

**Over 2000 students in Army Goodwill Schools in J&K and Ladakh get virtual career guidance**

**17<sup>th</sup> September, J&K and Ladakh:** Under Bharti Foundation’s Satya Bharti Quality Support Program, more than 2000 students from 26 partner Army Goodwill Schools in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were provided virtual career guidance to make them future ready.

This 12 days long initiative started on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 and will continue till 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Expert team of mentors with multiple years of experience including Ms. Ritu Bansal, Mr. Mudasir Shah and Mr. Sahil Bhat ensured that students get the best guidance. Each students received career guidance as per his/her interests and aptitude.

On completion of these sessions, students will appear for online psychometric tests, which will also include report reading. Subsequently, a lecture series will be organized for students by internal and external resource persons.

Talking about the initiative **Brig. Brijesh Pandey, BGS, IW, Northern Command**, said, "The students are the future of our county. It is extremely important that they are given the right guidance and information. Initiatives like these helps in building awareness, character, skills and attitude which will go a long way in helping students make the right career choices".

**Ms. Mamta Saikia, CEO, Bharti Foundation**, further added, "We have been working to improve the accessibility and quality of education across India. Career guidance plays a pivotal role in helping students achieve their goals. It also gives children the ability to identify the career options that matches their caliber."

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**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 behavioral change in communities. Together, these programs have cumulatively impacted over 2.2 million community members.