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Monthly Spotlight

A Renewed Commitment to Transforming Classrooms: Bharti Airtel Foundation organised a series of boot camps for field teams across both the Quality Support Program (QSP) and Satya Bharti Schools, bringing together colleagues from different regions to strengthen academic practices, advance teacher development pathways, and deepen the integration of life skills into learning. QSP boot camps were held in Bengaluru, Guwahati, Pushkar, and Panchkula in May, culminating in the Delhi Boot Camp, which was made especially meaningful by the presence of our Co-Chairman, Shri Rakesh Bharti Mittal. Interacting with the participants, Shri Mittal appreciated their dedication and emphasised the importance of strong classroom practices, academic excellence, and empowering teachers to improve learning outcomes. Shri Mittal also announced a new award and recognition program for field teams to acknowledge and celebrate their contributions and initiatives.

A similar boot camp was also held for Satya Bharti Schools in New Delhi, bringing together field teams from Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh to align on priorities, share best practices, and strengthen their collective focus on delivering quality education and holistic development for every child.

The boot camps provided a valuable platform for reflection, collaboration, and learning, with insights helping shape the programs' renewed focus on competency-based education, learning outcomes, and the role of academic mentors in driving school transformation.



Young Impact Champions 2026 Cohort Begins Its Journey: Bharti Airtel Foundation has welcomed 37 young professionals to the second cohort of its flagship Young Impact Champions (YIC) program, a unique initiative designed to nurture the next generation of social impact leaders. Selected from leading institutions including the Delhi School of Social Work, Xavier Institute of Social Service, Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management, Jammu University, and Gandhi Fellowship, the participants have joined the Foundation as Academic Mentors and will be deployed across the country. Their journey began with a five-day residential induction, where they engaged with Foundation leaders and field teams to deepen their understanding of education transformation and community impact. Through YIC, the Foundation is creating meaningful pathways for young talent to develop leadership capabilities while contributing to lasting change in underserved communities.



Bharti Airtel Foundation Honoured by Rajasthan: Bharti Airtel Foundation was honoured at the 30th State-Level Bhamashah Samman Ceremony 2026, organised by the Department of Elementary Education, Government of Rajasthan, for its contribution to strengthening educational infrastructure and expanding quality learning opportunities for children. The award was received on behalf of the Foundation and Airtel by Shri Binu Nair, COO, Bharti Airtel Foundation; Shri Poojit Popli, Circle HR Head, Airtel; Shri Alok Chhaniwal, GM – Airtel Business, Rajasthan; and Shri Sandeep Sarda, Regional Head, Bharti Airtel Foundation.



Reimagining classrooms with Human-AI collaboration: Bharti Airtel Foundation participated in the prestigious ET Annual Education Summit 2026, which brought together leading voices from the education sector to discuss the future of learning. Speaking on the panel 'Human-AI Collaboration in Schools', Ms Nuriya Ansari, CEO, Bharti Airtel Foundation, highlighted how AI can serve as a powerful co-pilot for teachers, enabling personalised learning while preserving the human connection at the heart of education. The Foundation also showcased TheTeacherApp at an information stall during the Summit, attracting significant interest and engagement from educators, school leaders, and other stakeholders keen to learn more about the platform's role in strengthening classroom teaching and improving learning outcomes.

Building Future-Ready Learners: Bharti Airtel Foundation participated in ChildFund India's thought leadership panel, "From Classrooms to Careers: Building India's Next Generation for a World That Doesn't Exist Yet," which brought together leaders from philanthropy, education, and technology. Ms Nuriya Ansari, CEO, Bharti Airtel Foundation, highlighted the importance of integrating technology with pedagogy and empowering teachers to improve learning outcomes.



Delhi Learning Hub Inaugurated: The Foundation inaugurated its New Delhi premises, which will also serve as a learning hub for teams working across 109 partner government schools in the city. The hub was inaugurated by Ms Nuriya Ansari, along with members of the Executive Committee. Designed as a vibrant space for learning, collaboration, and innovation, the hub features a Maker Space, Reading Corner, Wall of Fame, Gratitude Wall, TheTeacherApp Corner, and displays of school club models and Bagless Day resources that can be adapted and implemented in schools. The inauguration also included a team-building activity that encouraged collaboration and strengthened connections among colleagues.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Satya Bharti Schools

Digital Saksharta Bharti Abhiyan: Students Turn Summer Learning into Community Impact: Building on a long-standing tradition of experiential learning at Satya Bharti Schools, where students have previously championed adult literacy and other community-focused initiatives, the Digital Saksharta Bharti Abhiyan transformed summer holiday homework into a meaningful opportunity for social impact. During their summer break, students stepped up as digital champions, spreading awareness on safe digital practices, digital payments, cybersecurity, and responsible technology use among families and community members. The initiative was designed to help protect senior citizens and other vulnerable members of the community from digital scams, spam, cyber fraud, and other online risks by equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to navigate the digital world safely.

Delivered in multiple languages, the campaign engaged over 11,900 students across 147 schools, reaching more than 248,000 people. Beyond strengthening digital literacy, the initiative reflects how Satya Bharti Schools are nurturing confident, responsible, and socially conscious young leaders who apply their learning to solve real-world challenges and create positive change in their communities.



Celebrating Academic Excellence at Bright Minds Punjab

2026: Twelve students from Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary Schools in Chogawan and Fattubhila, Amritsar, were honoured by Punjab Education Minister Shri Harjot Singh Bains at the Bright Minds Punjab 2026 felicitation ceremony. Recognised for scoring 90% and above in the Class XII Board Examinations, the students were celebrated alongside nearly 500 high achievers from across the district.

Quality Support Program (QSP)

Career Guidance & Scholarship Awareness Workshops in Punjab: Bharti Airtel Foundation conducted Career Guidance and Scholarship Awareness Workshops under the Government of Punjab's PACE Camp initiative in Amritsar and Bathinda, reaching 982 JEE and NEET aspirants. Students gained valuable insights into competitive exam preparation, higher education opportunities, emerging career pathways, and Bharti Airtel Scholarship, helping them make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures.



Young Hockey Stars Bring Glory to India: The Indian Women's U-18 Hockey Team secured bronze at the Asia Cup 2026 in Japan, with Khili Kumari, Sukan Sanga, and Nilam Toppo from a Bharti Airtel Foundation partner government school in Jharkhand among the squad. Identified early for their sporting potential, the players progressed through years of training and competitive exposure. Through its efforts to strengthen sports opportunities and infrastructure in schools, the Foundation continues to nurture young talent and support their journey to success.



Global Recognition for Army Goodwill School, Wuzur: Army Goodwill School, Wuzur, Jammu & Kashmir, has been shortlisted among the World's Top 10 Schools for the World's Best School Prizes 2026 in the Innovation category. This prestigious global award program from T4 Education celebrates the school's commitment to innovative teaching practices, student-centred learning, and creating opportunities for students to thrive. As a proud partner of the Army Goodwill Schools network, Bharti Airtel Foundation is honoured to support this inspiring journey of educational excellence and innovation. Public votes will play an important role in determining the winner. Please cast your vote here: <https://applications.worldsbestschool.org/public-vote-26> and support this remarkable achievement that showcases the potential of innovative, high-quality education.



Students Champion Literacy and Community Learning: During the summer break, students from partner government schools across Bahraich, Shravasti, and Lucknow participated in the Saksharta Bharti Abhiyan, an initiative that encouraged them to support the literacy journey of non-literate family members, extending learning beyond classrooms and into homes and communities. The campaign reached 1,000 students across 100 schools, who engaged 1,000+ family members in literacy activities. To strengthen community engagement, Foundation field teams conducted an extensive outreach campaign engaging parents and community members on the importance of education, regular school attendance, and continued learning support at home. Implemented in partnership with the Department of Education, Uttar Pradesh, the campaign also raised awareness about government school facilities, scholarship opportunities, and talent development programs such as the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship and INSPIRE MANAK. Additionally, it supported the identification and enrolment of out-of-school children, helping expand access to quality education and fostering greater community participation in learning.



TheTeacherApp

National Teachers' Consultation on Emerging Technologies in Education: Held in New Delhi, the National Teachers' Consultation on Emerging Technologies in Education brought together teachers and school leaders from government and private schools across India to discuss the role of AI and emerging technologies in classrooms. The consultation provided a platform to share experiences, identify challenges, and explore opportunities for integrating technology into teaching and learning. Insights from the discussions will inform the future development of TheTeacherApp and support efforts to strengthen education across India.



Bharti Airtel Foundation Partners with RSCERT to Strengthen Teacher-Led Innovation: Bharti Airtel Foundation and the Rajasthan State Council of Educational Research and Training (RSCERT), Udaipur, have signed a three-year MoU to promote action research and recognise innovative teaching practices by government school teachers across Rajasthan through TheTeacherApp. Signed by Ms. Shweta Fagaria, Director, RSCERT, the initiative will be implemented in over 50,000 schools, in coordination with DIETs across the state, helping teachers enhance classroom practices and improve student learning outcomes. Building on the Foundation's earlier support in three districts, the program will now be scaled statewide, creating a larger platform for teacher-led innovation and knowledge sharing.



Parenting During Exam Season: Words That Make a Difference: In the recent episode of TheTeacherApp, renowned psychologist Dr Aruna Broota shared insights into common phrases parents should avoid and suggested positive affirmations that can help reduce anxiety and build self-belief. This valuable conversation highlights how supportive communication can help children navigate exam-related stress with greater confidence and resilience.



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Higher Education and Scholarship



The poster for the Bharti Airtel Scholarship 2026-2027 features the Bharti Airtel Foundation logo at the top. Below it, the text "Bharti Airtel Scholarship" is prominently displayed in red and black, followed by "2026-2027" in a black banner. Three circular icons represent the benefits: "100% annual fee", "Hostel + Mess Fee", and "High end laptop". Below these icons, it states "For technology enabled engineering courses at top 50 NIRF ranked engineering institutes/universities (basis 2025 list)". A large red button says "Applications Open Now!". A QR code is shown with the text "Scan to Apply" below it. At the bottom, a smiling woman in a red jacket is holding a laptop.

Scholarship Outreach and Student Briefings: As part of the Bharti Airtel Scholarship 2026–27 outreach, Buddy4Study conducted application briefing sessions for students from the Centre for Social Responsibility and Leadership, Dakshana Foundation, and CM SHRI (Delhi). Over 485 students participated, receiving guidance on eligibility, documentation, timelines, registration, and application best practices to help them apply with confidence.

Pre-registration for the Bharti Airtel Scholarship 2026–27 opened in May, enabling aspiring students to begin their application journey early and access information about the program. If you know a student who may be eligible for the scholarship, we encourage you to share this opportunity and help spread the word so that more deserving young people can benefit from it.

From Education to Employability

Creating Pathways to Employment for Alumni: As part of Airtel's Student Job Fair initiative, employees from Bharti Airtel visited Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary Schools in Sherpur Kalan and Rauni to engage with school alumni through on-site interviews and career interactions. The team assessed candidates' skills, provided insights into workplace expectations, and offered guidance on career pathways. Several alumni progressed to the next stage of the recruitment process, while others received valuable feedback and practical advice to strengthen their employability skills. The initiative reflects a shared commitment to creating meaningful livelihood opportunities for youth and supporting their transition from education to the world of work.



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 transformation of government schools, national teacher development infrastructure, and fully funded access to premier higher education. Since inception, the Foundation has impacted 4.3 million+ children and overall, 7.8 million+ individuals, reflecting Bharti Enterprises' sustained commitment to nation-building through human capital development.

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