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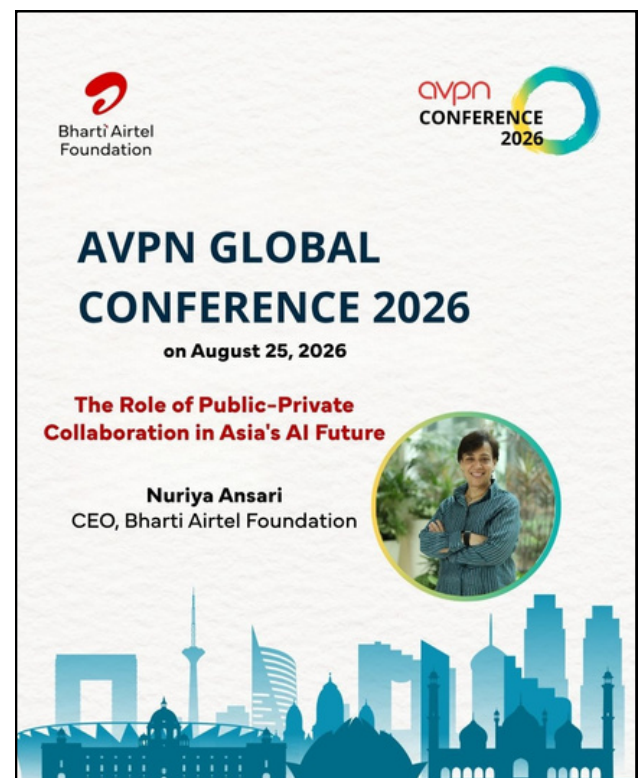


Monthly Spotlight

Building Boldly for India and the World: Mr Sunil Bharti Mittal Inspires Students at IIT Delhi: Our Founder and Chairman, Mr Sunil Bharti Mittal, visited the Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management at IIT Delhi, where he interacted with MTech, MS (R), PhD students, and Bharti Scholars. Reflecting on the vision behind establishing the Bharti School in 2000, he spoke about the Foundation's belief in India's greatest strength, its people, and the importance of nurturing talent, research, and innovation. Encouraging students to leverage opportunities in AI, quantum technologies, semiconductors, 6G, robotics, defence, and space, Mr Mittal called on them to address challenges at scale and create meaningful impact. During an engaging Q&A session, he shared lessons from his entrepreneurial journey, highlighting the value of optimism, speed of execution, ethical leadership, and converting innovation into real-world solutions. The visit also included interactions with IIT Delhi's leadership and demonstrations of innovations emerging from the Bharti School, underscoring the shared commitment of academia and industry to advancing India's technology-driven future. Mr Mittal concluded with a powerful message: "Build boldly. Build for India. Build for the world." He also encouraged students to remain connected to the communities and institutions that support their growth and success.



Shaping an Inclusive AI Future Through Collaboration: At the AVPN Global Conference 2026, Ms Nuriya Ansari, CEO, Bharti Airtel Foundation, joined leaders from Google.org, Wadhvani AI, and ASEAN Foundation to discuss the role of public-private collaboration in advancing an inclusive AI future across Asia. Speaking on the transformative potential of AI in education, Ms Ansari emphasised that the true measure of AI's success lies not in the technology itself, but in how equitably it reaches teachers, learners, and communities. She highlighted TheTeacherApp as an example of collaborative innovation, bringing together philanthropy, technology partners, and government systems to equip teachers with AI-enabled tools and professional learning resources. The discussion underscored the importance of responsible AI, teacher empowerment, and cross-sector partnerships in ensuring that technological advancements translate into meaningful and sustainable impact. Ms Ansari concluded with a call to action for governments, industry, and philanthropy to work together to build an AI ecosystem that is inclusive, human-centred, and focused on improving lives at scale.



HIGHLIGHTS

Satya Bharti Schools

Sporting Success at Satya Bharti Schools: Students of Satya Bharti Schools showcased exceptional talent and determination through commendable performances in various zonal and district-level sports competitions. Competing in events such as Kabaddi, Tug of War, Kho Kho, Volleyball, Football, Rugby, Athletics, Taekwondo, and other track and field disciplines, they secured multiple gold, silver, and bronze medals. Several school teams achieved podium finishes at both zonal and district tournaments, while many students earned selection for district-level competitions. Notably, a number of students advanced to state camps and state-level championships, reflecting the strong sporting culture, competitive spirit, and pursuit of excellence across Satya Bharti Schools.



Digital Saksharta Bharti Abhiyan — Students as Digital Changemakers: The Digital Saksharta Bharti Abhiyan brought together young changemakers to promote digital awareness and responsible technology use across communities. Over 11,200 students from 147 Satya Bharti Schools reached more than 41,000 community members, driving awareness on safe digital practices, digital payments, cybersecurity, and responsible technology use. As the campaign concludes, these numbers reflect more than just reach. They represent thousands of young leaders who stepped forward to lead, serve, and inspire, helping build safer, more informed, and digitally empowered communities.



Quality Support Program (QSP)

Satya Bharti Skill Fest 2026 Ignites Creativity and Learning Across India: Conducted between May and August, the Satya Bharti Skill Fest Summer Camp 2026 engaged over 80,000 students across 620 schools in Assam, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Telangana. Through hands-on activities such as baking, art and craft, storytelling, public speaking, bamboo craft, mushroom farming, creative writing, and digital learning, students explored new interests and developed valuable skills. In August, 895 students from 33 schools in Assam actively participated in the Skill Fest. By fostering creativity, communication, digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and life skills, the initiative is helping students build confidence and thrive beyond the classroom.



Looking Beyond Earth, Dreaming Beyond the Stars: National Space Day was celebrated across more than 90 Quality Support Program (QSP) supported schools, reaching over 15,000 students and creating widespread opportunities for experiential learning in space science. Through engaging and hands-on activities such as telescope demonstrations, sky-watching sessions, astronomy clubs, Space Corners, video screenings, online courses, quizzes, debates, documentaries, astrophotography, and working models of rovers and Chandrayaan-3, students immersed themselves in the fascinating world of space exploration. The celebrations also led to the establishment of 10 new Space Clubs, strengthening platforms for sustained student engagement in astronomy and space science. Over 500 students participated in the Astrophotography Challenge, while more than 5,000 students from 52 schools tested their knowledge through space-themed quizzes. Career guidance sessions and stories of India's space pioneers further inspired students to dream big and explore opportunities in science, technology, and space research. By moving beyond textbook learning to actively observe, explore, and engage with astronomy, students strengthened their scientific curiosity, digital learning, critical thinking, and observation skills. The initiative fostered a culture of inquiry, innovation, and exploration across schools, proving that learning truly has no limits and that the next generation is ready to look beyond Earth and dream beyond the stars.



Learning Beyond the Classroom: Expanding Horizons Through Experiential Exposure: In collaboration with the Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPC), the Bharti Airtel Foundation continues to create meaningful exposure opportunities that connect classroom learning with the real world. As part of this effort, 50 students from seven government schools visited the Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha, Ranchi, where they gained firsthand insights into democratic institutions, legislative processes, and governance through interactions with Assembly officials.

Similarly, 40 students from four schools visited Deoghar Airport, where they were introduced to airport operations, Air Traffic Control, and career pathways in the aviation sector. Through interactions with airport officials, IndiGo airline crew members, and aviation professionals, students gained a deeper understanding of the industry, making the experience both exciting and aspirational. These visits helped broaden students' perspectives, build confidence, and inspire future aspirations through experiential learning.



TheTeacherApp

Delhi: Building Confident and Future-Ready Teachers

SCERT Delhi, in collaboration with Bharti Airtel Foundation, conducted a two-day Capacity Building Workshop for over 40 DIET faculty members at DIET Moti Bagh. The Training of Trainers (ToT) program equipped participants with practical strategies to strengthen communication, confidence, public speaking, responsible AI use, and career readiness among future teachers. Through simulations, role plays, and action planning, faculty enhanced their mentoring skills and developed approaches for D.El.Ed. trainees. The workshop also led to institution-level action plans, while the booklet "Mere Vichar, Mera Vikas – Part 2" was developed to support reflection and personal growth among second-year students.



Teacher Professional Development Program Launched in Moga: In collaboration with NITI Aayog, a Teacher Professional Development Program was launched in Moga, Punjab, to strengthen continuous teacher learning and promote effective, inclusive, and innovative classroom practices. Through TheTeacherApp, government school teachers will gain access to research-based digital resources and tools. The launch event was attended by senior district education officials, including Mr Sagar Setia, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Moga. Lt Col Jitendra Verma, OSD, NITI Aayog, participated virtually.

Latest Episode | TheTeacherApp Podcast: In the latest episode of TheTeacherApp Podcast, renowned educator Dr Ameeta Mulla Wattal shared insights on future-ready learning, the importance of adaptability in an AI-driven world, life skills education, and preparing students for global opportunities.

Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/fg0FvK3YmwA?si=LTE1OKKvrJYeTKyp>



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Higher Education and Scholarship

Inspiring the Next Generation of Innovators: Students from partner government schools in Delhi under the Quality Support Program recently visited the Quantum and AI Innovation Lab at IIT Delhi's Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management. Through live demonstrations and hands-on learning, they explored the exciting fields of quantum computing, artificial intelligence, and machine learning, while also gaining insights into the ethical use of AI.



Bharti Scholars – Future Leaders Program: The program marked the beginning of its mentorship journey with the first virtual interaction between Bharti Scholars and their Coaches. The session introduced scholars to the program's objectives and provided an overview of how coaches and mentors will support their personal and professional development. This initial interaction laid the foundation for meaningful mentor-scholar relationships and the structured engagement ahead.

Cross-cutting

Unsung Heroes, Unforgettable Stories — Independence Day Celebration: Students from Satya Bharti Schools and partner government schools under Quality Support Program across states stepped into their communities to uncover inspiring stories of courage, sacrifice, and service by freedom fighters and defence personnel. As part of the 80th Independence Day celebrations, they documented these stories and shared them with the heroes' families in the presence of their village communities, helping preserve and honour these legacies for future generations.



About Bharti Airtel Foundation

Bharti Airtel Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, is committed to strengthening India's education ecosystem at scale. For over 25 years, it has built an integrated model spanning high-quality rural schools, systemic strengthening of government schools, national teacher development infrastructure, and fully funded access to premier higher education. Since inception, the Foundation has reached more than 7.8 million individuals, including 4.3 million students, reflecting Bharti's sustained commitment to nation-building through human capital development.



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