

Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership Transforms the Education Ecosystem through its ‘School Excellence Program’ in Surat

- The initiative has impacted over 2000 teachers and headmasters, leading to improved Student Learning Outcomes
- In Surat, the Cluster Resource Coordinators (CRCs) and Urban Resource Coordinators (URCs) contributed and collaborated with school headmasters to train and support the teaching community

Surat, July 13, 2018: Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership today celebrated the success of its ‘School Excellence Program’ that impacts over 2000 teachers, across over 258 schools in Surat and nearby villages. Launched in 2013, the School Excellence Program was introduced to address the need of improving student learning outcomes in Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) schools that were run by Nagar Prathmik Shikshan Samiti (NPSS). This event was held on the Graduation Day of the School Leadership Development Program (SLDP) in Surat, and was attended by Mr. Hasmukhlal Chatur Bhai Patel, Chairman, NPSS, Mr. Vimal Bhai Desai, Administrative Officer, NPSS, Ms. Nandita Raval, Director, Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership and Ms. Monal Jayaram, Director, Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership.

Commenting on this milestone, **Mr. Aditya Natraj, CEO, Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership** says, *“Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership believes in positively impacting the quality of education in public schools by empowering those who are closely associated with the education ecosystem. Over the years, we have undertaken several initiatives in the area of education leadership. We now have a team of inspiring Gandhi Fellows who have joined us in our earnest endeavor of improving India’s education system. Through such programmes, we strive to enhance student learning outcomes in schools across the country.”*

During the 4 years of this School Excellence Program, various training and fellowship initiatives were introduced to enhance the knowledge base of the teachers and headmasters, for imparting better education to students. For example, Teachers Instructional Practices and Processes System (TIPPS), one of the key initiatives undertaken by the Programme, recorded lesson deliveries by teachers for creating a peer learning environment through open feedback sessions. Tools such as ‘Building as Learning Aid’ (BaLA), were promoted in schools for a healthy learning environment. Libraries were set-up by the headmasters and teachers for inculcating reading habits which enriched the holistic learning and comprehension skills of students. Learning Centers were set-up for students for their lessons and homework after school, by engaging the community youth.

In collaboration with NPSS, several initiatives were implemented to increase the enrollment in schools, through participation in events such as ‘Pravesh Utsav’, where the Gandhi Fellows, with the support of headmasters and teachers performed ‘Nukkad Nataks’ and organized rallies. Implementation of the ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyan’ campaign sensitized the community dwellers on the awareness of health, hygiene and cleanliness.

About Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership (PFEL):

The Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership (PFEL), an initiative of the Piramal Foundation, has been crafting, implementing and offering leadership training programmes for school headmasters, youth and education administrators in the government system by collaboratively improving processes, deploying tools and integrating technology through various programmes. PFEL has expanded from 4 core programmes in 2008 to 6 in 2017.

PFEL has signed long-term MoUs with 12 states across India in collaboration with the state and central governments. PFEL believes in causing behaviour change at scale in government officials across the value chain. This is achieved by building Meaning, Learning, Joy and Pride along with improving processes and integrating technology in the government education system of India.

About Piramal Foundation:

Piramal Foundation is a Section 8 company that develops innovative solutions to resolve issues that are critical roadblocks towards unlocking India's economic potential. The Piramal Group's core values of Knowledge, Action Care and Impact guide the organisation in carrying out its responsibilities towards society. It believes that considerable positive change can occur when we collaborate with like-minded partners and nurture projects that are scalable, ensuring a long-term impact. In line with the Strategic Development Goals, the Piramal Foundation is focused on universal primary education, empowering women, reducing child mortality rates, improving maternal health and improving access to safe drinking water.

Recently, Piramal Foundation partnered with NITI Aayog to transform 25 aspirational districts across 7 states in India.

The Foundation currently works across 21 states and has impacted over 90 million lives, mostly in partnership with state governments. It has developed innovative approaches and programs in every vertical and has built strong partnerships with governments, technology partners and international organisations, including with Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, Harvard Graduate School of Education and World Diabetes Foundation. The projects are implemented through Piramal Swasthya, Piramal Sarvajal and Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership.

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