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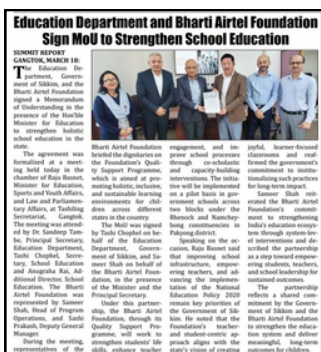


# About Bharti Airtel Foundation

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



### Bharti Airtel Foundation Expands to Sikkim

Bharti Airtel Foundation has signed an MoU with the Education Department, Government of Sikkim, to strengthen holistic and inclusive school education across the state. The partnership will be implemented through the Foundation's Quality Support Program (QSP) in selected government schools in Pakyong district, focusing on students' life skills, teacher professional development, and strengthened school processes.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Tashi Chophel, Secretary, School Education, in the presence of Mr. Raju Basnet, Hon'ble Minister of Education, and Dr. Sandeep Tambe, Principal Secretary, Education. As part of the initiative, participating teachers will receive free-for-life access to TheTeacherApp, the Foundation's professional development platform, exclusively for teachers and educators.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

### Satya Bharti School Program

#### Outstanding Achievement in Rajasthan Board Results

Satya Bharti Schools achieved exceptional results in the Rajasthan Board examinations, with both Class V and Class VIII recording a 100% pass rate, compared to an approximate state average of 97%. This reflects strong year-on-year improvement and performance well above state averages. Notably, girls matched this success and, in some cases, surpassed state benchmarks. Additionally, the inclusion of virtual teaching helped address teacher vacancies, widen the teacher candidate pool, and enhance student learning. These achievements underscore the dedication of students, teachers, and school leadership in driving academic excellence.

#### NSS Camps for Students

Week-long National Service Scheme (NSS) camps were organised at Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary Schools in Chogawan and Fattubhilla. The camps focused on nurturing social responsibility, leadership, teamwork, and discipline among students, while also raising awareness about cleanliness, health, and environmental conservation. As part of the program, students actively participated in *nukkad nataks* (street plays) and plantation drives, reinforcing the spirit of community service and civic engagement.



## Design for Change (DFC) | CAN School Challenge

The Design for Change (DFC) | CAN School Challenge is a global, student-led initiative that empowers children to identify real-world challenges and design impactful solutions. Under the theme “Reimagine India @ 2047”, a total of 11 student projects — six from Satya Bharti Schools and five from partner government schools under the Quality Support Program — showcased creativity and vision for the future. These projects were selected among the top 36 “Inspiring Ideas of Change”, highlighting the programs’ commitment to innovation, critical thinking, and social impact.



## Quality Support Program (QSP)

### Educational Rockstar Achievers (ERA) Awards – Fazilka, Punjab

The ERA Awards for primary school teachers were successfully conducted across all eight blocks of Fazilka, covering Mathematics, EVS, and Punjabi. A total of 36 Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) were selected at the block level and will be showcased at the district level. The initiative received huge appreciation from the District Education Officer.

### School Excellence Initiative for Newly Onboarded Schools

A two-day Project Orientation and School Excellence Program was organised in Shravasti, Uttar Pradesh, for 25 newly onboarded government schools. The program was inaugurated by District Magistrate, Mr. Ashwani Kumar Pandey, and Basic Shiksha Adhikari, Mr. Ajay Kumar.



### Strengthening Digital Skills and STEAM

To promote digital learning and foster a scientific temperament, 530 government schools were equipped with a desktop, with support from Barclays. This has enabled thousands of students to learn coding (VS Code), editing, AI, and their classroom applications, in addition to general computer skills such as browsing and using MS Suite. Additionally, 250 advanced kits on robotics, coding, and the Internet of Things (IoT) were introduced in 230 government schools, encouraging hands-on learning and innovation.



### National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) Achievements

Under QSP, students are regularly provided with career guidance sessions, industrial exposure visits, and workshops on developing life skills. Such interventions not only help build their subject knowledge but also encourage participation in national-level opportunities such as the NMMS scholarship. This is a central government scheme that provides INR 12,000 annually to meritorious Class VIII students from economically weaker sections to support continued education from Classes IX to XII. Through sustained support under QSP, 557 students from 191 partner schools across multiple states were able to receive the scholarship.

### District-Level Inno-Fest in Jharkhand

Inno-Fest, a divisional-level competition, promotes a culture of innovation and forward-thinking within school ecosystems by nurturing creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving skills among students. Inno-Fest in Dumka, Jharkhand, witnessed enthusiastic participation from 60 schools (35 QSP schools and 25 non-QSP schools). Students showcased 77 innovative projects, reflecting creative problem-solving and strong scientific thinking. The event was graced by DIET officials, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan representatives, and educators from across the state.



# TheTeacherApp

## Building Capacity for Stronger Implementation

An Orientation-cum-Capacity Building Workshop was conducted in Gurgaon to strengthen implementation of TheTeacherApp partnership model and align teams on shared priorities for the coming year. The workshop brought together Regional Heads, Program Coordinators and Heads, Program Managers, Trainers, and Senior Leadership, fostering collaboration and strategic alignment. Key discussions focused on clarifying stakeholder roles, building hands-on familiarity with TheTeacherApp platform and training content, and addressing technology-related rollout challenges. Through dashboard insights, role plays, practical field scenarios, and open feedback sessions, participants enhanced on-ground readiness while collectively shaping KPIs and action plans for a unified, impact-driven approach.

## A Major Milestone for TheTeacherApp

TheTeacherApp has reached a significant milestone by growing its YouTube learning community to over 100,000 subscribers. This achievement marks an important moment in the platform's journey to enable continuous learning, professional growth, and meaningful impact for educators across the country.



## Higher Education and Scholarship



### Bharti Airtel Scholarship – Investiture Ceremonies

The Bharti Airtel Scholarship Investiture Ceremonies were held across Odisha, West Bengal and Maharashtra, formally welcoming Bharti Scholars into the Foundation's learning community. The program featured a special message from Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Co-Chairman, Bharti Airtel Foundation. Scholars were formally inducted through the investiture ceremony, during which lapel pins and certificates were conferred, followed by the distribution of laptops and activation of SIM cards. Senior Airtel leaders, including Mr. Abhirup Chatterjee (CEO, Odisha Circle), Mr. Aditya Kumar Kankaria (CEO, Mumbai Circle), and Mr. Ayaan Sarkar (CEO, West Bengal), addressed the gatherings, reinforcing the Foundation's commitment to nurturing future leaders through education. The ceremonies were attended by scholars from KIIT, NIT Rourkela, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan, IIT Bombay, and IIT Kharagpur, and concluded with group interactions and refreshments.

## Advancing Education and Innovation for Social Impact

Bharti Airtel Foundation continues to strengthen its commitment to education and innovation through meaningful engagement with students and academic communities. At IIT Delhi, Mr. Sameer Shah, Head — Programs & Operations, interacted with faculty members and Bharti Scholars from the MTech, MS (Research), and PhD programs, fostering dialogue on leveraging research and technology to address real-world challenges. Additionally, five Bharti Scholars from ISB participated in a virtual interaction with Mr. Shah and Mr. DNV Kumara Guru, Senior Director, Advancement, External Relations & Alumni Engagement, ISB, where they shared their academic journeys and leadership ambitions.



## People and Culture



### A Proud Workplace Achievement: Great Place to Work (GPTW) Certification

Bharti Airtel Foundation has once again been certified as a Great Place to Work, reflecting its strong people-centric culture and continuous focus on employee engagement, with survey scores surpassing the 90 mark across all key GPTW indices.

### Championing Gender Equity Through Dialogue and Action

Ms. Nuriya Ansari, CEO, Bharti Airtel Foundation, marked International Women's Day 2026 across multiple platforms—participating in Ciena Corporation's spotlight session "Give to Gain" on allyship and inclusive leadership, alongside Mr. Amit Malik, Vice President and General Manager, Asia Pacific Region, Ciena, and Sustainability Karma's online roundtable "Transforming Promise into Power." The discussions focused on translating gender-equality commitments into tangible outcomes, addressing systemic barriers, and leveraging AI to advance progress for women and girls, with the roundtable broadcast on All India Radio FM Rainbow. The Foundation also hosted an in-office event where employees reflected on what "give to gain" means to them.



## What's Happening Across Programs!

### Driving Last-Mile Impact Through Collaborative CSR

Mr. Binu Nair, Chief Operating Officer, Bharti Airtel Foundation, contributed to a panel discussion on sustainable change at the National CSR Summit – Aligning for Last Mile Impact, organised by the AROH Foundation. The conversation highlighted the Foundation's Quality Support Program and TheTeacherApp, reinforcing the Foundation's commitment to system-level transformation in education.



### Katha Utsav Millennia Club 2025 Certificate

Bharti Airtel Foundation partnered with Katha to promote creative writing through the Katha National Writers' Workshop, engaging 1,456 students from Satya Bharti Schools and the Quality Support Program across multiple states. Of these, 329 students were selected for regional-level workshops and awarded certificates. The Foundation also received the Katha Utsav Millennia Club 2025 Certificate, underscoring a shared commitment to nurturing imagination, and language skills, through storytelling. The collaboration further expanded through a year-long TheTeacherApp-Katha partnership.



### Best NGO Award for Bharti Airtel Foundation in Solan, Himachal Pradesh

Bharti Airtel Foundation was honoured as the Best NGO in Solan District (Kandaghat Block) for its impactful contribution to quality education.



### INSPIRE-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge) Wins

Twenty-three student projects from Satya Bharti Schools qualified for the INSPIRE-MANAK Awards, while 190 projects from QSP schools advanced to the prototype development stage. Focused on environmental issues and sustainability, INSPIRE-MANAK is a flagship Government of India initiative that awards a INR 10,000 cash prize and fosters innovation and scientific thinking among students from Classes VI to XII.

# Celebrating Family Day Moments From All Regions



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