

Press Release

A State-of-the-art Science Block to come up in rural UP with an investment over Rs. 8 crore by Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation

- Mr Anil Swarup Secretary, MHRD Visits REC located in Saharanpur to Lay the Foundation Stone of the Science Block
- Board Members of VGCF including the founder Mr Vinod Gupta and the Chairman, Mr A D Sharma attend the event
- Free cycles distributed among 151 girl students on the occasion

New Delhi, 24/10/2017: Maintaining its sustained effort to improve educational infrastructure in rural India, Vinod Gupta Charitable Foundation (VGCF), a non-profit organization, will construct a modern and hi-tech Science Block with all sophisticated laboratory facilities at Ramrati Education Complex (REC) in Saharanpur District of Uttar Pradesh. The foundation will invest more than Rs. 8 crore over the next three years in the said Science Block to make it fully operational.

By attending its foundation stone-laying ceremony as the Chief Guest at REC, Mr Anil Swarup (IAS), Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of HRD put the foundation stone of the block today. The ceremony was also graced by the distinguished Board Members of VGCF including its Founder Mr Vinod Gupta and Chairman Mr Ashutosh Dayal Sharma.

The Science Block, once constructed will be only one of its kind in Uttar Pradesh. It will have the state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, and will provide opportunity to carry out science experiments and project work not only to the students of REC but also to the students of surrounding areas. As per the foundation sources, the Science Block will possess modern science apparatus and equipment of international standard by opening up scope to rural youths for better understanding of science education.

On this occasion, free cycles were dispensed among 151 girl students by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. Since four years, VGCF has been distributing bicycles to all girl students (Above 12 years) 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.

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 now 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 India. Here, students from different parts of the country can be found in a joyful co-existence with local students.

“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 Swarup in his address to students on this occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Founder, Mr Gupta said, "I congratulate all the girls who were benefited today. Since its initiation, REC has always worked upon how to uplift the socio-economic 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." Other distinguished guests also praised the foundation and its noble initiatives in providing quality education to rural youth.

Extending vote of thanks, at the end of the event, Mr Sharma, Chairman, VGCF conveyed his thankfulness to all the eminent guests for devoting their valuable time and visiting the campus and all those involved in making the event a grand success. He wished bright career and good health to students pursuing their study at REC.

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 4th 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 GiriLal Gupta School for Public Health and Dr ShankerDayal Sharma Institute of Democracy in the campus of Lucknow University were established by the foundation and subsequently handed over to the university.

VGCF is also actively involved in conservation of wild life in the country. It has significant contribution at Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan, and has provided funds and materials to upgrade vigilance and forest intelligence in the reserve. Besides this, VGCF has constructed facilities for staffs, tourists and wild animals there.

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 4th 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 AshutoshDayal Sharma is the Chairman of Quest V.C Pvt Ltd and son of former President of India Dr ShankerDayal 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.