

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

TEACHER WARRIORS

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I pray to God every day and night to give our team the energy to pursue our dream projects and bring smiles to millions of faces

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- *Dr. Bharat Saran*

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Igniting the Flame of Knowledge

Meet the Changemaker

**Dr.
Bharat
Saran's
Drive for
Educational
Change**



Dr. Bharat Saran, born in Barmer district of Rajasthan, a desert where all kinds of resources are a dream. He experienced a childhood in a constraining environment. Government schools in the area lacked teachers, and the absence of career guidance further hindered educational opportunities. Growing up in an economically unstable background, where guidance and resources were scarce, Dr. Saran developed a deep-seated determination to bring about transformative change through education. Driven by a strong desire to become a doctor, Dr. Saran embarked on a journey of educational pursuit. After completing his 12th grade from a government school in 2003, he enrolled in a coaching institute in Kota, Rajasthan.

However, economic challenges persisted throughout his academic journey. In 2007, Dr. Saran secured admission to a BAMS college, where he delved into the study of Ayurveda. Simultaneously, he started providing tutoring services to financially disadvantaged students while preparing for medical entrance exams. His unwavering dedication paid off when he successfully cracked the medical entrance and secured admission to a government medical college in Kota to pursue MBBS.

Inspired by his own struggles and experiences, Dr. Saran felt a profound calling to support economically needy students who faced obstacles in continuing their education. This led to the establishment of Fifty Villagers Seva Sansthan in Barmer on May 25, 2012. The institute aims to provide free hostel facilities and educational support to orphaned students who have completed their secondary education.



Nurturing Dreams for a Brighter Future

At Fifty Villagers Seva Sansthan, the students don't have to worry about the fees to study. Dr. Saran has also nurtured an environment where students take on various responsibilities related to hostel administration, purchasing, accounting, cleanliness, and cooking. Through their daily interactions and exposure to the life experiences of dignified personalities, the students transform their lack of resources into personal strengths.

The institute's emphasis on exposure to dignified personalities allows the students to learn from real-life examples of resilience and success. They draw inspiration from individuals who have overcome challenges and achieved greatness in their respective fields. This exposure broadens the students' horizons and instills a sense of possibility and ambition within them. By witnessing firsthand the transformative power of determination and hard work, the students are encouraged to dream big and aspire for a brighter future, not just for themselves but for their entire community.

With each passing day, Fifty Villagers Seva Sansthan continues to be a catalyst for positive change in the lives of its students. Dr. Saran's unwavering commitment to providing quality education, fostering personal growth, and cultivating resilience has created an empowering educational ecosystem. Through the institute's unique approach, students are not just recipients of knowledge but active participants in their own transformation. Driven by their newfound skills, inspiration, and a sense of purpose, these students are equipped to break the cycle of limited opportunities and make a lasting impact on their lives and the world around them. Dr. Saran acknowledges the need for a balanced approach to education in the post-COVID era. While online resources have provided a lifeline during the pandemic, he emphasizes the importance of reinstating hands-on learning experiences and fostering a love for reading and exploration. Through targeted interventions and

creative teaching methods, Dr. Saran aims to reignite the students' passion for learning, encourage critical thinking, and restore a sense of wonder and curiosity in their educational journey.

As Dr. Saran reflects on the achievements and challenges of the past, he remains steadfast in his commitment to the mission of Fifty Villagers Seva Sansthan. With each passing year, he envisions expanding the institute's reach and impact, touching the lives of more economically disadvantaged students in need of educational opportunities. Dr. Saran aims to establish partnerships with like-minded organizations, leverage technology for enhanced learning experiences, and further empower the students to become change agents within their communities.

Dr. Saran's unwavering determination, coupled with the resilience and potential of the students, sets the stage for a future where every child, regardless of their background, can access quality education and thrive. Together, they are creating a ripple effect of inspiration and transformation, one that not only uplifts individual lives but also contributes to the overall progress and prosperity of society. As Dr. Saran and the Fifty Villagers Seva Sansthan community forge ahead, they remain driven by the belief that education is a powerful tool that can break barriers, create opportunities, and pave the way for a brighter and more inclusive future.



**DOCTOR'S INITIATIVE
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In the wake of the pandemic, every sector has felt the profound effects of the global crisis, and education has been no exception. The prolonged disruption in regular classes has had a significant impact on students’ learning and listening abilities. As a result, online learning became the prevalent method of instruction, reaching every home and individual. While it provided a convenient alternative during a time when physical classes were not possible, the widespread use of mobile phones and the internet has introduced new challenges and influences on young and impressionable minds.

Many children have experienced a range of negative consequences due to their exposure to social media and online platforms. Irritability, decreased concentration, eye problems, disrupted daily routines, compromised physical health, and a diminished sense of childhood happiness and peace have become prevalent. The early exposure to scenes, information, and concepts beyond their developmental readiness has resulted in the loss of innocence and the erosion of the joyous and carefree nature of childhood. Instead of engaging in real and factual education, many children have become increasingly distant from genuine learning and knowledge, falling prey to misleading information and baseless ideas that spread rapidly through social media channels.

The negative impact of social media and online platforms is further reflected in the diminishing habit of reading books, the loss of the ability to sit attentively, and a decrease in the overall enthusiasm to actively engage in meaningful activities. Moreover, the disruption caused by the pandemic has created a knowledge gap, making it challenging to teach higher-level subjects without a solid foundation built over the past two years. Dr. Saran recognizes the urgent need to address these issues and restore a balance in education, reinstating the importance of critical thinking, genuine human connection, and the development of essential skills beyond the confines of virtual spaces.

In response to the adverse effects of social media on school education, Dr. Saran envisions a renewed emphasis on nurturing a healthy relationship with technology and encouraging students to develop a discerning approach to online information. By promoting media literacy, digital well-being, and responsible use of social media, Dr. Saran aims to equip students with the skills and awareness needed to navigate the digital world effectively. Additionally, he emphasizes the importance of providing a supportive and engaging learning environment that fosters curiosity, critical thinking, and the joy of discovery.

Innovative Teaching Method

Dr. Bharat Saran's teaching methodology has proven to be highly successful in empowering students to excel in their academic pursuits. With a singular focus on Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, Dr. Saran dedicates his expertise to students in grades 11 and 12, as well as those aspiring to pursue a career in medicine through the NEET entrance exams. By conducting classes in both English and Hindi languages, Dr. Saran ensures that students have access to quality education regardless of their linguistic background.

Central to Dr. Saran's approach is the emphasis on using the NCERT books as the primary resource for learning, enabling students to develop a strong foundation in their subjects. He encourages active participation in class discussions and fosters an environment where students feel comfortable asking questions and seeking clarification. Dr. Saran's commitment to clearing doubts and addressing misconceptions is unwavering, ensuring that each student receives personalized attention and guidance throughout their educational journey.

Recognizing the significance of self-study, Dr. Saran instills in his students a deep understanding of its importance in the overall educational process. He encourages them to take ownership of their learning, providing them with the tools and resources necessary to engage in independent study and exploration. Dr. Saran believes that self-study cultivates critical thinking skills, nurtures a sense of curiosity, and fosters a lifelong love for learning.

The success of Dr. Saran's teaching methodology is evident in the achievements of his students. Many have gone on to excel in their respective fields, securing admissions in prestigious medical colleges, including the coveted AIIMS institutions. The transformation and growth observed in each student, irrespective of their background or circumstances, is a testament to Dr. Saran's dedication, expertise, and unwavering belief in their potential.

Through his innovative and student-centered approach, Dr. Saran continues to inspire and empower the next generation of medical professionals, instilling in them the necessary knowledge, skills, and confidence to make a meaningful impact in the field of healthcare. His passion for teaching, combined with his commitment to providing quality education, has not only shaped the academic success of his students but has also ignited a lifelong passion for learning and personal growth.

Achievements in Transforming Lives

Under Dr. Bharat Saran's exceptional guidance, Fifty Villagers Seva Sansthan has achieved remarkable success and transformation. The institute takes immense pride in the accomplishments of its students, as evidenced by the selection of 90 students for medical colleges, including an impressive 22 admissions to prestigious AIIMS colleges. It is worth noting that among these accomplished individuals, 23 come from fatherless families, while 11 are orphans, highlighting the institute's commitment to providing opportunities to the most vulnerable and marginalized sections of society.

The success stories emerging from the institute exemplify its inclusivity and impact on students from diverse backgrounds. The institute has become a beacon of hope for children from farming families, roadside workers, NREGA workers, tailors, orphans, and homeless children, offering them a chance at a brighter future. Not only has the institute paved the way for these students to pursue careers in medicine, but it has also opened doors to various government job opportunities, further empowering them to break the cycle of poverty and transform their lives.

Message of Wisdom for Students

Children hold a special place in our society as they are the VIPs of our nation. Their thoughts and aspirations, along with the choices they make, will shape the future of our country. Dr. Saran firmly believes in empowering children not only academically but also in fostering their character development. It is through this holistic approach that we can guide them to become not only successful professionals but also compassionate and responsible individuals who contribute positively to society.

Before embarking on their professional journeys, children should learn to take care of their own health and well-being, demonstrate respect and care for their parents, understand the dynamics of their families and communities, and direct their energy towards nation-building. Dr. Saran emphasizes the importance of instilling these values in his students, as he believes that a strong moral foundation is essential for their overall growth and success.

Call for Action

The Fifty Villagers Service Organization, founded by Dr. Saran, currently faces a debt of 22 lakhs, which has been fluctuating over the past several years. Recognizing the importance of community support, generous donors have come forward to help the organization in its mission to assist children in need. Those who wish to contribute to this noble cause can contact the organization directly. It is important to address the organization's current challenges, such as operating in a rented house, as the lack of a dedicated building and school infrastructure significantly impacts its ability to provide quality services. As the NEET 2023 results were announced on June 13, 2023, families of farmers and workers celebrated the success of their children, who had now become doctors.

Dr. Saran acknowledges the hard work and perseverance exhibited by these exceptional students, many of whom come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Their achievements inspire donations from compassionate individuals, and Dr. Saran expresses his gratitude for the collective efforts of the teachers, mentors, and kind-hearted donors who have supported the institute. However, he also highlights the pressing need to repay the institute's loan of lakhs, reminding us of the ongoing challenges and financial responsibilities that accompany the pursuit of educational empowerment.

