

#SmartSchools**HDFC Bank Parivartan Gives New Identity to 30 Government Schools in Uttar Pradesh**

- *Upgrades infrastructure, refurbishes classrooms in Varanasi district*
- *Partners with Ambuja Cement Foundation to launch this initiative*

Varanasi, June 28, 2023: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, under its CSR brand Parivartan, today announced that it has upgraded the infrastructure of 30 government schools in Varanasi district, Uttar Pradesh. The initiative, known as the 'Smart Schools Programme', will help establish state-of-the-art schools that are expected to benefit over 13,000 students across the district.

Mr Kaushal Raj Sharma, Divisional Commissioner and Mr. S. Rajalingam, District Magistrate, Varanasi inaugurated the 'Smart Schools Programme' at Composite School Harahua, Block Harahua, Varanasi. Launched under Parivartan's key focus area of education, the Smart Schools Programme promotes education among underprivileged students and brings modern learning experience in government schools located in rural areas. HDFC Bank has implemented the programme in Varanasi in partnership with Ambuja Cement Foundation.

Smart schools are equipped with superior IT infrastructure, teaching-learning materials, laboratories, and other necessary facilities. HDFC Bank's Smart Schools encapsulate the following five major components within the premises:

- Smart classrooms equipped with interactive panels, desks and benches for students
- Library
- Science Laboratory
- Drinking water facility (UV based) with hygienic platforms
- Toilets for boys and girls

"HDFC Bank Parivartan's goal is to contribute towards the socio-economic development of our society in order to bring a positive impact in the lives of local communities. Education is one of the key focus areas under Parivartan. The goal of the 'Smart Schools Programme' is

*to facilitate access to quality education for all and to create a conducive learning environment equipped with advanced teaching and learning capabilities, to create a bright future for our young citizens,” said Ms. **Nusrat Pathan, Head, CSR & ESG, HDFC Bank.***

The Bank’s various educational initiatives have impacted more than 2.10 crore students till date.

HDFC Bank was among the top CSR spenders in the country for the financial year ended March 2022. As on 31st March, 2022, the Bank spent Rs 736.01 crore on CSR initiatives. The Bank also expanded its impact by reaching more than 9.8 crore beneficiaries as of March 2023.

The Bank’s five pillars under Parivartan are Rural Development, Promotion of Education, Skill Training & Livelihood Enhancement, Healthcare & Hygiene, and Financial Literacy & Inclusion.

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