

Sampark Smart Class Program brings smiles to Uttarakhand

Partnership with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Government of Uttarakhand to enhance learning outcomes in Maths and English at Primary level

Dehradun, India, February 25th, 2016: Sampark Foundation in collaboration with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Government of Uttarakhand flagged off the implementation **Sampark Smart Class** Program across all government primary schools in Uttarakhand today. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Harish Rawat and Shri Vineet Nayar, Founder Chairman, Sampark foundation and Former CEO, HCL Technologies Ltd. announced the state-wide launch of the Sampark Smart Class Program.

With an investment of INR 40 crores from Sampark Foundation, the Sampark Smart Class Program is being successfully implemented in more than **12,000 primary government schools with 4.5 Lakh children** . The objective of this joint initiative is to ensure that 80% of children are able to do basic Math operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) and use 500 new words to speak and write in English after a year of implementation.

Sampark Smart Class Program for Math and English is a first of its kind that uses three new innovations – 1) 3D teaching learning aids, 2) Audio lessons with music and songs combined with 3) Stories and Games to make learning fun. This approach not only helps in creating excitement around learning but has also found worldwide acceptance.

On this occasion, **Shri Harish Rawat, Chief Minister, Uttarakhand after viewing the demonstration by children and students observed that,** *“The Sampark Smart Class approach is unique and a path breaking innovation. It will be an asset for our education system for years to come and bring in a revolution in the way maths and english is taught in our schools. I thank Sampark Foundation for investing in Uttrakhand and bringing this inovation to our children. I congratulate the entire team including our education department, for successfully rolling out the program in 12000 schools and wish all our teachers and our children in Sampark Smart Class program the very best.”*

Shri Vineet Nayar, Founder Chairman, Sampark Foundation said, *“We are glad to partner with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Government of Uttarakhand and invest Rs 40 cr in Sampark Smart Class transformation program in Uttrakhand. Both me and my wife are from Uttrakhand which makes this project a very specail one for us. The objective of the Sampark Smart Class Program is to ensure that every child in primary Government school performs much better than their private school counter parts because of committed teachers using Sampark Smart*

Class kit to bring in a new revolution in education and making learning fun."

In 2014 and 2015 the Sampark Smart Class program was implemented across 2000 schools and Sampark Foundation has trained more than 2500 teachers.

Shri Mantri Prasad Naithani, Education Minister, Uttarakhand inaugurated the Sampark Smart Class English Program said, *"Sampark Smart Class Program for Math and English is an integral part of learning improvement program of Government of Uttarakhand. The methodology and teaching learning materials they are providing to every government primary school is transforming the way children learn Math and English."*

In 2016-17 Sampark Foundation would 1) Train over 25,000 teachers on the Sampark Smart Class Maths and English 2) Distribute 25,000 Sampark Smart Class Maths and English kits 3) Monitor progress of all the children through "Sampark Smart Class APP" 4) Create a Education Quality resource group for Mathematics and English at the Block, District and State level to focus on improving learning outcomes of children in primary government schools through 40 Sampark Foundation master trainers located in each district alongside the state government leadership team.

About Sampark Foundation:

With 'Innovation led large scale social change' as the central idea, Sampark Foundation Founded by Vineet Nayar, Former CEO, HCL Technologies Ltd. and his wife Anupama Nayar, is impacting lives of 3 million children studying in 50,000 schools in Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Chhattisgarh; making it one of the world's largest primary school transformation initiatives by a Foundation.

The Problem.

It is estimated that out of **144 Million** children studying in **714,000** public funded schools in India over half cannot read simple English or recognize numbers beyond 99.

Our Goal: To significantly improve quality of education for 10 million of our children by 2020. Mr and Mrs Nayar have committed to invest INR 650 crores for promoting the cause of transformative learning through frugal innovation in Government Schools in India.

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