

Piramal Foundation of Education Leadership (PFEL) aims to impact 400 schools at Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan under its newly launched District Leadership Development Program (DLDP) program

Mumbai, 26th March, 2015: Piramal Foundation of Education Leadership (PFEL) announces the launch of the **District Leadership Development Program (DLDP)**, which will leverage the experience of the Principal Leadership Training Program (PLDP) to the entire hierarchy of the educational system. Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership (PFEL) has been organising the Principal Leadership Training Program (PLDP) for the past 7 years in Rajasthan and with DLDP it aims to impact an entire education cadre.

As a pilot program, DLDP works with 40 Resource Person (RPs) of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) in 8 blocks of Jhunjhunu District, Rajasthan. The program, which aims to impact 400 schools in its first year i.e. 2015-16, will later be extended to other districts of the state as well. The two important aspects of this program are field support by PFEL staff and workshops for the Resource Person (RPs) who will be encouraged to work as an academic mentor to the principals and teachers. In the past few months, PFEL has conducted the following activities:

- A 4 days' workshop with all district education officers in Jhunjhunu
- A 6 days' workshop for 265 teachers in 6 blocks of Churu/Jhunjhunu
- Supported SSA in pedagogical sessions of Math and Language for all teachers in 5 blocks
- One RP workshop enabling Education Leaders for improving learning outcome chaired by Additional District Magistrate in Churu
- Hosted a meeting for Union Human Resource Department Minister Mr. Upendra Kushwaha to give him an insight about PFEL programs

Mr. Aditya Natraj, CEO – PFEL says, "This program will enable government officials, Cluster Resource Co-ordinators and Supervisors to develop the mind-sets, leadership skills and relevant knowledge required to improve quality and inclusiveness in schools. Through this program one Resource Person (RP) can impact 10 Principals. This program aims to create Education Leaders who can drive change, inspire people, build consensus and work in teams to improve learning outcome of the students which will result in demonstrating model schools that are able to achieve enrolment and retention targets assertively by exponentially changing the Learning Outcomes of the students. With this initiative, we look forward to creating a positive impact on an entire education cadre."

PFEL invests in early mentoring and continuous professional development of education officers. Learning material is designed to offer guidance materials to practise valuable mentoring and engage motivated officials on strategic planning for respective ward/block. DLDP will foster comprehensive growth in learning outcome of children. Along with improved learning level, the program will engage children to write and solve complex math problems. Daily field-support and expert coaching will assure quality and sustainability across the public education system by building capacity of the engaged government education officials.

About Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership (PFEL)

PFEL offers in-service and pre-service leadership training programmes for school heads and education administrators in the government system. PFEL partners with school heads (head teachers, headmasters, principals) to turn around their failing schools through a three-year part-time programme that includes workshops and on-site coaching. Currently, interventions are on in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Simultaneously, PFEL runs an intense 24-month youth leadership development programme that helps talented youngsters develop skills that can cause positive, exponential and a lasting change in society. In December 2013, PFEL launched the Piramal School of Leadership at Bagar. A world-class training facility, it offers accredited programmes for higher studies in leadership.

The next five year's vision is to build the leadership capabilities of 10,000 public schools and 1,000 fellows who can impact a million lives each, creating educators capable of delivering on 21st century competencies.

About Piramal Foundation:

Piramal Foundation formally started in the year 2007. Today it addresses key issues in the sectors of Healthcare (Piramal Swasthya), Safe Drinking Water (Piramal Sarvajal), Education (Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership), Youth Empowerment (Piramal Fellowship) and Livelihood Creation (Piramal Udgam). It operates across 19 states in India, directly employs over 1800 people and impacts the lives of over 44 million.

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