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MY SCHOOL, MY TEACHERS MY DREAM OF QUALITY EDUCATION

-Students' Voice



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Inspiring Students through Quality Education across Rural India

ABOUT BHARTI FOUNDATION

Established in the year 2000, Bharti Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises. It implements and supports primary, elementary and senior secondary education through its flagship initiative of Satya Bharti School Program as well as through Government school interventions under Satya Bharti Quality Support Program and Satya Bharti Learning Centre Program.

Satya Bharti Schools provide free and quality education to underprivileged children across rural India, with a focus on the girl child. A salient characteristic of the schools is that most of the students are first-generation learners. The program aims to deliver transformative education to students so that they become educated, responsible and self-reliant citizens with a deep sense of commitment to their society. Both classroom as well as out-of-classroom activities are given equal importance making students learners for life and from life with the right values, attitudes, life-skills and confidence instilled. Parents, community members and like-minded organizations are active partners of the school program and all 254 Satya Bharti Schools uphold this way of functioning. The Satya Bharti School Program completed a decade of its operations in 2016.

In addition to its primary focus on education, the Foundation is running *Satya Bharti Abhiyan* since 2014 to improve sanitation facilities in rural Ludhiana, and *Nyaya Bharti* since 2015 to provide legal and financial assistance to deserving under-privileged under-trials languishing in jails across the country for petty offences.

The Foundation's education programs currently reach out to close to 2,00,000 students through more than 1,700 schools and centres and engaging over 7,000 educators across 13 states. Its initiatives have together impacted over 1 million community members of rural India, since inception.

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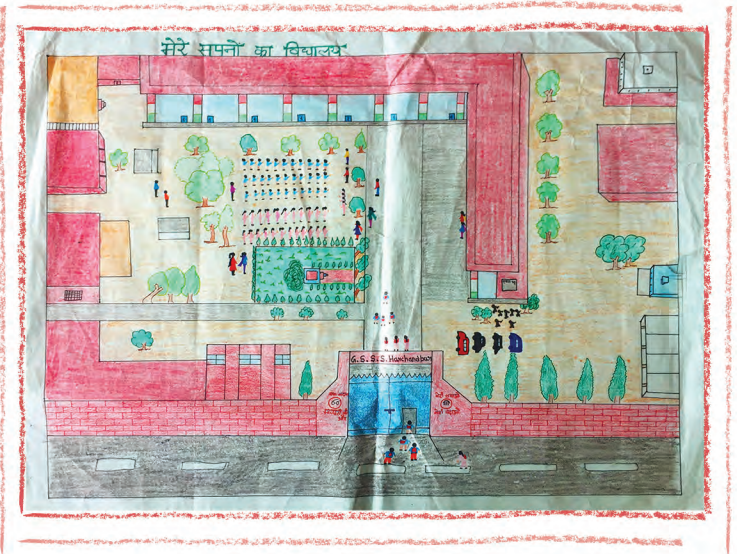
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This issue of the *Voice of Change* Newsletter encapsulates the dreams and aspirations of students towards an ideal schooling experience. Students used various forms of art-work to express this with a view to sharing their ideas with Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the Hon'ble President of India. The idea was realised through *Bal Sabhas** at various school locations where students were encouraged to think, discuss and share visual representations of their aspirations and expectations of quality education.

This is the first time when our students, from diverse backgrounds and under our various programs, have come together to share a collective view of how their schools and education systems should be. They have used varied art-work such as cards, crafts, drawings, essays, poems, posters and slogans to highlight what they believe are the issues that can impact their schooling experience. Their hopes, ranging from access to basic necessities like clean water and toilets, to the vision of India becoming the "Number One" country of the world, are just as instinctive as any child anywhere in the world.



It is, however, the style of expressing their thoughts that deserves commendation. With a backdrop of communities that often lack basic amenities, these pages will reveal that children are indeed the true forbearers of change. Displaying unique optimism towards the current way of schooling, gratitude towards their teachers and the Bharti Foundation team members who inspire their teachers, these young citizens hope to become active contributors to the betterment of society in future India.

The activity was carried out across 13 states of rural India, by students of all 254 Satya Bharti Schools, 325 Government schools under the Satya Bharti Quality Support Program and 212 Satya Bharti Learning Centers located in Government schools. This newsletter aims to provide a visual experience on the boundless creativity and energy inherent in students' thinking process. As they weave their dreams into narratives, they demonstrate how they are starting to think beyond the ordinary and emerging as role models of change across rural India. As a community of lifelong learners and champions of their own success, each one of these children has a story to tell. We invite you to be a part of this special issue that celebrates their aspirations in their own way!



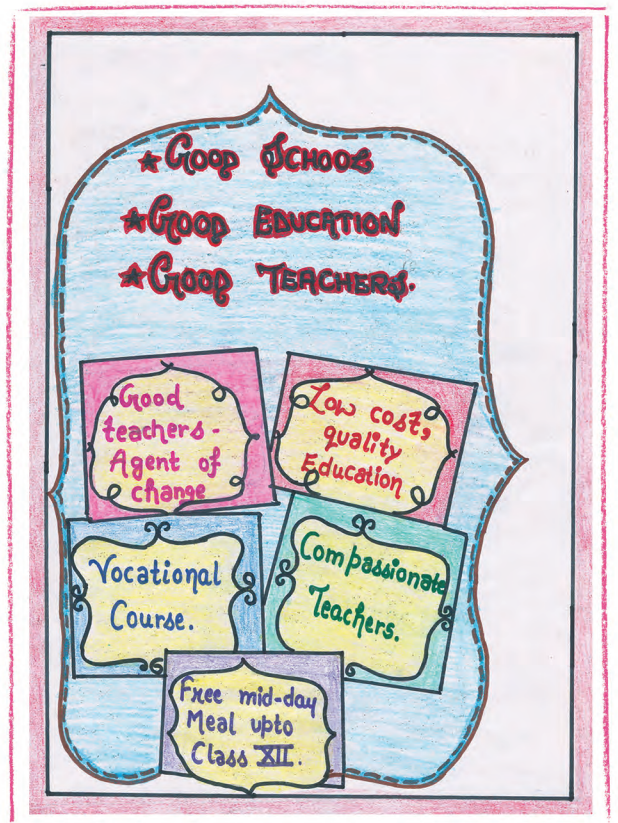
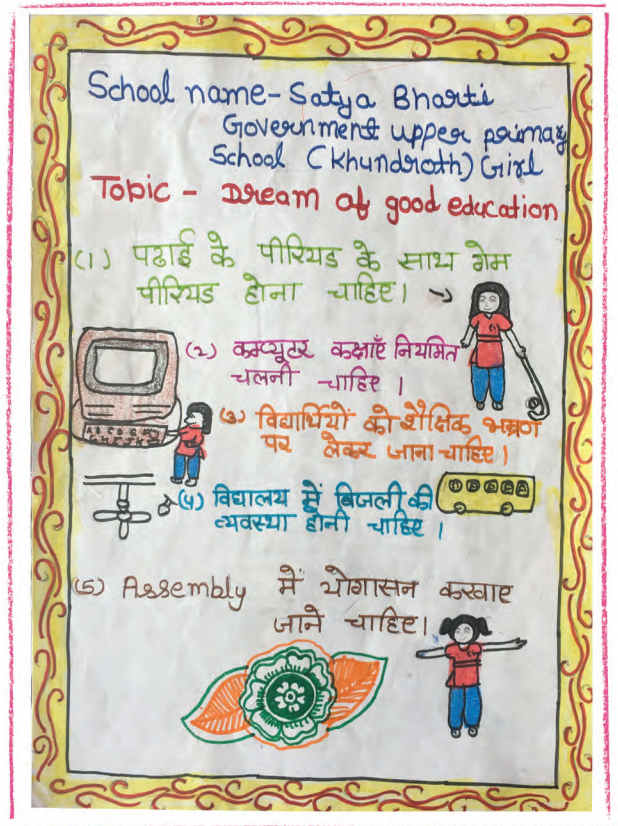
* *Bal Sabhas* are children's meetings that provide opportunities to students to engage in discussions with each other on the selected topic. These meetings host ideas through collaborative mediums, such as skits, debates and question-answer sessions. The aim is to facilitate children to share their opinions and to learn to ideate.

EDUCATION

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

-Nelson Mandela

Thank you for setting up schools within our villages; now we can go to school every day. Every child should have the opportunity to be educated so that we progress as a nation and India becomes the Number One country in the world! Our dream of a good school is where we receive education that is related to real-life situations and creates room for exposure. Education in schools should be such that it can make us employable and also give us the possibility of meeting inspirational leaders like you! Schools must have lots of engaging activities, a fun learning environment, provide help in developing social and moral values, as well as guide us to become good future citizens. Learning from exposure and experience is limited in the remote rural areas where our schools are located. We aspire to travel in an airplane and in a metro rail one day. Every time we see an airplane crossing the skies high above our little school in the desert, we dream that we too may one day have the opportunity to fly and now we await this dream of ours to come true!



राजकीय 3 च्य
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मेरे सपनों का विद्यालय

आदर्शिय

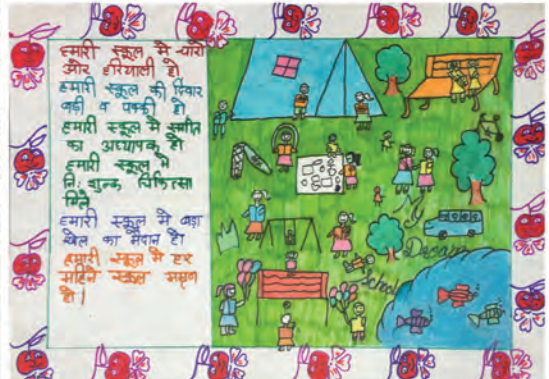
भीमान राष्ट्रपति जी

मैं एक सरकारी विद्यालय में पढ्ता हूँ मैं आपसे यह अनुरोध करता हूँ की मेरे विद्यालय की भाव्यति विद्यालय में क्रमोन्नत करने का कष्ट करे मेरा आव से धही अनुरोध है।

मैं आपका प्रिय विद्यार्थी नाम कानवित्
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EDUCATION



SCHOOL NAME ⇒ S.B.G.U.P.S.M.S. PURA (NEEMRANA)
 TOPIC ⇒ शिक्षा में सुधार हेतु विचार

1. प्राधना सभा के साथ भोग, प्राणायाम का भी आयोजन नियमित रूप से हो।
2. हर परीक्षा के साथ-2 खेल-कूद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन हो सके। खेलों को अनिवार्य रूप से लागू किया जावे।
3. Computer आधारित शिक्षा को अपनाया जावे जिसमें Projector, Computer, Projector द्वारा सिधियों कराई जाय।
4. सभी स्कूलों में एक बड़ा सा खेल मैदान लगाया जावे। तब सभी खेलों का खोमान व मैदान उपलब्ध हो।
5. सभी स्कूलों में स्विमिंग पूल हो और बच्चों को तैरना सीखाया जावे।

माहिल लड़के लाली, मालिनी, टीपिका प्रिया, भादिल, यारव, अरु, मुकाल, पापल

School name - Satya Bhakti Government upper primary school (Khundrath) Girls
 Topic - Dream of good education
 House - Vaibhav

- (1) T.L.M. का use होना चाहिए।
- (2) विभिन्न प्रकार के खेल करवाए जाने चाहिए।
- (3) खेल का बड़ा मैदान एवं हवा-झरा पार्क होना चाहिए।
- (4) महापुरुषों के बारे में बताया जाना चाहिए।
- (5) विद्यालय में स्विमिंग पूल होना चाहिए।

School name - Satya Bhakti Government upper primary school (Khundrath) Girls
 Topic - Dream of good education
 House - Shanti

- (1) विद्यालय में Smart board होने चाहिए।
- (2) विद्यालय में भ्रम्य-समय पर उपवीनी camp लगाने चाहिए।
- (3) C.C.T.V कैमरे होने चाहिए।
- (4) विद्यालय में एक बड़ी लाइब्रेरी होने चाहिए।
- (5) विभिन्न प्रकार की प्रतियोगिताएँ आयोजित करवानी चाहिए।

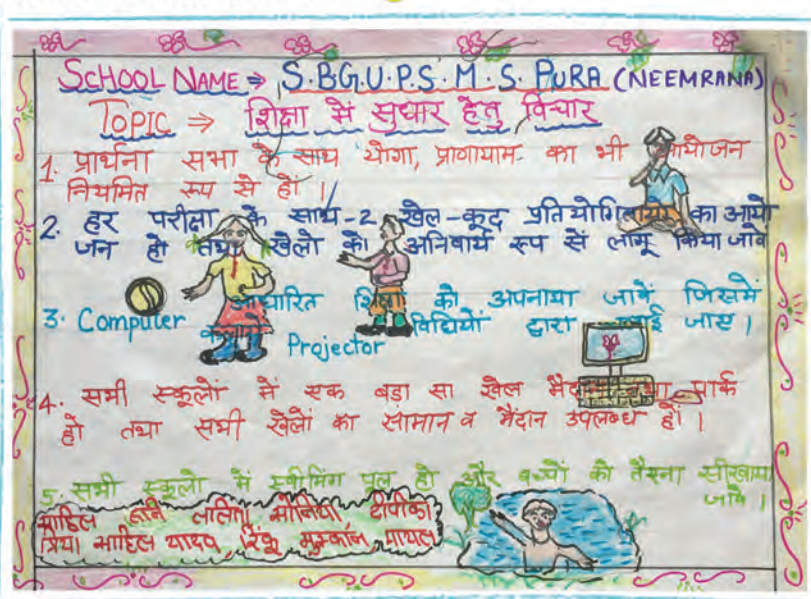


SCHOOL

"The years spent in school are the ones you remember long after the formal education has ended"

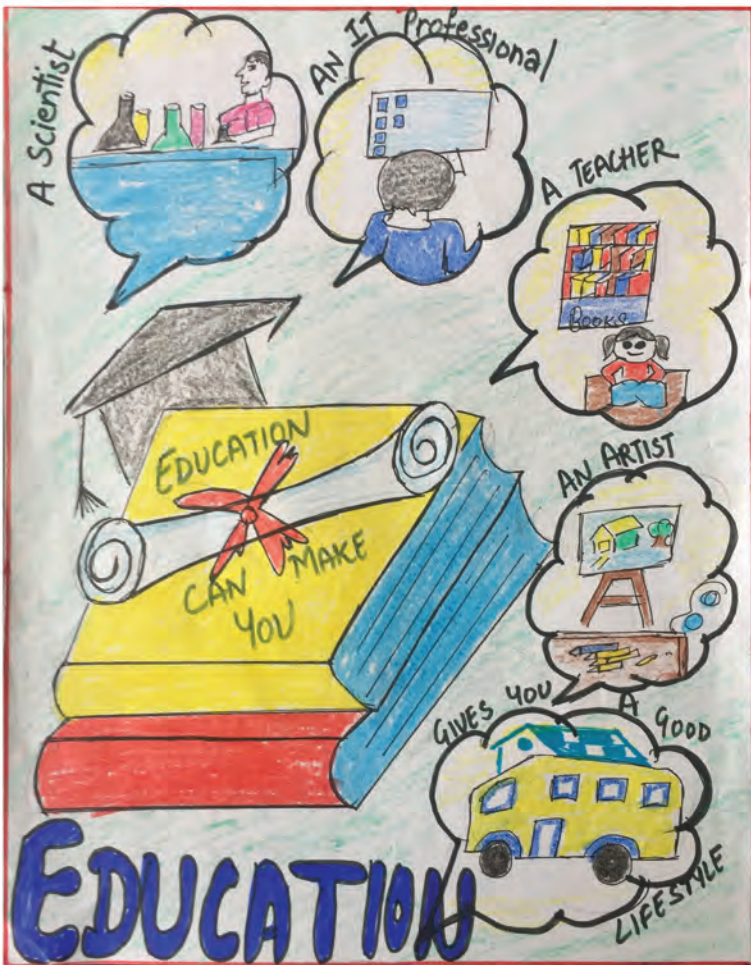
-Michael Forbes

All schools should be up to senior secondary level so that we are able to complete our education in the same school and don't have to miss out due to distance or any other reason. The roads leading to all schools should be in good condition so that all children, irrespective of age and/or physical ability, can reach school easily. We believe that every child should be treated equally without any discrimination on the basis of our caste or gender. Girls should be given equal opportunities and encouraged to participate in the various events and activities. There should be a counsellor in every school to help us overcome any stress and also for career guidance. Vocational education should be available in our schools so that we can gain technical skills. Education officials should visit our schools regularly and interact with us so that we can inform them of our requirements and also share our aspirations. One more request, can we have fruits in our Mid-Day Meal, at least once a week? 😊



• अपना विद्यालय अपना ही होता है। क्योंकि विद्यालय से ही शिक्षा और संस्कार लेकर हम संघर्ष पूर्ण जीवन के मैदान में उतरते हैं।
 मुझे अपना विद्यालय बहुत ही अच्छा लगता है क्योंकि प्रातःकाल का जो वातावरण मेरे विद्यालय का होता है शायद ही किसी और का होता है।
 • मुझे अपना विद्यालय इसलिए भी अच्छा लगता है कि यहाँ की प्रत्येक अध्यापिका का व्यवहार सभी बच्चों के प्रति विशेषकर मेरे प्रति बहुत ही सौहार्दपूर्ण है।
 • मेरी सभी अध्यापिकाएँ मुझे मेरे अभिभावकों की तरह ही गलती होने पर भी मुझे प्रेम पूर्वक समझाती हैं।
 • विद्यालय की प्रधानाचार्या का योगदान विद्यालय प्रशासन को एक नई गति प्रदान करता है।

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 S.J.V. Kanthawala



SCHOOL

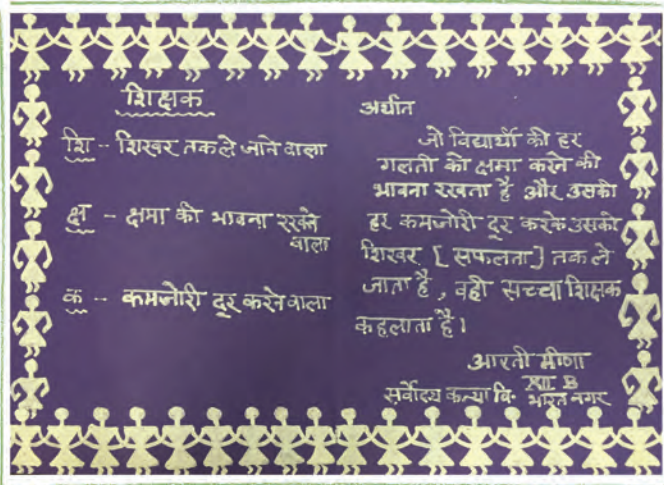


TEACHERS

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

-Benjamin Franklin

Teachers are our mentors, guides and our inspiration. They help us to realize our potential, forgive our mistakes and turn our weaknesses into strengths. We want them to be kind-hearted, friendly, humorous and disciplined, and to have love and care for us. They should connect with our parents and visit our homes. We should get adequate number of teachers in our schools for specific subjects, sports, music and other activities. Our teachers should be well-qualified, active and ready to support and help us, and to cooperate with us. Beyond teaching the lesson, our teachers should also teach us humanity with social and moral values. We respect our teachers a lot and many of us dream of becoming teachers one day.



Good School Good Teachers Good Education

The Anatomy of A GREAT TEACHER



What a teacher writes on the board, cannot be erased from the mind of a student. A teacher is a guide that always sets a good example. So **Good School**, will provide **Good Teachers** that will give a **Good Education**. A teacher should not teach lessons only, but also teaches humanity and social & mental values.

MAHIMA X-C

TEACHERS

SCHOOL IS A BUILDING WHICH HAS FOUR WALLS WITH TOMORROW INSIDE.



A GOOD SCHOOL PROVIDES A CLEAN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO GROW.



A GOOD TEACHER IS LIKE A CANDLE. IT CONSUMES ITSELF TO LIGHT THE WAY FOR OTHERS.

One Good School master, is worth a thousand priests.



EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON, THAT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

I want that school in which teachers like a candle who burns itself and light others.

I want that school in which environment will be good.

I want that school in which girls have equal right like boys.

In which students respect their teachers, parents & their elders.

MY DREAM SCHOOL

मेवा से,
श्रीमान ब्राह्मपति महोदय
मेवा नाम दीपा है, मैं बा. उ. प्रा.
संस्कृत विद्यालय मालदी की दाहि
सम्मत, फलीरी जेठपुर मेवा विद्यालय
अच्छा है हमारे विद्यालय में मेवा-पौरी
की कक्षा है अगर हमारे विद्यालय में जलवा
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अच्छे तरह से ही सकती है हमारे विद्यालय
पौरी की संस्कृत है हमारे विद्यालय में
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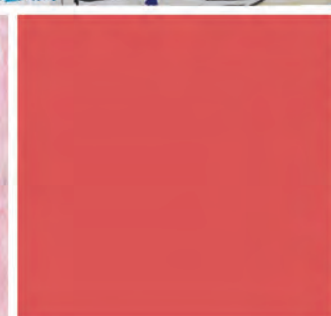
My Dream Teacher

Teacher should have good communication skill and be a motivator.
Teacher should be able to inspire.
Teacher should be strict and fair.
Teacher should have good sense of humor.
Teacher should have an interesting subject and make it fun.

Respected
President Sir,
Sh. Prakash Mathurjee

Wishlist of students
of
Salya Elementary School
Bhatti Ke, Amritsar Punjab
Bhatti Foundation.

GOOD EDUCATION
GOOD TEACHER
GOOD STUDENT
GOOD SCHOOL



My Dream Education

- The education should be free from any stress or pressure.
- There should be option of vocational education.
- The education should be technology based with lot of computer usage.
- There should be lots of games in curriculum.
- The education should include excursion trips to interesting places.

My Dream School

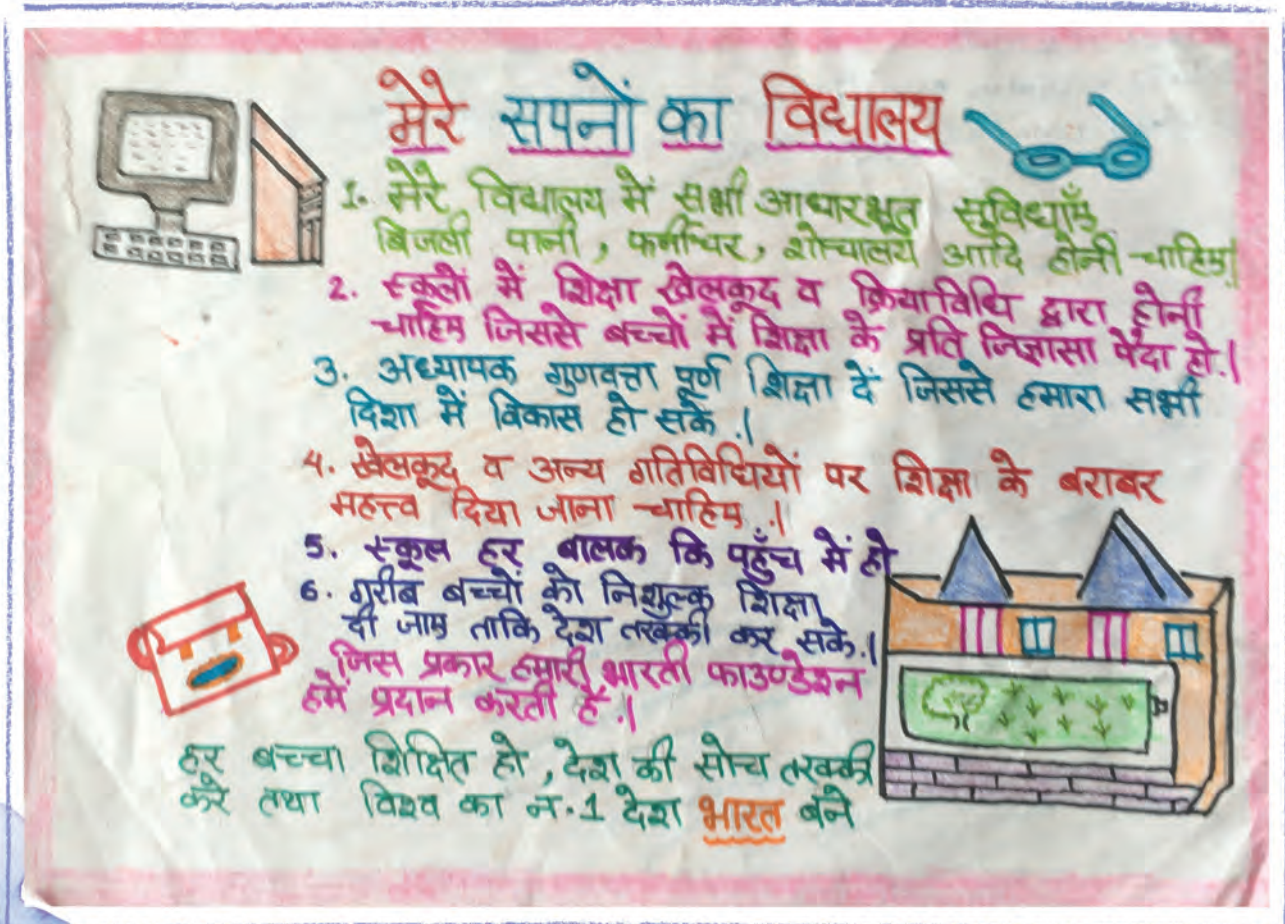
- School should have lots of sports items.
- Every school should have safe transport facility.
- Sports classes should be available to students.
- School should have green environment with parks and play grounds.
- Our school should be promoted to senior level.

INSIDE THE SCHOOL

"To build up a library is to create a life."

-Carlos María Domínguez

School is our second home and the best place for us to be in. We wish it to be a happy and clean place, and have dustbins and also a watchman for our safety. The schools should have regular morning assembly, Bal Sabhas, and lots of competitions and expedition trips, and little children should be given a sleeping period. Along with our studies, there should also be a focus on sports, art, music and dance. The school-level assessment should have at least two sports competitions. We should have a lot of books in our library and other learning materials to make learning fun and enjoyable.



ENVIRONMENT

The earth, the air, the land and the water are not an inheritance from our fore fathers but on loan from our children. So we have to handover to them at least as it was handed over to us.

-Mahatma Gandhi

We have planted lots of trees in our schools; we feel great when we see greenery, plants and trees in our environment. A clean and hygienic environment, colourful classrooms with display of student work, teaching-learning materials and cleaner toilets would help us learn better in our schools. Working toilets inside the school, especially for girls, is an important need so that we are not forced to relieve ourselves in the open. All schools should organize plantation drives on a routine basis and have a gardener to take care of the plants. A Swachh Vidyalaya is critical to the success of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. With such an environment in place, we will be really happy to welcome and host you in our school soon!



आदरविय

राष्ट्रपति महोदयजी,

मेरे में युवराज रा. मा. वि. लिंग मलार का कक्षा X में पढता हूँ।

मेरे विद्यालय में शौचालय सही स्थिति में नहीं होने के कारण हमें शौच के लिए खुले में जाना पड़ता है। अतः आपसे निवेदन है कि विद्यालय परिषद के शौचालय को अच्छा बनवाये। जिससे हमें खुले में शौच के लिए नहीं जाना पड़े।

नाम = युवराज

कक्षा = X

विद्यालय = रा. मा. वि.

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ENVIRONMENT



Keep School clean and green

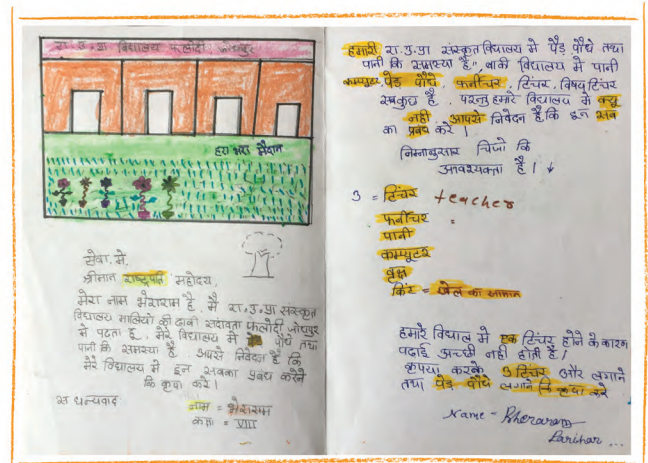


INFRASTRUCTURE

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

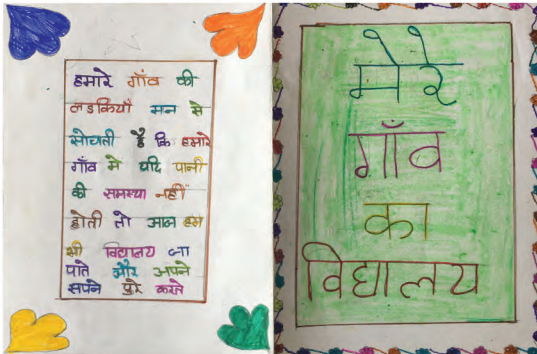
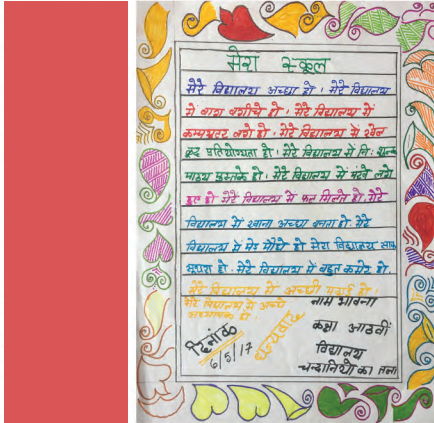
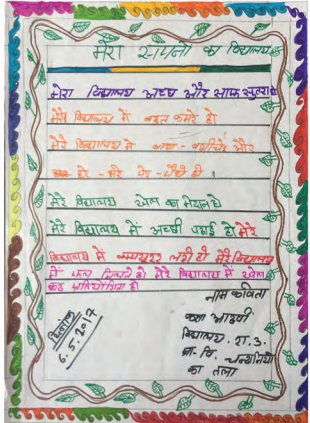
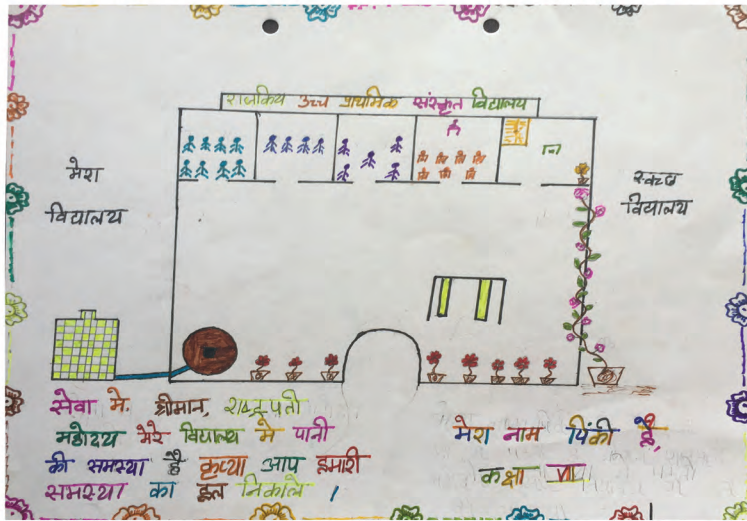
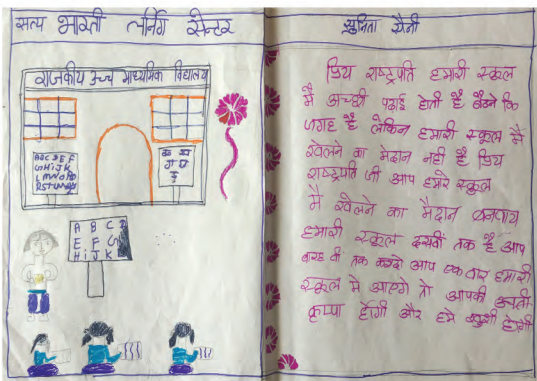
-Eleanor Roosevelt

Proper and sufficient number of classrooms, working and clean toilets, and availability of clean drinking water within the school premises are our three most earnest requests. Absence of any of these facilities has a huge impact over our studies. Inside the classroom, the presence of proper desks, benches, fans, sufficient lighting and ventilation would enhance our learning experience to a great extent. The availability of a playground with adequate play materials for indoor and outdoor games is necessary to keep equal focus on sports. A library, computer lab, science lab, medical room, music room and some coolers during the sweltering summers would be great! A mandate to provide free solar lights in all schools would go a long way in supporting our journey of learning, especially for schools such as ours that are located in remote rural pockets with acute electricity crises.





INFRASTRUCTURE



SPORTS

*"Students are born with the wings.
Don't make them crawl. Teach them how to fly."*

-Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

Our love and passion for games is something that we share with all our friends and classmates. We should have more games' periods in our time-table. Having a big playground with lots of play materials, swings, and even facilities for games like Basketball, Volley Ball and Yoga is what we aspire for. The dream of having a swimming pool in our school brings smiles on all our faces and also a hope to have it in our own school premises someday. Sports should be given equal importance as academics. Every examination should have test for sports as well with at least two games. We hope to fulfil our dream of bringing lot of awards and medals for our country.

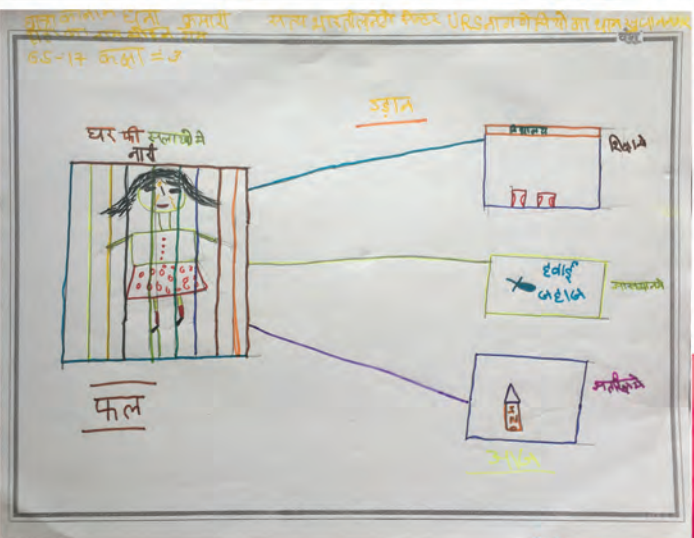




SPORTS



सेवा में,
 श्रीमान राष्ट्रपति महोदय जी,
 मैं हरजीराम कक्षा ४ में राजकीय माध्यमिक विद्यालय रिण मिलार में पढ़ता हूँ। मेरे विद्यालय के बच्चों की मेट्रो रेल एवार्ड जहाज में बैठने की इच्छा होती है। लेकिन हमारे गुरुजी हमें नहीं ले जाते हैं। एवार्ड जहाज का आकाश में उड़ते देखते हैं तो हमें बहुत इच्छा लगता है। हमें भी एवार्ड जहाज में बैठने की इच्छा होती है। हम सभी बच्चों का एवार्ड जहाज में बैठने का सपना कब ख़ाब कैसे पूरा होगा।
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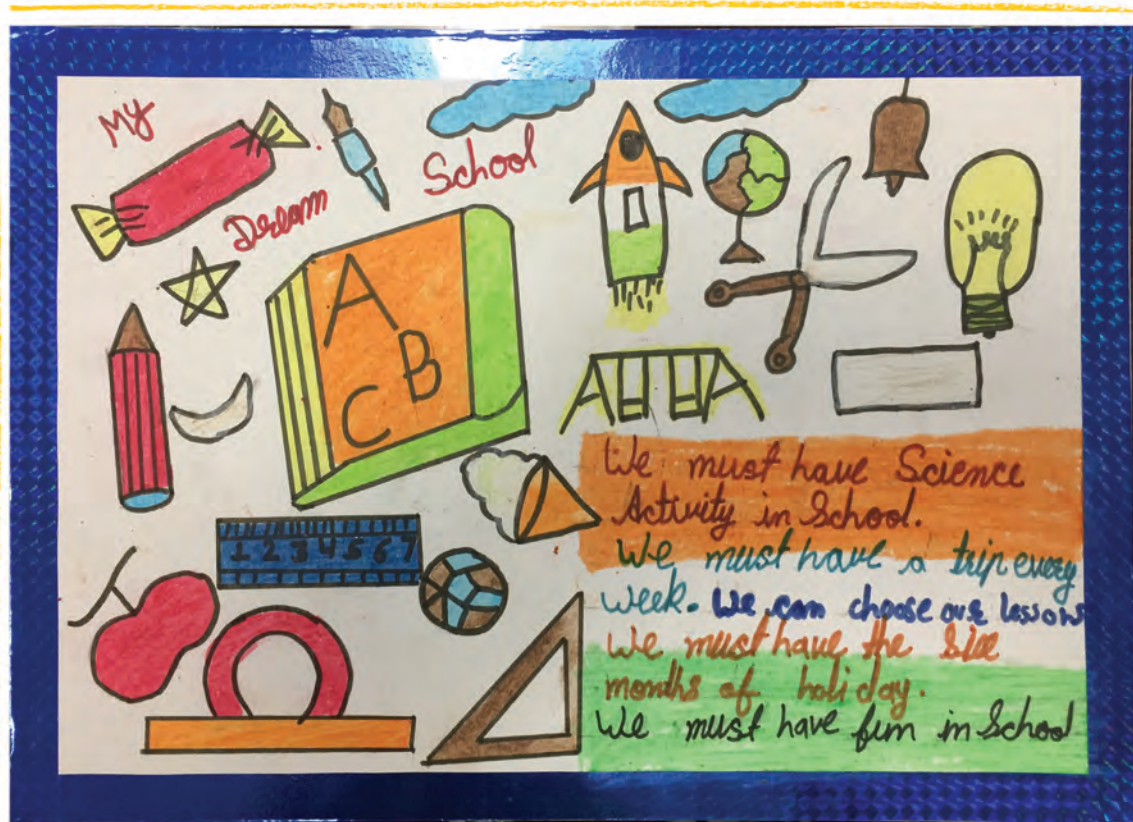


TECHNOLOGY

"Technology gives the quietest student a voice."

-Jerry Blumengarten

Technology is an important medium for us to keep pace with our times and to connect ourselves with the external world. Many of our schools still need computers and a constant source of energy to operate them. Though having a computer lab and smart classes is a distant dream, but at least a few working computers with internet connection will improve the education experience in our schools. Even our teachers make attempts to e-connect us in a small way through their mobile phones but we aspire to have fully functional computers in our school so that we can enjoy online education and also learn more about the world around us. In addition, this will make us employable as computer literacy has already become a must today.



It would be an honour for us if you could kindly share our voice with the entire nation and inform them of our dreams and aspirations. It is also our dream to have you visit our school in future and spend a day with us.

Senior Secondary Students Excel in Class X and XII CBSE Board Examinations



The first batch of Class XII students from Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Chogawan (Amritsar) and Class X students from five Satya Bharti Adarsh Senior Secondary Schools in Punjab (Chogawan, Fattubhila, Jhaneri, Rauni and Sherpur Kalan villages) excelled in the 2017 CBSE Board examinations.

Out of the 313 students of Class X, 28 students scored a perfect 10 CGPA, while 112 students scored grade A2 and above. Similarly, 28 students of Class XII, the first batch to appear for Class XII CBSE Exams, made their institution proud with their stellar results. Despite the challenge of belonging to underprivileged backgrounds, two students scored above 90% and one-third of the students scored over 70% marks.

“ It is a matter of great pride and joy for all of us at Bharti Foundation. The resounding success of the first batch of Class XII students bears testimony to the grit and determination of our students as much as the quality of education that is being provided by Satya Bharti Schools across rural India. ”

Vijay Chadda, CEO, Bharti Foundation

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