

Renovated government school and programs empower students

With support from Fluor Daniel India Private Limited, Sehgal Foundation implemented a school renovation project in Bukharaka village in Nagina block, Nuh district, Haryana. The work, initiated in January 2018, will produce a healthy and safe learning environment for 320 students.

The foundation team joined with the village community and the representatives from Fluor Daniel India Pvt. Ltd. to inaugurate the renovation project on August 21, 2018, on the school premises. Key interventions completed under the project include repair of existing structural weaknesses of the building, creating new and necessary infrastructure, and providing a safe and child-friendly environment that encourages physical and intellectual development. The team conducted awareness workshops with students and teachers on the importance of water, sanitation and hygiene, and on how to maintain the infrastructure created. The project team built the capacities of the School Management Committee (SMC) of Bukharaka School to take responsibility for maintaining the school infrastructure beyond the project duration. Community members, teachers, SMC, and panchayat members contributed a total of Rs 50,000 for the maintenance of the infrastructure. The community funded the groundbreaking ceremony and the excavation activity for the boundary wall.



Mr. Arun Kumar Jain addressing the students at the inauguration event

Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, managing director, Fluor Daniel India Pvt. Ltd. and District Education Officer, Nuh, Mr. Ram Kumar Salwal graced the occasion. Also present were Mr. Ajay Kumar Pandey, chief executive officer, and Ms. Anjali Makhija, director, Strengthening Village-Level Institutions, Sehgal Foundation; block education officer, Mr. Abdul Rehman Khan; and community members, students, and teachers.

Mr. Salwal shared that "it is our responsibility to give a conducive learning environment to children, as they are the future of our country." He was happy to see the changes at the school. Mr. Jain congratulated the panchayat and school authorities for supporting the teams in implementing the project, without which it would not have been a success.

The renewed vigor and increased awareness of the school management authorities assures the sustainability of the project interventions. Schoolchildren

are eager to use the revamped facility and participate in the new programs in life skills, digital literacy, and good rural governance.

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