

## Press Release

### Free Cycle Distribution by Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation

122 girls are benefitted through this noble scheme

**New Delhi, 17/11/2016:** Maintaining its sustained effort for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation (VGCF), a non-profit organization based at New Delhi, distributed free cycles to all girl students (above twelve years) of Ramrati Education Complex (REC). This year 122 cycles were dispensed in a simple but impressive function graced by Mr Deepak Meena, Chief Development Officer, Saharanpur as Chief Guest and Mr R K Gupta, SDM, Rampur Maniharan as the Guest of Honour at the campus.

REC is run by the foundation with a noble objective of imparting quality education to the next generation, especially girl child of backward and rural areas. The complex comprises of Bill Clinton School (BCS), Hillary Clinton Nursing School (HCNS) and Ram Rati Institute of Technology in a sprawling campus with state of the art facilities. In a short span of time, it has attained remarkable name and fame across the country. Here, students from different parts of the country can be found in a joyful co-existence with local students.

Since three years, the foundation has been distributing bi-cycles to girl students of Hillary Clinton Nursing School and Bill Clinton School with the sole objective to create a sense of self confidence as well as economic freedom among village girls to come to school for their education. It has been a great help to beneficiaries to reach school from far-off areas. This year 83 and 39 cycles were handed over among new first year students of HCNS and BCS respectively.

"I am very much impressed by this gracious effort of the foundation. This kind of support will definitely encourage village students to continue their study. All parents should take advantage of this facility and send their children to school," said Mr Meena in his address to students on this occasion. Mr Gupta and other distinguished guests also praised the foundation and its noble initiatives in providing quality education to rural youth.

Ms Rajkamal Saxena, President, REC read out the message sent by Mr AD Sharma, Chairman, VGCF – "I congratulate all the girls who were benefitted today. Since its initiation, REC has always worked upon how to uplift the socio-economical status of girls of this area. I hope these bi-cycles will encourage them in a great way to continue their study and therefore their future will be secured." At last, she extended vote of thanks to the guests on behalf of Ramrati Education Complex.

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#### **About Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation:**

Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation, in short VGCF, is an amalgam of devoted hands and strong minds for providing outstanding quality education to the next generation. The overarching aim of the foundation is to empower women and girls of marginalised groups through sustainable initiatives in the field of education, which will enable them to be economically and socially secure. It was started as a society under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1960 in Delhi on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1997. The foundation is first in introducing non-technical education in IIT, Kharagpur. Vinod

Gupta School of Management and Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law are such significant projects set up by the foundation in IIT, Kharagpur. Besides this, many educational institutions were established and run through charity activities of the foundation. While Ramrati Education Complex at Rampur Maniharan in Saharanpur Dist is run by the foundation itself, Dr Gire Lal Gupta School for Public Health and Dr Shanker Dayal Sharma Institute of Democracy in the campus of Lucknow University were established by the foundation and subsequently handed over to the university.

The foundation is named after its founder Mr Vinod Gupta, an NRI and now a well established entrepreneur in United States of America. He was born on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1946 in Rampur Maniharan, Uttar Pradesh and after completing his B tech from IIT, Kharagpur, he left for America to pursue his higher education and then permanently settled there. The Board of Governors of the foundation comprises of eminent people. The Chairman, Mr Ashutosh Dayal Sharma is the Chairman of Quest V.C Pvt Ltd and son of former President of India Dr Shanker Dayal Sharma, and Mr BK Goswami, Member Board of Governors and its first Chairman, is a Retd IAS and former Chief Advisor to Govt of UP and J&K.