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TEAM ADANI FOUNDATION

Foundation for tomorrow's leaders

Teaching life skills to tribals, fighting anaemia, setting up schools for less privileged children — this 300–plus team is transforming lives across the country

We just met a kid who was fervently arguing about the importance of gender equality. The kid was amazingly self-assured. When asked about his background, he confidently said his mother was a domestic servant. The kid — who left all others behind in knowledge, confidence, etiquette and aspirations —said he was a student at Adani Vidya Mandir.

Mirror got to know that the school is just one of the many activities undertaken by the Adani Foundation. At present there are three such schools in India.

The Foundation chairperson, Dr Priti G Adani, is an exemplary illustration of simplicity, grace and professionalism. "The Foundation has taken giant leaps in serving the nation – from organisational efforts to mass movements, from limited geographies to more than 4 lakh families and from confined commitments to seamless services. I acknowledge the untiring efforts of the entire team of Foundation for making this feat reachable," says Dr Adani.

There is an Ethiopian phrase: If a spider web is thick, it can even tie a lion. The gist of this adage is at the core of the Foundation's functioning. Led by Dr Adani, the team of 308 employees has transformed lives of scores of underprivileged people across 12 states since July 22, 1996 when it was set up. The Foundation has 21 active sites, existence in 1,277 villages and two census towns (which is not statutorily notified and administered as a town, but nevertheless whose population has attained urban characteristics) covering population of 10.69 lakh.

Executive Director P N Roy Chowdhury who has been fabulously leading the Foundation tells how the first batch of fishermen's children have passed their SSC from the school in Bhadreshwar and see big dreams. He says, "Our Foundation's Cloud 9 moments are the smiles and dreams of our beneficiaries. Whether it is training tribals to tailor or fighting against anaemia or malnutrition, whatever activity the Foundation takes up, it ensures it takes a 360-degree approach towards it."

The team has also helped build checkdams in Tiroda, Maharashtra where the company has power plant. More power to Adani Foundation!