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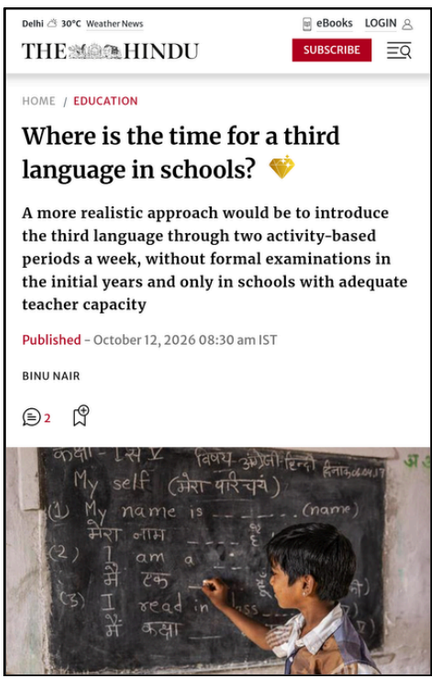
Monthly Spotlight

Telecom for Good - Scaling Impact Beyond Connectivity: Driving the conversation on how telecom can accelerate nation-building through purposeful CSR, the India Mobile Congress 2026 Leadership Roundtable brought together senior leaders to explore the sector's role in creating inclusive and sustainable growth. Representing the Bharti Airtel Foundation, Ms Nuriya Ansari, Chief Executive Officer, emphasised the need to move beyond connectivity to capability, highlighting how investments in education, teacher development, digital literacy, and future-ready skills can unlock long-term social impact. She showcased initiatives such as TheTeacherApp, scholarships, and community-led digital empowerment programs as powerful examples of how technology can be leveraged at scale to strengthen human capital, expand opportunity, and drive meaningful change.

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Where is the time for a third language in schools?

A more realistic approach would be to introduce the third language through two activity-based periods a week, without formal examinations in the initial years and only in schools with adequate teacher capacity

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BINU NAIR

Making Multilingual Education Work in Practice: In a recent opinion article published in *The Hindu,* Mr Binu Nair, Chief Operating Officer, Bharti Airtel Foundation, examined India's three-language formula through the lens of classroom realities, highlighting the need to balance the aspiration of multilingual education with practical considerations such as school timetables, teacher availability, and learning outcomes. He advocated a gradual and flexible approach to third-language learning, supported by activity-based teaching methods and digital resources, to ensure meaningful language exposure without adding undue pressure on students or teachers. The article underscored that the success of any education policy ultimately lies in thoughtful implementation that translates intent into engaging and effective classroom experiences. Read the full article: https://lnkd.in/dBXRZ8aQ

Bharti Airtel Foundation Recognised Among India's Best NGOs to Work For 2026: Bharti Airtel Foundation has been recognised among India's Best NGOs to Work For 2026 by Great Place To Work® for the ninth consecutive year, reaffirming its commitment to fostering a high-trust, inclusive, and purpose-driven workplace culture. The recognition is based on employee feedback through the Trust Index™ Survey and an assessment of the Foundation's people practices, leadership, values, and workplace culture. Adding to this achievement, the Foundation has also been Great Place To Work® Certified™ for the eighth consecutive year. These milestones reflect the Foundation's sustained focus on creating an empowering environment where employees can thrive professionally while contributing to meaningful social impact.


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HIGHLIGHTS

Satya Bharti Schools

National Recognition for Satya Bharti Schools: We are delighted to share that several Satya Bharti Schools have been recognised in the prestigious EducationWorld India School Rankings (EWISR) 2026-27, one of India's most comprehensive assessments of school excellence. Under the Philanthropic Schools category, Sr. Sec. School, Sherpur Kalan secured an impressive seventh rank nationally, followed by Sr. Sec. School, Fattubhila (9th), Sr. Sec. School, Chogawan (11th), Sr. Sec. School, Rauni (13th), Satya Bharti School, Behlolpur (15th), Satya Bharti School, Kurrian Kalan (17th), Sr. Sec. School, Jhaneri (18th), Satya Bharti School, Tena (19th), and Satya Bharti School, Barikhas (20th). Additionally, Satya Bharti Schools Bhojpur, Ram Nagar, and Gumansinghpura were also featured in the rankings, underscoring the consistent efforts of our educators, students, and communities. This recognition reflects our continued commitment to delivering quality education and creating meaningful learning opportunities for children while inspiring excellence across the schools we support.





A Moment of Immense Pride for the Satya Bharti Family: We are proud to celebrate the remarkable achievement of our student, whose dedication and perseverance continue to inspire us. Ms Harsimran Kaur, an alumna of Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Sherpur Kalan, has successfully cleared NEET and secured admission to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) program at Desh Bhagat Dental College and Hospital, Mandi Gobindgarh.

Satya Bharti InnovateX 2026 Inspires Young Innovators: Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Rauni, hosted Satya Bharti InnovateX 2026, its first-ever robotics and innovation festival, bringing together participants from 26 Satya Bharti Schools and partner government schools under the Quality Support Program. Students showcased their ingenuity through activities such as Tinkercad Circuit Making, Robo Race, Innovation Challenges, an AI Quiz, and an expert-led session on Artificial Intelligence, exploring emerging technologies through hands-on learning and collaboration. The event was further enriched by a distinguished jury panel comprising faculty members and technical experts from RIMT University, Plaksha University, and Innow8. Through their evaluation and interactions, students received valuable feedback on their projects, gained insights into emerging technologies, and explored pathways in higher education and innovation. Designed to foster curiosity, experiential learning, and future-ready skills, InnovateX celebrated young innovators while nurturing a culture of creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving.







Quality Support Program (QSP)

From Innovation Club Student to AI Engineer: The power of early exposure to STEM and innovation came to life in the inspiring story of Mr Aakash, a former Innovation Club student whose four-year journey reflects the transformative impact of the Bharti Airtel Foundation's Innovation Club. Beginning as a curious ninth-grade student at Government Senior Secondary School, Dutaranwali, Aakash was introduced to programming, Arduino, and hands-on innovation through the Club. His passion for technology continued to grow at the School of Eminence, Ramsara, where he rejoined the Innovation Club as Club President and led award-winning projects, including an AI-based Smart Attendance System that secured first place at the district level and advanced to the state-level exhibition. Today, Aakash is pursuing a BTech in Computer Science Engineering (AI & ML) at Baba Farid Group of Institutions, Bathinda. In a heartwarming full-circle moment, he recently returned to the Innovation Club as an alumnus mentor, guiding the next generation of young innovators. His journey is a powerful reminder of how the right opportunities, mentorship, and hands-on learning experiences can spark curiosity, nurture talent, and shape future technology leaders.





From Wuzur to the World Stage: Celebrating a Young Changemaker: A remarkable story of innovation and determination is emerging from Army Goodwill School (AGS), Wuzur, Jammu & Kashmir, one of our partner schools under the Quality Support Program. Ms Farhat Bilal has been recognised among the Top 100 Changemakers in the Changemakers World Cup 2026, selected from more than 10,000 entries across India, and is the only student from Jammu & Kashmir to earn this distinction. As a member of the school's Innovation Club, Farhat developed "Grow Drop", a seed-capsule water bottle concept that promotes responsible plastic disposal while encouraging users to grow plants. In recognition of this achievement, Farhat will represent India at the 10th 1M1B Impact Summit at the United Nations Palais des Nations, Geneva, joining young changemakers from around the world.

Sky Watch Events Spark Curiosity About Space in Fazilka Schools: The Sky Watch events conducted across four government schools in Fazilka brought astronomy to life for students and communities through engaging, hands-on learning experiences. Students, parents, teachers, and community members had the opportunity to observe the Moon through telescopes, watch a documentary on India's Chandrayaan mission, and participate in interactive space and astronomy quizzes. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 570 students and 490 parents and community members, fostering curiosity about space science and demonstrating the power of experiential learning beyond the classroom.







NDRF Mock Drills Strengthen Disaster Preparedness in Schools: In collaboration with the 7th Battalion, NDRF Bathinda, the Bharti Airtel Foundation successfully facilitated disaster management training sessions and mock drills across three QSP partner schools in Fazilka. Conducted from 22 to 24 October, the initiative reached 1,045 students and 58 teachers. The sessions equipped participants with essential emergency response and safety skills, enhanced their confidence to act during crises, and promoted a culture of preparedness within school communities. Through practical demonstrations and mock drills, the program contributed to building safer, more resilient schools while extending disaster awareness beyond the classroom and into the wider community.





Fostering Curiosity Through Project-Based Learning: Students across Telangana engaged in hands-on project-based learning activities that connected classroom concepts with real-world applications. Through initiatives such as soil pH testing, and water quality assessment using TDS and pH measurements, and measuring school premises area, students developed practical skills while deepening their understanding of academic subjects. Building on the success of these activities, the initiative will be expanded through community awareness campaigns, encouraging wider discussion and engagement around scientific inquiry, environmental awareness, and practical learning.







TheTeacherApp

Himachal Pradesh Launches Statewide Teacher Development Program: Bharti Airtel Foundation, the Department of School Education, Himachal Pradesh, and NITI Aayog signed an MoU to implement a statewide Continuous Professional Development Program for teachers through TheTeacherApp, expanding access to high-quality professional learning resources, innovative teaching practices and AI-enabled tools for educators across the state. The program was launched in the presence of Shri Rohit Thakur, Hon'ble Education Minister, Himachal Pradesh, along with senior education officials, Ms Nuriya Ansari, Chief Executive Officer, Bharti Airtel Foundation, and Mr Binu Nair, Chief Operating Officer, Bharti Airtel Foundation. The initiative aims to strengthen teacher capacity, support continuous professional learning and enhance classroom practices to improve student learning outcomes across Himachal Pradesh.







Meghalaya and Bharti Airtel Foundation Partner to Advance Teacher Professional Development: The Meghalaya Teacher Training Academy (MTTA), Department of Education, Government of Meghalaya, and Bharti Airtel Foundation signed an MoU to strengthen continuous professional development for teachers across the state through TheTeacherApp. The agreement was signed in the presence of Shri Lahkmen Rymbui, Hon'ble Education Minister, Government of Meghalaya, Mr Vijay Kumar Mantri, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Education, Ms Jacqueline Una Kharpuri, MCS, Director, MTTA, and Mr Binu Nair, Chief Operating Officer, Bharti Airtel Foundation, along with other senior officials. Through access to expert-led learning programs, classroom resources, peer-learning opportunities, and AI-powered tools, the partnership aims to equip educators with practical, high-quality resources that strengthen classroom practices and improve learning outcomes for children across Meghalaya.

B.Ed. Preparedness Channel Introduced on TheTeacherApp: Bharti Airtel Foundation, in collaboration with Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi, conducted a capacity-building workshop to introduce aspiring teachers to digital learning opportunities through TheTeacherApp. The session familiarised students from the College's Education Department with the newly launched B.Ed. Preparedness channel, designed to support pre-service teachers through a structured learning journey. Students were onboarded onto the platform, guided through its features, and encouraged to access curated resources that strengthen their readiness for the teaching profession. The initiative marks a significant step in extending TheTeacherApp's professional development ecosystem to aspiring educators, helping build a strong foundation for lifelong learning and future classroom success.

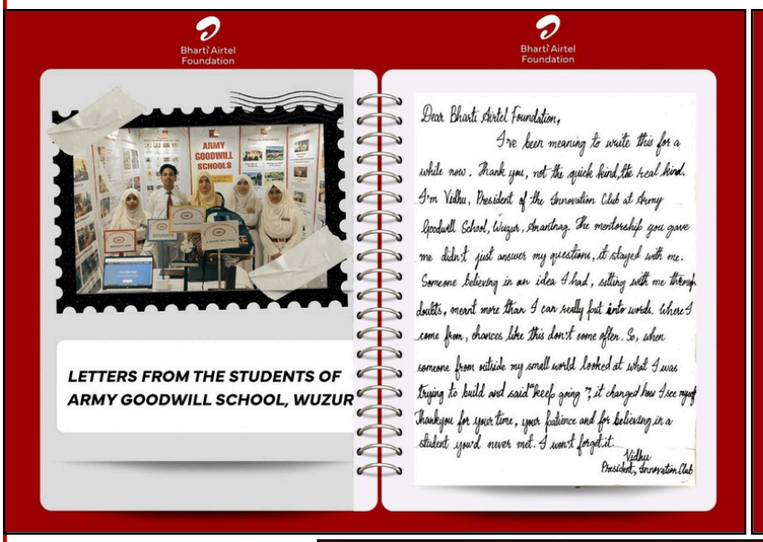
What's New on TheTeacherApp: We're excited to introduce new features on TheTeacherApp, designed to make learning simpler, more accessible, and convenient for teachers. With these enhancements, teachers can now choose their preferred language easily with the language selector at the top of the Home Page; personalise Quick Access by pinning up to four favourite tools for easy access, and connect with communities and discover relevant content more easily. These updates are designed to save teachers time navigating the app, making it easier to access the tools and resources they need and focus on what matters most—growing their teaching practice and inspiring learners.

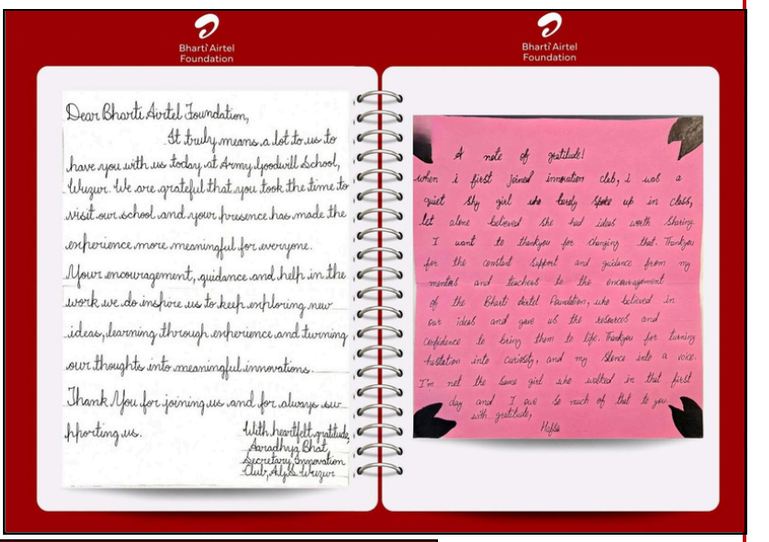
Higher Education and Scholarships

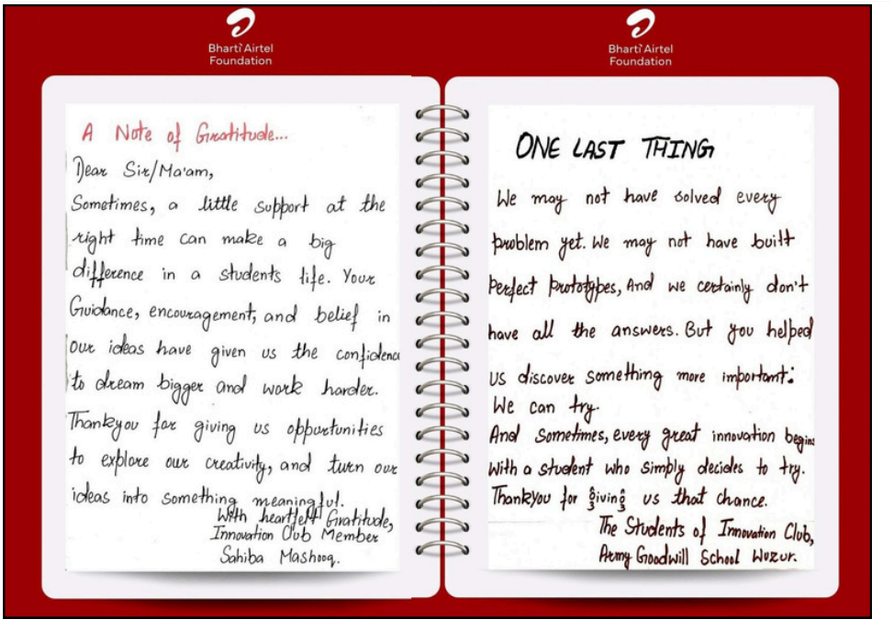
Preparing Young Talent for Tomorrow's Workforce: Students of the Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology and Management, IIT Delhi, recently participated in an insightful session with Mr Rikhi Regmi, Head - Human Resources, Bharti Airtel Foundation, on the future of careers in telecom and the skills needed to succeed in a rapidly evolving workplace. The interactive discussion offered valuable perspectives on emerging industry trends, employer expectations, and career readiness, while giving students an opportunity to connect academic learning with real-world industry insights.



In Their Own Words: Letters from Our Students







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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.

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