

Fatehpur's Shikhar Breaks Barriers with the Bharti Airtel Scholarship

Shikhar, a bright and determined boy from Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh, always wanted to make a difference in his community. Raised by his brave single mother who managed heavy agricultural loans, his childhood was filled with challenges. Yet, he never lost hope. He strongly believed that education could change lives, not just his own but his entire community's, and help them break free from poverty that had lasted for generations.

Shikhar's passion for technology and his thirst for knowledge led him to a remarkable achievement, securing admission to the highly competitive Computer Science and Engineering program at the National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal. Yet, as with many dreams, the path forward seemed uncertain. The financial strain of pursuing higher education in a prestigious institution was overwhelming, and the weight of that uncertainty began to cloud his aspirations.

At this turning point in his life, the Bharti Airtel Scholarship entered Shikhar's life, as a beacon of hope that would change everything. Designed to support deserving students from challenging socio-economic backgrounds, the scholarship helped Shikhar enable his academic journey. For Shikhar, this scholarship was far more than just financial aid, it was a lifeline that unlocked the door to a future he had always dreamed of.

The Bharti Airtel Scholarship empowers bright students like Shikhar by providing financial support to deserving candidates from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, enabling them to pursue higher education and become future technology leaders. Aspiring students can explore this opportunity to achieve their academic and professional goals.

About Bharti Airtel Foundation

Bharti Airtel Foundation was set up in the year 2000 as the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises with a vision, 'To help underprivileged children and youth of our country realise their potential'. The Foundation works in the space of holistic quality education in rural India with a special focus on the girl child; and also supports Higher Education programs in partnership with premier institutions. Since 2006, the flagship, Satya Bharti School Program has been providing free quality education to thousands of underprivileged children in 164 schools in rural India across four states. At present over 36,000 children are enrolled in Satya Bharti Schools of which over 50% are girls. The impact of quality education has been widened by transferring the learning and good practices of this program to more than 3.7 lakh students studying in 888 partner government schools across 12 States/UTs, through Quality Support Program (QSP), since 2013. In addition, Bharti Airtel Foundation was invited by several education officers at district and state level to scale up some of the initiatives through QSP State Partnerships. The Foundation's recently launched initiative, TheTeacherApp, is one of the most innovative technology solutions for teachers and educators in the country. Satya Bharti Abhiyan, the sanitation initiative, from 2014 till 2021, has benefitted over 2 lakh beneficiaries by improving sanitation conditions in the districts of Punjab, providing access to toilets and by fostering behavioural change in communities. The Foundation has been able to impact over 3 million children in a meaningful manner through its education programs since inception.

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