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IIFL Foundation celebrates three national awards for 'Sakhion Ki Baadi' program -
India's largest girl child literacy program in Rajasthan has brought over 36,000 out-of-school girls into education fold

IIFL Foundation which runs *Sakhion Ki Baadi* (SKB) - one of India's largest girl child literacy programs in Rajasthan and has brought over 36,000 out-of-school girls into education fold, recently celebrated their fourth year of operations with three wins at **National Awards for Excellence in CSR and Sustainability**.

IIFL Foundation received the award for '*Outstanding Contribution to the Cause of Education*', while its **Sakhion Ki Baadi program** received the '*Best CSR Impact Initiative Award*' and **IIFL Foundation's Director, Ms Madhu Jain** received the '*CSR Leadership Award*'.

To celebrate the occasion children and teachers from over 1100 Sakhion Ki Baadi schools joined through both online and offline modes and presented their creativity.

Ms. Madhu Jain, Director, IIFL Foundation said, "These awards recognise the hard work put by all the students, teachers, coordinators and even village community from interiors of Rajasthan. This has motivated each of us to get closer to our dream of ensuring 100% girl child literacy in Rajasthan, working in close coordination with the state government."

"We saw some excellent performances by our students which included poetry, dance, music and recitation. Teachers and village elders also participated. It seemed like a large family is celebrating."

Kanku Gameti one student from Bhillwada said, "I enjoyed dancing with my friends, everyone saw our dance on their mobile phone. Even I saw the program by Sakhion Ki Baadi team on mobile. Madam loved our dance. Me and my friends come to Sakhion Ki Baadi every day, our teacher (learning facilitator) teaches and plays with us."

Sita Devi, Daksha from Kalyanipura, Ramsar said, "I've been conducting IIFL Foundation's Sakhion Ki Baadi center in Mavasiya gram panchayat of Ajmer District since November 2018. I'm very happy to know that our work has been appreciated at National platform, as we received 3 awards. While conducting this female literacy center, I got the opportunity to learn a lot and this work also



provided financial support. Girls loved the online celebration that was organised to celebrate the receipt of this award. I'm proud to be a part of this initiative.”

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