

## **Bharti Foundation's Board of Governors meet in Jammu**

### ***Visit to Army Headquarter and partnering Government Senior Secondary Schools***

**Jammu, 10 October 2022:** Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Co-Chairman of Bharti Foundation along with Bharti Foundation's Governing Board Members - Ms. Kalpana Morparia, Mr. V. V. Ranganathan, Lt Col (Retd.) Vijay Chadda, Mr. Arun Kapoor and CEO, Ms. Mamta Saikia visited partnering Government Schools under Satya Bharti Quality Support Program in Kandoli, Kaluchak, Digiana and Dhammi in Jammu. The dignitaries also met the representatives of Army Goodwill Schools at Army Headquarters in Jammu where with they exchanged ideas. The teams expressed their pleasure on the 6-year-old partnership that has benefitted Army Goodwill schools in numerous ways. Both the parties agreed to extend the partnership to continue building holistic development of the students.

During the visit to partnering Government Schools, the Board of Governors of Bharti Foundation interacted with the principals, education officers, teachers and students. Students had an enriching experience as they were felicitated for their outstanding performances in academics and co-curricular activities. They were delighted to interact with the dignitaries who motivated them on having a sharp focus on goals and utilizing their potential to do the best. Some of the finest projects were showcased through the beautifully crafted galleries and school houses and club activities.

The schools presented an overview of overall school improvement levels, schooling experiences of the students and enhancement of their skill sets under Bharti Foundation's Satya Bharti Quality Support Program. The vibrant school environment in the schools spoke volumes about how well the students have progressed holistically. Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Co-Chairman of Bharti Foundation, in his motivational talk with the students said that opportunity knocks the door a number of times only if one is willing to work hard and study with devotion despite all odds.

The Satya Bharti Quality Support Program is an education program by Bharti Foundation to improve overall schooling experiences for students and teachers in partnering Government Schools through co-scholastic interventions. Through this program, Bharti Foundation engages with the officials of the Education Department, school leadership, teachers, students and communities for supporting them in their efforts to strive for excellence. The approach focuses on identifying & integrating best practices from Foundation's flagship program, Satya Bharti Schools, with the intent of encouraging innovation, participation, ownership and facilitating sustainable changes in education. The Foundation is working in partnership with 43 Army Goodwill Schools in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and 80 Government Schools in Jammu & Kashmir.

#### **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. Since 2006, the flagship Satya Bharti School Program has been providing free quality education to thousands of underprivileged children in 183 schools in rural areas across six states, with a focus on the girl child. The impact of quality education has been scaled-up by transferring the learning and good practices of this program to 2,45,556 students studying in 791 partner government schools across 13 states and union territories, through the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program, since 2013. Satya Bharti Abhiyan, the sanitation initiative started in 2014, has benefitted 2,17,129 beneficiaries by improving sanitation conditions in the districts of Punjab, providing access to toilets and by fostering behavioural change in communities. Together, these programs have cumulatively impacted over 2.2 million community members.