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Monthly Spotlight

A Landmark Step Towards Holistic Education in Jammu and Kashmir: Bharti Airtel Foundation and SCERT Jammu & Kashmir launched the Life Skills Curriculum Program for Classes VI-XII, marking a significant step towards integrating life skills education into the school curriculum across the region. The program aims to equip students with essential 21st-century competencies such as critical thinking, communication, collaboration, decision-making, and emotional well-being through structured learning resources, teacher capacity building, and ongoing support via TheTeacherApp. The program was formally launched by Mr Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Co-Chairman, Bharti Airtel Foundation, and senior officials from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, underscoring the importance of integrating life skills education into mainstream schooling. Building on the Foundation's longstanding efforts to strengthen the education ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir, the initiative reflects a shared commitment to ensuring that students are not only academically strong but also confident, responsible, and future-ready citizens.



Advancing Quality Education with NITI Aayog: NITI Aayog and the Bharti Airtel Foundation signed a Statement of Intent to strengthen educational outcomes across government schools in two Aspirational Blocks: Huzoorpur, Bahraich District (Uttar Pradesh) and Devipur, Deoghar District (Jharkhand). The partnership was signed by Mr Mahendra Kumar, Additional Mission Director, NITI Aayog and Ms Nuriya Ansari, CEO, Bharti Airtel Foundation in the presence of Mr K. S. Rejimon, Joint Secretary and Programme Director, Aspirational Districts Programme & Aspirational Blocks Programme, NITI Aayog. The collaboration will support NEP-aligned interventions in schools focused on enhancing learning outcomes, strengthening teacher capacity through TheTeacherApp, promoting digital and STEAM education, expanding student leadership and career readiness opportunities, fostering parental engagement, and creating inclusive and sustainable learning environments.



Strengthening Education in Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh: The Bharti Airtel Foundation and the Indian Army renewed their partnership to strengthen education across the 43 Army Goodwill Schools in Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh. The initiative will focus on enhancing school ecosystems through teacher training, digital learning via TheTeacherApp, institutional support, and technology integration. Together, the Bharti Airtel Foundation and the Indian Army are committed to creating a more inclusive, resilient, and future-ready learning environment for children across the region. As part of the partnership, the Foundation supported the revamp of the websites of all 43 Army Goodwill Schools, which were launched by Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, GOC-in-C, Northern Command, and Ms Nuriya Ansari.



Teachers' Continuous Professional Development Program Launched in Uttarakhand: The Department of School Education, Government of Uttarakhand, and SCERT Uttarakhand, in partnership with the Bharti Airtel Foundation, launched a state level Continuous Professional Development Program for Teachers through TheTeacherApp in Dehradun. The launch was attended by Ms Akanksha Konde, IAS, Director General, School Education, Uttarakhand; Ms Bandana Garbyal, Director, SCERT Uttarakhand; Dr K.N. Bijalwan, Additional Director, SCERT Uttarakhand; Dr Lalit Narayan Mishra, Chief Development Officer, Haridwar; and Mr Amit Taneja, Head - Technology, Bharti Airtel Foundation. Lt Col Jitendra Verma, OSD, NITI Aayog, joined the event virtually. The initiative aims to strengthen teacher professional development by providing access to high-quality digital resources, self-paced courses, expert-led webinars, AI-enabled teaching tools, and a collaborative learning community through TheTeacherApp. By empowering teachers with continuous learning opportunities, the program seeks to enhance classroom practices and improve student learning outcomes across the state.



Empowering Teachers Through Digital Learning: Bharti Airtel Foundation signed a three-year MOU with the Telangana Recognised School Managements Association (TRSMA) to support the Continuous Professional Development of Teachers across the state through TheTeacherApp. The partnership aims to strengthen teaching practices by providing educators with access to high-quality digital learning resources, innovative pedagogical approaches, and ongoing professional learning opportunities. By empowering teachers, the initiative seeks to create more engaging classrooms and improve learning outcomes for students.



HIGHLIGHTS

Satya Bharti Schools

Where Champions Rise and Shine: At Satya Bharti Schools, sports are an integral part of holistic education, helping students build discipline, teamwork, resilience, and confidence. By providing opportunities to participate and excel in a range of sporting disciplines, the schools empower children to discover their potential and shine on competitive platforms. Recently, students from Satya Bharti schools in Punjab delivered outstanding performances across Gatka, Karate, and Kabaddi competitions at the zonal level. Students of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Fattubhila, won 6 Gold and 4 Silver medals in Gatka, with all six gold medallists qualifying for the District Championship. The school's Karate team also impressed, securing 10 Gold, 10 Silver, and 2 Bronze medals, with all 10 gold medallists advancing to the District Level Championship. Adding to these achievements, students of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Sherpur Kalan, showcased exceptional talent at the Zonal Level Kabaddi Competition, where the Under-19 Boys' team secured 1st position and the Under-17 Boys' team finished 3rd. Further, 15 students were selected to represent their school at the district level.



Quality Support Program (QSP)

Building Career Readiness Through Real-World Exposure

Students from partner government schools in Deoghar, Jharkhand participated in immersive five-day internships at the State Bank of India Branch, Deoghar and the Head Post Office, Deoghar. A total of 76 students gained valuable hands-on exposure to banking and postal operations, interacting with professionals and exploring essential services, financial literacy, customer engagement, and public service delivery. These internships bridged classroom learning with real-world experiences, equipping students with practical knowledge, career insights, and skills to confidently navigate their future.



Nurturing Future Innovators Through Robotics: Curiosity, creativity, and innovation came together during a five-day Robotics Internship organised in Ranchi by Prayog India Robotics, with support from the Bharti Airtel Foundation. From learning about sensors and circuits to building and testing electronic prototypes, 40 students from four partner government schools gained valuable hands-on experience in robotics and electronics. Working in teams, they strengthened their collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while exploring the real-world applications of technology.



Glimpses of Satya Bharti Skill Fest 2026, Assam

As part of the Satya Bharti Skill Fest 2026, a series of engaging summer camp activities were organised across 33 schools in Assam, reaching 895 students. The initiative provided students with diverse opportunities to explore new skills, build confidence, and develop creativity through experiential learning. Students participated in a wide range of hands-on activities, including Baking, Cooking Without Fire, Art & Craft, Eco Skill Fest, Basic Computer Learning, English Communication & Public Speaking, Mushroom Farming, Bamboo Craft, Storytelling, Creative Writing, Puppet Making, Handicrafts, and Spoken English. These engaging sessions helped nurture communication, digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and life skills while inspiring innovation and holistic growth among young learners. Through experiential learning and skill-building opportunities, the Skill Fest empowered students to explore their talents, develop new competencies, and build confidence for the future.



TheTeacherApp

TheTeacherApp - Expanding Reach, Content, and Digital Engagement:

TheTeacherApp continues to strengthen its support for educators, reaching a significant milestone of 2.5 lakh registered users, including 15,300 new users onboarded in July. To enhance the user experience, the platform introduced several new features, including AI-powered tools for the Parent Persona, WhatsApp-based OTP delivery, and MoEngage CRM integration. The content repository also expanded significantly, with 13 hours of new teacher training content and 600 hours of teaching resources added, further enriching the platform's learning ecosystem. Digital engagement continued to grow, with the TheTeacherApp YouTube channel surpassing 1.60 lakh subscribers. Additionally, four podcast episodes were released between April and July, bringing expert insights and thought leadership to educators, parents, and school leaders across the country.



Beyond the Syllabus - Rethinking Education: The latest episode of TheTeacherApp Podcast featured renowned educationist Mr Subir Shukla in a thought-provoking discussion on whether today's education system is preparing children for exams or for life. The conversation explored the evolving role of teachers, the challenges of a syllabus-driven approach, and the future-ready skills students need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Emphasising the importance of joyful learning, the episode highlighted how classrooms can nurture curiosity, confidence, deeper understanding, and a lifelong love for learning. The episode offered valuable insights for educators, parents, and school leaders seeking to make learning more meaningful and relevant.



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Higher Education and Scholarship



Convocation of Bharti Scholars at Plaksha University: Plaksha University celebrated the graduation of the second cohort of 18 Bharti Scholars, including six female scholars, across technology-focused programs. The event was attended by senior leadership of Plaksha University including Mr Neeraj Aggarwal, its Founder & Trustee, and Mr Sameer Shah, Head - Higher Education and Strategic Relations, Bharti Airtel Foundation. Several scholars have secured placements with leading organisations such as IndiaMART, Policybazaar, Bigtec, Incedo, Indus Insights, and Growth Natives, with annual compensation packages ranging from ₹11-16 lakh per annum. Following the convocation, Mr Shah interacted with select Bharti Scholars and their parents, who shared how the scholarship support enabled them to pursue quality higher education with confidence and focus.

Expanding Access Through Partnership with J.C. Bose University:

The Bharti Airtel Foundation has strengthened its partnership with J.C. Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad, Haryana, to make quality higher education more accessible to deserving students. Effective Academic Year (AY) 2026-27, the Foundation will support 50 new scholars annually through the Bharti Airtel Scholarship, covering 100% of tuition, hostel, and mess fees. This expanded collaboration builds on the successful support extended since AY 2023-24 and reflects the Foundation's commitment to enabling talented youth to pursue their academic aspirations.



Unlocking the Confidence Code: Bharti Airtel Foundation hosted an engaging webinar, "Confidence Code: The Art of Self-Assurance," for nearly 200 Bharti Scholars. The session was led by Ms Eisha Handa, Senior Manager, Digital Asset Management, and Mr Sanchit Chakravarty, Consultant, Sales Engineering, from Ciena, a valued CSR partner of the Foundation. Focusing on self-confidence, effective communication, and personal growth, the webinar equipped scholars with essential skills for their academic and professional journeys, with participants finding the session relevant and impactful.

Partnerships and Collaborations

Strengthening Partnerships Through Learning and Collaboration:

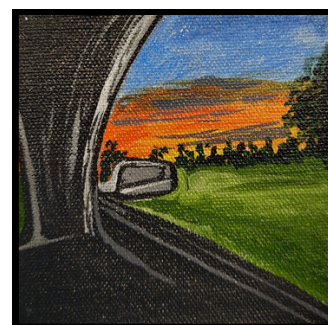
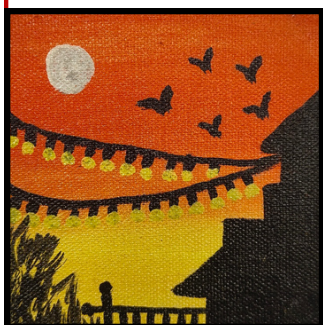
Bharti Airtel Foundation hosted 40+ vendor partners for a learning and recognition session aimed at deepening collaboration and enhancing partner capabilities. Welcoming the participants, Mr Rakesh Grover, Head – Finance, highlighted the importance of strong partnerships in driving efficiency and impact. Through interactive Partner Portal training and knowledge-sharing sessions, partners gained practical insights to strengthen engagement and effectiveness. The event concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony, recognising their valuable contributions and reinforcing the Foundation's commitment to fostering collaborative relationships, continuous learning, and shared growth.



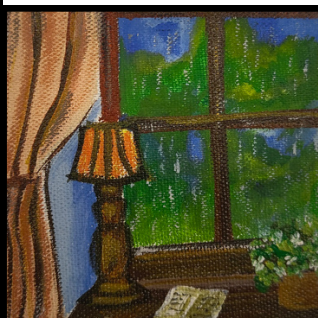
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Bharti Airtel Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, is committed to strengthening India's education ecosystem at scale. For over 25 years, it has built an integrated model spanning high-quality rural schools, systemic strengthening 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.

ART BY THE STUDENTS OF SATYA BHARTI SCHOOLS



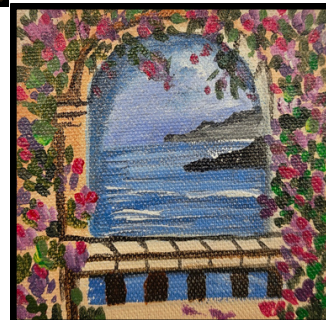
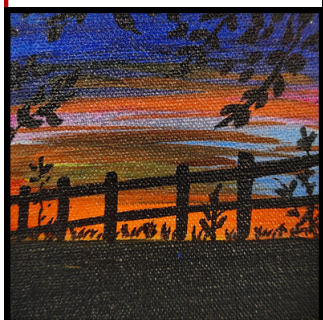
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