

Piramal Foundation Partners with District Administration and NITI Aayog to Improve Quality of Education in Aspirational District of Narmada, Gujarat

- *Signs Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to improve education indicators identified by NITI Aayog, in the Aspirational District of Narmada*
- *Aims to provide support to State Government and District Administration to improve learning outcomes of children through multiple interventions largely focussing on Learning Outcomes and Transition Rate*

Narmada, Gujarat | July 18, 2019: Piramal Foundation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **District Administration, Narmada and Central Prabhari (Government of India)** to improve the education indicators identified by NITI Aayog, in the Aspirational District of Narmada, Gujarat.

Shri. R. P. Gupta, Central Prabhari (Government of India) and Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog, Government of India, Shri. I. K. Patel, District Collector of Narmada, Government of Gujarat, Shri. Hiren Vyas, Resident Additional Collector, and Mr. Manmohan Singh, Director, Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership graced the occasion.

As per the MoU, Piramal Foundation will support the State Government and District Administration in leadership and professional development of individuals within the Education Department, through multiple channels of intervention, with a focus on two indicators – Learning Outcomes and Transition Rate. Major intervention activities include Coach and Facilitator Development, Planning and Governance Support, School Process Improvement, Demonstration School and Community Engagement.

Mr. Manmohan Singh, Director, Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership said, “We are delighted to collaborate with the District Administration of Narmada, Government of Gujarat, and NITI Aayog, to improve learning outcomes in Government schools of Narmada. Piramal Foundation provides empathy, care, professional learning and awareness to teachers, education functionaries, officials at cluster, block, district level, community members and other government officials through the use of technology, via a Virtual Field Support (VFS) Centre”.

Speaking on the occasion, **Shri. R. P. Gupta, Central Prabhari (Government of India) and Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog, Government of India**, said, “We are committed to provide quality education facilities to children through different schemes and motivational programs along with institutional and systematic reforms. The staff of District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Gujarat Council of Educational Research and Training (GCERT), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and District Education Department are doing commendable work, but we always learn from others. Piramal Foundation is doing exceptional work to improve learning outcomes of students and we are happy to sign this MOU with them.”

Shri. I. K. Patel, District Collector of Narmada, Government of Gujarat, stated, “We are happy to collaborate with Piramal Foundation to provide quality education to students in Narmada and improve education indicators in Government schools.”

To improve student learning outcomes, Piramal Foundation has collaborated with Narmada District Administration to develop demonstration schools and create best example of public schooling, create learning environment in classrooms and schools, build capacity of Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs) and Block Resource Centres (BRCs) on academic coaching and school processes to enhance teacher

capabilities, and initiate Jan Andolan (people's movement) to re-instate community trust and faith in government schools.

About Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership (PFEL):

Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership (PFEL), an initiative of Piramal Foundation, is a change management organisation that aims to improve learning outcomes of students, by transforming Education Leadership at State, District and School level, in partnership with District, State and Central Governments.

PFEL catalyses behaviour change at scale, through building Meaning, Learning, Joy and Pride and supporting government officials to improve processes, deploy tools and integrate technology. It enables government officials across the value chain, to develop mindsets, leadership skills, and knowledge to improve the quality of learning imparted to children.

Through its flagship Gandhi Fellowship, an intensive two-year youth leadership development programme, PFEL enables talented and committed youth to re-envision India, articulate problems, and develop solutions, with an aim to create a pipeline of nation builders who can cause large scale social and public systems change. PFEL is currently present in 14 States across 50,000+ schools, impacting 50 Million+ lives across India.

About Piramal Foundation:

Piramal Foundation is a Section 8 company that develops innovative solutions to resolve issues that are critical roadblocks towards unlocking India's economic potential. The Piramal Group's core values of Knowledge, Action Care and Impact guide the organisation in carrying out its responsibilities towards society. It believes that considerable positive change can occur when we collaborate with like-minded partners and nurture projects that are scalable, ensuring a long-term impact. In line with the Strategic Development Goals, the Piramal Foundation is focused on universal primary education, empowering women, reducing child mortality rates, improving maternal health and improving access to safe drinking water.

Piramal Foundation has partnered with NITI Aayog, India's foremost think-tank, in 25 Aspirational Districts across 7 states in India, to improve human development indicators across Healthcare & Nutrition and Education.

The Foundation currently works across 25 states and has impacted over 90 million lives, mostly in partnership with state governments. It has developed innovative approaches and programs in every vertical and has built strong partnerships with governments, technology partners and international organisations, including with Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, Harvard Graduate School of Education and World Diabetes Foundation. The projects are implemented through Piramal Swasthya, Piramal Sarvajal and Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership.

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