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Statewide Continuous Professional Development Program for Teachers Launched in Himachal Pradesh

- Bharti Airtel Foundation, Department of School Education, Himachal Pradesh, and NITI Aayog collaborate to strengthen teacher professional development across the state through TheTeacherApp.
- Initiative will provide educators across Himachal Pradesh with access to high-quality professional learning resources, innovative pedagogical practices and AI-enabled tools.



Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, 22 October 2026: Bharti Airtel Foundation, Department of School Education, Himachal Pradesh and NITI Aayog jointly launched the statewide Continuous Professional Development Program for Teachers through TheTeacherApp to strengthen teacher capacity and professional learning across Himachal Pradesh.

The launch marks a significant step towards strengthening teacher professional development across Himachal Pradesh by providing educators with access to technology-enabled learning resources, innovative pedagogical practices and continuous capacity-building opportunities through TheTeacherApp. The initiative aims to support teachers across the state with high-quality professional learning experiences that enhance classroom practices and improve student learning outcomes.

The event brought together over 135 members of the education fraternity, including teachers, education leaders and government officials, reflecting a strong collective commitment to strengthening teacher capacity across the state.

The event was graced by **Shri Rohit Thakur, Hon'ble Education Minister, Himachal Pradesh,** as the Chief Guest. Distinguished dignitaries present on the occasion included Shri Ashish Kumar Kohli, IAS, Director, School Education, Himachal Pradesh; Ms Suneeta Singh, Director, Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh; and Lt. Col. Jitendra Verma, OSD, NITI Aayog joined virtually.

Representing Bharti Airtel Foundation at the event were Ms Nuriya Ansari, Chief Executive Officer; Mr Binu Nair, Chief Operating Officer; Mr Parveen Chaudhary, Regional Head; and Ms Veena Tyagi, Lead, Partnerships and Implementation, TheTeacherApp, along with members of the Foundation team.

TheTeacherApp, Bharti Airtel Foundation's free-for-life digital platform for teacher training and professional development, has over 3.5 lakh users across the country. The platform offers high-quality learning resources and AI-enabled tools, including 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 for teachers to engage with a wider professional learning community.

Shri Rohit Thakur, Hon'ble Education Minister, Himachal Pradesh, said, "Teachers are at the heart of quality education and play a critical role in shaping the future of our children. Continuous professional development is essential to equip educators with the skills, knowledge, and tools needed to address evolving classroom needs. This collaboration with Bharti Airtel Foundation, Samagra Shiksha Himachal Pradesh, and NITI Aayog will help strengthen teacher capacity across the state and contribute to improving learning outcomes for students."

Ms Nuriya Ansari, Chief Executive Officer, Bharti Airtel Foundation, said, "At Bharti Airtel Foundation, we believe that empowered teachers create meaningful learning experiences for children. Through TheTeacherApp, we are committed to supporting educators with accessible, high-quality, and practical professional development resources that strengthen classroom practices and encourage continuous learning. We are grateful for our partnership with the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Samagra Shiksha Himachal Pradesh, and NITI Aayog in advancing a shared vision of quality education for every child."

Lt. Col. Jitendra Verma, OSD, NITI Aayog, said, "Strengthening teacher capacity is fundamental to improving educational outcomes and ensuring equitable access to quality learning opportunities. TheTeacherApp offers an innovative platform that enables continuous professional growth for educators at scale. We are pleased to support this collaborative initiative that aligns with our shared goal of building a stronger and more future-ready education ecosystem."

The launch reaffirmed the shared commitment of Samagra Shiksha Himachal Pradesh, NITI Aayog, the Department of Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh, and Bharti Airtel Foundation to strengthen teacher capacity, encouraging continuous professional development, and leveraging technology to promote quality education and improved learning outcomes across the state.

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