



Bharti Airtel  
Foundation

# MONTHLY CONNECT

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## About Bharti Airtel Foundation

Bharti Airtel Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, is committed to strengthening India's education ecosystem at scale. Over the past two decades, it has built an integrated model spanning high-quality rural schools, systemic transformation of government schools, national teacher development infrastructure, and fully funded access to premier higher education. Since its inception, the Foundation has impacted 3.7 million children and more than 7 million individuals, reflecting Bharti's sustained commitment to nation-building through human capital development.



## Monthly Spotlight

### TheTeacherApp Podcast

Bharti Airtel Foundation launched TheTeacherApp Podcast on April 27, introducing a platform for thoughtful, purpose-driven dialogue to inform practice, support policy, and contribute to long-term nation-building through education. The podcast brings together education sector leaders and key stakeholders shaping meaningful learning experiences and driving change across the education ecosystem.



### Episode 1: The Future of Classrooms [Watch here](#)

The inaugural episode explored how technology, including AI, can strengthen teacher capacity and drive systemic change in education. It also underscored the role of school-level skilling and shared responsibility between teachers and parents in shaping future-ready citizens. The episode featured Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Vice Chairman, Bharti Enterprises and Co-Chairman, Bharti Airtel Foundation, and Ms. Neeru Khosla, Co-Founder and Executive Director, CK-12 Foundation, in conversation with Mr. Pranav Kothari, CEO, Educational Initiatives (Ei).

### Fireside Chat on Systemic Education Reform

At the *Badalta Bharat, Viksit Bharat* fireside chat, Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal emphasised that lasting education reform requires systemic and sustained support rather than isolated initiatives. Drawing on the work of the Bharti Airtel Foundation, he highlighted how scalable philanthropic models, when aligned with government efforts and local leadership, can strengthen public education systems. Mr. Mittal also underlined the critical role of continuous teacher capacity building and community ownership in schools.

This reflective conversation also featured Mr. Ashish Dhawan, Founder and Chairperson of the Central Square Foundation (CSF), and was moderated by Mr. Ishmeet Singh, CEO of CSF. It was held as part of CSF's EDuConclave 2026, which brought together policymakers, educators, academia, and civil society to share best practices for advancing quality education in India.



# KEY HIGHLIGHTS

## Satya Bharti School Program

### Satya Bharti Schools in Punjab Shine with Exceptional Class X and VIII Board Results

- Class X (CBSE): **98.80% overall pass percentage** across five Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary Schools, surpassing the national average of 93.70% and the Panchkula region average of 92.24%.
- Class VIII (PSEB): **99.50% overall pass percentage** across 20 Satya Bharti Schools in Punjab, above the state average of 96.51%.

These results reflect consistent improvement and the collective efforts of students, teachers, parents, and the wider school community.



### Satya Bharti Educators Recognised at the Global School Enterprise Challenge 2025

Ms. Agam Bajaj, Principal of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni (Ludhiana, Punjab), has been honoured with the Head Teacher of the Year Award, standing out among 4,653 schools from over 65 countries. The recognition was conferred as part of the School Enterprise Challenge (SEC) 2025, a global entrepreneurship program that celebrates schools fostering innovative, student-led businesses. Under her leadership, the school also secured Gold-level recognition in SEC, reflecting a strong focus on innovation and student-led learning.

Additionally, Ms. Parwinder Kaur from Satya Bharti School, Umarpura (Amritsar), was named a finalist, marking a notable achievement at the global level. These recognitions are a source of pride for the Satya Bharti community.



### Classrooms for Climate Action

The Bharti Airtel Foundation marked Earth Day (April 22) by celebrating a milestone close to our hearts. Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Sherpur Kalan (Punjab) received Silver Certification from The Climate Reality Project – India & South Asia, recognising the School's student-led sustainability initiatives. From tree plantation drives and waste management to energy conservation and cleanliness campaigns, our students and educators are demonstrating that meaningful change begins in the classroom.



## Quality Support Program (QSP)

### Launch of Math & Science Clubs | Jharkhand

Bharti Airtel Foundation, in collaboration with the Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPC), has launched a student-led Math and Science Clubs initiative across government schools in Jharkhand. The program is designed to make learning experiential and engaging, fostering curiosity, scientific thinking, and problem-solving skills among students. Implemented under the Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan, the initiative will be rolled out across all 24 districts of Jharkhand. The state-level launch in Ranchi was graced by Mr. Rajesh Prasad, Director, Secondary Education, and Mr. Binu Nair, Chief Operating Officer, Bharti Airtel Foundation.



### Quality Support Program Expands to Uttar Pradesh and Sikkim

Under the Quality Support Program (QSP), the Bharti Airtel Foundation has onboarded new government schools in partnership with state education departments, strengthening school leadership and classroom practices across regions. In Uttar Pradesh, a total of 65 schools were onboarded - 25 government schools each in the Aspirational Districts of Bahraich and Shravasti, and 15 schools in Lucknow. These schools participated in a two-day School Excellence Program conducted between March and April 2026. In Pakyong district, Sikkim, the Bharti Airtel Foundation conducted a two-day School Excellence Program on April 21-22, 2026, engaging Heads of Schools and teachers from 48 government schools across Rhenock and Namcheybong.

## TheTeacherApp

### Teacher Professional Development Programme Launched in Balrampur and Shravasti, Uttar Pradesh

Bharti Airtel Foundation, in collaboration with the District Administration and the Education Department of Uttar Pradesh, launched the Teacher Professional Development Programme across the districts of Balrampur and Shravasti. The program focused on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), digital pedagogy, classroom management, and innovative teaching methodologies, aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.



### Life Skills through Mindfulness: Resource Person Training in Chamba

Bharti Airtel Foundation, in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha Himachal Pradesh, organised a two-day training program for resource persons in Chamba under the "Life Skills through Mindfulness" initiative for students of Classes VI-XII. The program aims to promote holistic learning, emotional well-being, and essential life skills among students. The trained resource persons will further cascade the initiative across the district, ensuring wider outreach and sustained impact. The sessions were graced by the presence of Mr. Manmohan Singh, Assistant Commissioner, Chamba, highlighting the administration's commitment to strengthening education beyond academics.

### Celebrating Educator Excellence under TheTeacherApp

As part of the Rewards and Recognition (R&R) initiative under TheTeacherApp, updates from the Chamba District Partnership were shared, and teachers were recognised for their course completion and growth-mindset activities. The program also honoured top-performing school principals and Block Elementary Education Officers (BEEOs). The event was graced by Mr. Mukesh Repaswal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Chamba (H.P.), and Mr. Praveen Choudhary, Regional Head, Bharti Airtel Foundation.



## Higher Education and Scholarship



### Learning with Leaders: Airtel's Industry Insights for Bharti Scholars

Bharti Airtel Foundation hosted a Learning with Leaders session for Bharti Scholars from the Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management. The interaction followed a visit to the Airtel Network Center in Manesar, offering students a first-hand view of large-scale network operations. The session featured inspiring perspectives from Ms. Nuriya Ansari, CEO, Bharti Airtel Foundation, on leadership and purpose-driven impact. This was followed by deep industry insights from Mr. Sawan Gupta, EVP, Head of Radio Planning & Strategy, Airtel, and Mr. Jagmohan Bali, Head, Radio SAE, Airtel, who spoke about translating research into real-world telecom solutions. The event concluded with reflections from Prof. Manav Bhatnagar, Head, Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology & Management, IIT Delhi, reinforcing the value of collaboration between academia and industry.



### Bharti Merit Awards 2026

The Bharti Merit Award Ceremony was held at the Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management, IIT Delhi, recognising outstanding students from the 2024–26 batch of the MBA (Telecom Systems Management) and M.Tech programs, along with the Best Woman Graduate Award. The ceremony celebrated academic excellence, perseverance, and a strong commitment to learning. The awards were felicitated by Ms. Nuriya Ansari, CEO, Bharti Airtel Foundation and Mr. Nirmesh Yadav, Head – Emerging Technologies & Industry Alliance, Airtel, along with Prof. Manav Bhatnagar, Head of the Bharti School. The dignitaries also engaged with students and underscored the importance of strong industry-academia collaboration.



### Buddy4Study Scholars Day 2026

Mr. Sameer Shah, Head – Programs & Operations, Bharti Airtel Foundation, participated in Buddy4Study Scholars Day 2026, which featured an engaging and thought-provoking panel discussion on the theme "Empowering Scholars to Drive Lasting Impact." Addressing the gathering, Mr. Shah reiterated that the Bharti Airtel Scholarship is designed to go far beyond financial support and designed to deliver the strongest impact for the underserved communities.



## What's Happening Across Programs!

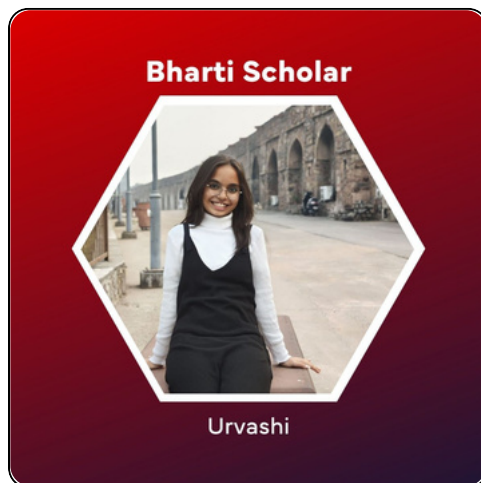
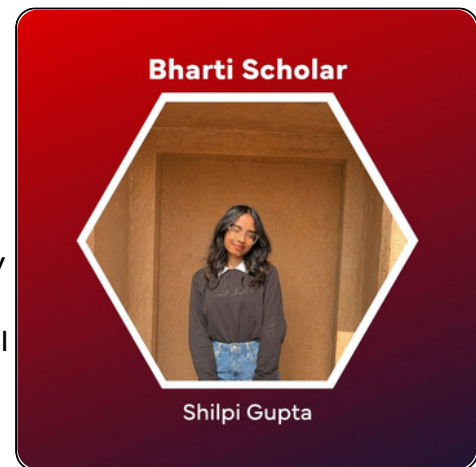
### A proud moment for Satya Bharti and QSP schools!

Six outstanding students - two from Satya Bharti Schools and four from partner government schools under QSP - have been selected for ISRO's prestigious YUVIKA 2026 (YUva Vlgyani KARYakram). This two-week national residential Young Scientist Program, organised by ISRO, is designed to "catch them young" by introducing school students to the fundamentals of space science, technology, and applications through hands-on learning and direct interaction with scientists.



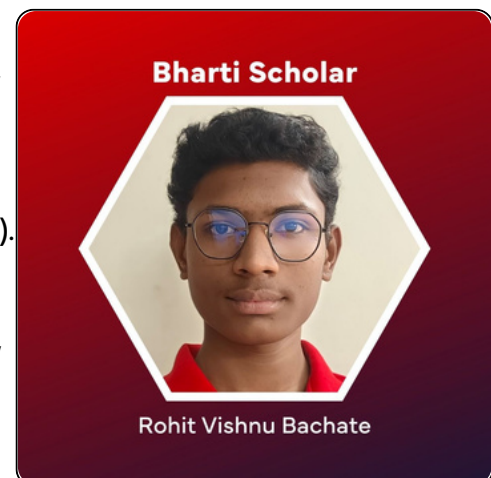
## Shaping Futures: Scholar Narratives

"I come from a humble background in Delhi, where my mother runs a small business and my father works as a real estate agent. With three children pursuing education, I understood early the value of hard work and making the most of every opportunity. Securing admission to Software Engineering at Delhi Technological University (DTU) was a major milestone for me. Adapting to the competitive environment of engineering college pushed me to continuously learn and strengthen my skills in programming and problem-solving. Being a Bharti Scholar has motivated me to keep growing with confidence. I hope to build impactful technology solutions and inspire students from middle-class families to dream bigger." — Shilpi Gupta, Bharti Scholar (2025–2026 cohort)



"I grew up in Delhi in a family shaped by hard work and resilience. My father is a street vendor, and my mother is a homemaker. As the eldest sibling, I learned early on to take responsibility and find my own way forward. My JEE journey, especially my drop year, was marked by self-doubt and limited guidance. Yet, I chose consistency over confidence, showing up every day until discipline became stronger than doubt. That persistence led me to pursue Computer Science Engineering at Delhi Technological University (DTU). Being a Bharti Scholar has been more than just financial support - it has opened doors to learning, mentorship, and the confidence to grow without limits. Today, I aspire to become a software engineer who builds meaningful solutions and systems." — Urvashi, Bharti Scholar (2025–2026 cohort)

"I come from Jalna, Maharashtra, where my family relies on agriculture for a modest living. With limited resources and being hearing-impaired, my journey to IIT came with added challenges, but I stayed consistent, seeking support and learning from every setback. Through the Dakshana Foundation, I received the guidance needed to prepare for JEE, which led me to pursue Computer Science Engineering at IIT (BHU). Receiving the Bharti Airtel Scholarship has been a defining part of my journey, encouraging me to engage more deeply with learning opportunities and grow with confidence during my time at IIT. I am now working towards building strong skills in computer science and exploring pathways in quantitative roles, finance, and business." — Rohit Vishnu Bachate, Bharti Scholar (2025–2026 cohort)



**Art by the Students of Satya Bharti Schools**



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