

CASE STORY: Transforming Teaching & Learning at AGS Krusan through Bharti Airtel Foundation

The journey of AGS Krusan with the Bharti Airtel Foundation has been one of meaningful growth, renewed purpose, and powerful transformation. Over the past months, the school has witnessed a remarkable shift in how teachers approach teaching and how students engage with learning. This change began when AGS Krusan entered the **TLM Era (Teaching–Learning Materials Era)** a phase that introduced hands-on, activity-based, and child-centered learning to classrooms.

Teachers, guided by the Academic Mentor, participated in multiple TLM workshops where they explored how simple, locally available materials could convert abstract concepts into clear, experiential learning. These sessions focused not only on the creation of TLMs but also on improving lesson delivery, increasing student participation, and designing joyful and meaningful learning environments. The teachers felt empowered, motivated, and ready to adopt practices that were more innovative and effective.

Among these teachers, **Riffat Ma'am**, a dedicated Mathematics educator, emerged as an inspiring example. She represented AGS Krusan at the **ERA – Education Rockstar Achievers Award Program in Pahalgam**, where she showcased her TLMs with confidence. The experience deeply influenced her professional identity.



Riffat Hassan (A mathematics Teacher at AGS Krusan) Reflection

“I used to teach Mathematics in a very traditional way. But after joining the ERA programme at Pahalgam, where I showcased my TLMs, everything changed for me. The platform given by Bharti Airtel Foundation helped me understand the true power of TLMs. My entire teaching practice transformed. Today, I focus more on helping students understand concepts through the TLM way—it has made my classroom more alive and meaningful.”

Her transformation inspired her colleagues and led to a culture where TLM-based teaching became a standard and sustained practice rather than an occasional activity. She now supports other teachers in designing materials, planning interactive lessons, and ensuring that every child gets the opportunity to learn by doing.

Another valuable voice in this journey is **Rayees Ahmad Mir** (the Social Science teacher at AGS Krusan). For him, the TLM era opened a new dimension in teaching.

Quote from Rayees Ahmad Mir

“Through the Bharti Airtel Foundation, we came to know about a world full of possibilities. Earlier, our teaching was bound by textbooks. Now we use TLMs, visuals, models, and activities—our classes are more engaging, and students understand better.”



While teachers stepped into a new world of pedagogy, students also entered a new world of creativity, innovation, and exposure. One such story is that of **Mir Lairaba**, a bright and sincere student whose educational journey took a new direction through the foundation's interventions. She regularly attended classes but had limited exposure to the world of innovation. Everything changed when she interacted with the Academic Mentor and learned about **InnoFest**, a platform encouraging young minds to think creatively and solve real-life problems.

Participating in InnoFest helped Lairaba discover the importance of innovation, problem-solving, and creative thinking. The event introduced her to possibilities she had never imagined before.

Lairaba's Words

"Before the mentor from Bharti Airtel Foundation guided us, I didn't know such opportunities existed. At InnoFest, I realised how important innovation is. It opened my mind. I even submitted my own idea to the Young Creator League (YCL). I am hopeful it will be selected so I can represent AGS Krusan at the national level."



Her excitement and enthusiasm have encouraged many other students in the school to think beyond the boundaries of textbooks and explore the world of creativity and new ideas.

Conclusion

The transformation at AGS Krusan stands as a powerful example of how continuous mentoring, exposure, and teacher capacity building can uplift an entire school community. Through the Bharti Airtel Foundation, teachers have discovered new ways of making concepts meaningful, and students have stepped into the world of innovation and possibility. Today, AGS Krusan is not just a school—it is a growing hub of creativity, active learning, and future-ready education.