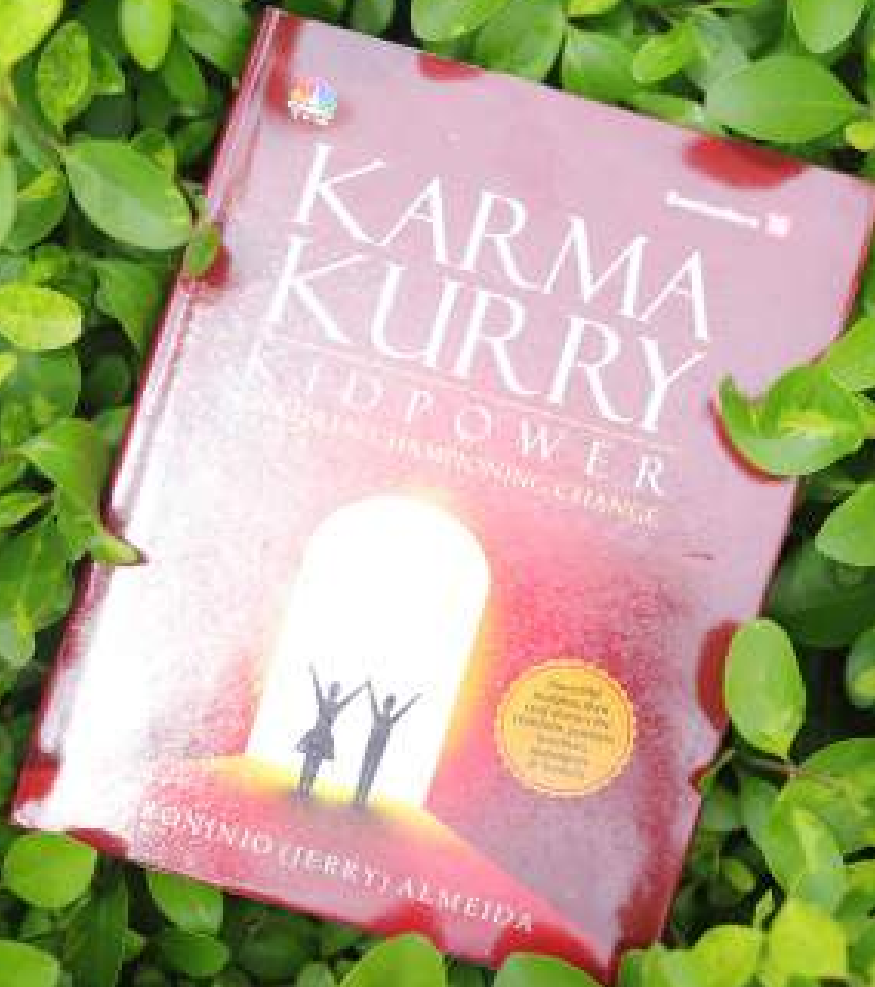


Born to Khamma Devi and Surja Ram, Omprakash was a bright spark in school, where he enjoyed different aspects of academics and co-curricular activities. Unfortunately, his father passed away when he was studying in Class VII, and this pushed the entire family into a deep financial crisis, as his father was the only earning member. While the family of seven members, including his mother, struggled to grapple with circumstances, Omprakash rose above it all. He was determined to look beyond these dire circumstances and aimed to work in an area that brings social change. His dream was to become an IAS officer. He participated in the Scouts and Guides programme and bagged the Rashtrapati Scout/Guide Award. On the academic front, Omprakash studied hard and scored 9.4 CGPA in Class X and 85% in the Class XII examinations. He even qualified for higher education at Cambridge. He is currently in his second year of BA at Satyawati College in Delhi University. Adding to his list of accolades, he is also the Media President of the college.

- Alumnus Satya Bharti School, Jatibhandu, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Currently pursuing Bachelor of Arts (BA) at Satyawati College in Delhi University

# **'KARMA KURRY - KID POWER'**

**- By Jeroninia (Jerry) Almeida**



***A compilation of 22 true inspirational stories  
by Staya Bharti School students & alumni***

The unsung heroes from the 22 stories covered in the book are doing well and following their dreams despite all odds. Out of the 24 students covered in the stories while we lost one child to jaundice all the other students are doing well. Here is an update on a few of students covered in the book.

## JANNAT - BRINGING REAL CHANGE



Jannat and her parents lived in Udharasi village in Kurukshetra, Haryana. Even though both her parents worked, they earned a below poverty line income but toiled hard to ensure that she did not face difficulties for the bare necessities in life. Jannat, of a curious mind, would often venture about roaming around the village premises and on one such conquest, she discovered the widespread problem of open defecation. With a fiery determination in her heart, 10-year-old Jannat approached her teachers at school voicing her desire to bring a change and they encouraged her. The Satya Bharti Schools -- focus on evoking greater sensitivity to the environment and willingness to practice better hygiene amongst

its students. Even though she was determined to spread awareness about the problem of open defecation, a major hurdle was the economic burden that most families carried. After a discussion with the village sarpanch, she managed to get adequate funding that led to the construction of several toilets. Jannat, not only managed to get the process of toilet construction going, she also succeeded in educating her village to use the toilet.

## SHABANA - NO HURDLE TOO BIG

Shabana Yasmin hails from an underprivileged family, living in the remote village of Dhalsa, West Bengal. At a very early age, Shabana was diagnosed with a rare nerve disease that left her with severe mobility impairment. Her mother put her into Satya Bharti School in Dhalsa, which integrates co-scholastic teaching-learning process with community campaigns. This helped her in developing life skills as well as critical and creative thinking skills through hands-on experiences. Shabana is currently in class VII and has proven to the world that with the right mindset, anything is achievable.



## SAROOP SINGH - NO DREAM TOO BIG

When Saroop's parents were introduced to Satya Bharti Elementary School, Chanan Ke, it lessened their worry and they became confident about his future.

Saroop, quiet and shy by nature, hardly interacted with any of the other students and was immediately labelled by them as a timid and meek child. With a little push from his teachers, he soon came out of his shell and made new friends.

Through hard work and consistent effort, Saroop and his peers cleared the class VII exams with flying colours. He now works as a beautician and aspires to be the best professional in his conduct. He often returns to his alma mater to meet his teachers and also meets other students and guides them with career options.



## RANI - THE LIGHT OF EDUCATION



Hailing from a marginalized Bhil community, Rani belonged to a family that had staunch and unshakable views on educating girls. Her father worked as a daily laborer and her mother had lost vision in both her eyes and Rani being the eldest of the three children had to shoulder the domestic responsibility of the household.

Rani would sneak around the school premises to observe classes from a distance in the hopes of learning something. She mustered up the courage to ask her parents about her prospects of getting educated, but it had no good effect.

When he learned about the Satya Bharti School in Shergarh village, Jodhpur, in the state of Rajasthan and was told that the school provided quality education free of cost while maintaining a strong emphasis on the safety and other needs of its girl students, this gave him hope. The knowledge of a school that fit perfectly with their situation and impressed by his daughter's perseverance, he was no longer averse to the idea of education.

Rani's story of struggle became a tale of success for her siblings and many other children in her area who didn't go to school, and all of them successfully enrolled in the Satya Bharti School, Shergarh.

## ***Living Dreams***

*These stories of change are riveting, inspiring and much more than just about achieving a goal. They speak of the grit, determination, and tenacity of each of the wonderful alumni of the Satya Bharti Schools. How dreams were actualized, how barriers were broken, how new frontiers were achieved.*

*They also speak of the creation of a special atmosphere that recognizes inner potential, that realizes emotional encouragement is as important as disciplining or working at excellence in academics.*

*Each of these wonderful achievers blossomed because of the environment they were nurtured in at the Satya Bharti Schools. Schools where learning was fun, where they were appreciated just as they were, where there were no distinctions between one student or the other.*

*This child-centred approach, recognizing the uniqueness of each child's capacity and potential is rare. But this is what will mould a new generation steeped in humane values with a passion to construct a new era of hope.*



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