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Teachers Continuous Professional Development Program Launched in Dehradun Through TheTeacherApp



Dehradun, July 24, 2026: The Department of School Education, Government of Uttarakhand, and the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Uttarakhand, in association with the Bharti Airtel Foundation, launched the **Continuous Professional Development Program for Teachers** through TheTeacherApp at the SCERT Auditorium, Dehradun.

The event brought together over 80 educators from across Uttarakhand and focused on strengthening teachers' professional learning through technology-enabled resources, innovative pedagogical practices, and continuous capacity building.

The event was held in the esteemed presence of Ms. Bandana Garbyal, Director, SCERT, Uttarakhand, Shri Padmendra Saklani, Additional Director, SCERT; Dr KN Bijalwan, Asst. Director, SCERT, Uttarakhand and Dr. Mehraj Alam, Principal, DIET, Haridwar, Uttarakhand, along with senior officials from the School Education Department and other distinguished guests. Lt. Col. Jitendra Verma, OSD, NITI Aayog, joined virtually. Representatives of the Bharti Airtel Foundation present on the occasion included Mr. Amit Taneja, Head of Technology; Ms. Veena Tyagi, DGM, Partnerships and Implementation; and Mr. Hammad Siddiqui, Manager – Partnerships and Implementation.

Through TheTeacherApp, Bharti Airtel Foundation's a free-for-life platform offering high-quality content and AI-enabled tools for teacher training and professional development, teachers can access self-paced professional development courses, expert-led webinars, AI-powered tools for lesson planning and assessment, classroom resource repositories, question banks, misconception documents, and opportunities to engage with a wider professional learning community.

Ms. Bandana Garbyal, Director, SCERT, Uttarakhand, said, "Empowering teachers through continuous learning is central to improving the quality of school education. Technology-enabled platforms like TheTeacherApp complement classroom practices by providing educators with accessible, relevant, and need-based professional development resources."

Lt. Col. Jitendra Verma, OSD, NITI Aayog - "Teachers are central to improving learning outcomes and shaping the future of education. Technology-enabled platforms such as TheTeacherApp can help make quality professional development accessible to teachers across geographies. This Continuous Professional Development Program reflects a shared commitment to empowering teachers with the knowledge, resources, and support they need to enhance classroom practices and prepare students for a rapidly changing world."

Mr. Amit Taneja, Head of Technology, Bharti Airtel Foundation, said: "Teachers play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our children. Through TheTeacherApp, we aim to support educators with continuous learning opportunities, practical classroom resources, and innovative digital tools that help them grow professionally and enhance student learning. We are deeply grateful to the Government of Uttarakhand, the Department of School Education, and SCERT Uttarakhand for their leadership and collaboration in advancing teacher professional development. Together, we are building a stronger education ecosystem and improving learning outcomes for every child."

The program reaffirmed the shared commitment of the Department of School Education, Government of Uttarakhand, SCERT Uttarakhand, and the Bharti Airtel Foundation to strengthening teacher capacity and promoting quality education through continuous professional learning and the effective use of technology in classrooms.

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