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IIFL Foundations brings 25000 out of schoolgirls back into the fold of education

IIFL Foundation, the CSR arm of financial conglomerate IIFL Group has brought 25,000 “out of schoolgirls” into the classrooms within just one year of the inception of the program ‘*Sakhiyon Ki Badi*’, or community school for out of schoolgirls in rural remote areas of Rajasthan. ‘*Sakhiyon Ki Badi*’, is one of the largest female literacy programs undertaken anywhere in India.

IIFL foundation also works on rehabilitation of government schools by improving the infrastructure, building additional classrooms and providing a digital classroom to facilitate state of art education to the children in remote areas. At the inauguration of one such school in *Kadechavas* of Udaipur district on Saturday, **Home Minister Shri Gulab Singh Kataria** said, “We appreciate the work by IIFL Foundation and promise to extend them all the support to their literacy initiative for girl children in remote areas of Rajasthan. We wish them very best for their efforts.”

Ms Madhu Jain, Director, IIFL Foundation said, “We have started our initiatives in South Rajasthan and aim to reach the whole state and ensure that every single girl child attends school education. The government and local communities have been extremely supportive and have helped us expand at a rapid pace made our initiative successful.”

India is home to millions of illiterate and out of schoolgirls. Rajasthan alone has about 10 lac out of school girl children, as per 2011 census. Multiple problems keep girls away from education including household responsibilities, absence of schools in remote areas and parents not being interested in sending girl children to schools.

IIFL Foundation’s ‘*Sakhiyon Ki Badi*’ community school for girls has a mission to provide best in class education to the illiterate and out of school girls in remote and rural Rajasthan as per their convenient time and location.

“In the last one year we have mobilised out of school girls, identified locations, organised massive teachers training camps, created simple and interesting training booklets for easy learning.” Said Ms Jain.



IIFL has also installed smart classroom equipment which facilitates creative interactive learning through digital boards.

IIFL Foundation runs one of India's largest Corporate Social Responsibility programs in the areas of girl child education, financial literacy, health, water conservation, livelihood intervention and support during disasters. The foundation has received accolades across national and international forums including the prestigious Golden Peacock Award, Global CSR Congress, CSR Summit, Asia One CSR Awards among others. Director Ms Madhu Jain has been felicitated as one of the Women CSR Leaders at the Global CSR Congress.

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