

Strengthening the educational infrastructure of rural and semi urban Andhra Pradesh

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India has always been a land of rural dominance. The need to empower the rural sectors of the country in the modern age of technology and industrialization, thus assumes the highest priority. In sync with this need, the Finolex Group has decided to set up the Mohini Chhabria School - a fully residential secondary school, in Settigunta near Tirupati; to provide quality education to academically brilliant children belonging to rural and semi urban areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Settigunta, near Tirupati, is a rural establishment, which needs Institutions of higher education. The Government of Andhra Pradesh invited the Finolex Group to set up an educational institution, which will cater to this requirement. The Government allocated a 50acre land in Settigunta near Tirupati to achieve this goal. To provide quality education to academically brilliant children belonging to rural and semi urban areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh, the group is establishing the Mohini Chhabria School.

This fully residential English medium school will cater from std. VI to std XII and will follow the widely accepted CBSE syllabus which will broaden the scope of opportunities for students educated in this school. The faculty of the school will help the students train to meet the stringent demands of this competitive syllabus.

The foundation stone of the Mohini Chhabria School was laid at 9:00 am on the 18th of April 2008 at Settigunta near Tirupati by the Honorable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Y S Rajasekhara Reddy Garu. Also present during the ceremony was Shri. P.P Chhabria, Chairman, Finolex Group and Mr. Sridhar Reddy, Vice President Marketing, Finolex.

The Chief Guests for the ceremony were

Smt. Galla Aruna Kumari - Hon'le Minister for Medical Education & Health Insurance
Sri. Damodar Rajanarasimha - Hon'le Minister for School Education
Sri. R. Damodar Reddy - Hon'le Minister for IT & Communication, Youth Services and Sports
Smt. Devireddy Jyothi Reddy - Hon'le ZP Chairperson, Kadapa
Dr. C. S. Rao - Adviser to the Govt and CEO, Apinvest
Sri C. Ramachandraiah - Hon'le Member of Parliament (Rajyasabha)
Sri M. V. Mysoora Reddy - Hon'le Member of Parliament (Rajyasabha)
Sri. A. Sai Prathap - Hon'le Member of Parliament, Rajampet
Sri. B. Chengalrayudu - Hon'le MLC
Dr. G. Venkateswaraprasad - Hon'le MLA, Kodur
Dr. CBS Venkataramana - Principal Secretary to Govt, School Education Dept.
Sri. M. T. Krishna Babu - Collector, Kadapa
Sri. G. A. Hemanath - District Education Officer, Kadapa
Sri. K. Eswaraiah - Hon'le MPP, Kodur
Sri B. Nagaraja Prasad - Hon'le ZPTC, Kodur
Sri S. Khaleel - Hon'le MPTC, Settigunta
Sri.B.Bhaskar Rao - Hon'le Sarpanch, Settigunta

Other Education Institutions set up by Finolex

Besides the Mohini Chhabria School, the Group has also set up Finolex Academy of Management and Technology (FAMT) in Ratnagiri. FAMT is an engineering college which offers high class education in advanced fields of engineering and technology to the rural masses of Ratnagiri.

The Finolex Group has set up International Institute of Information Technology in Pune, for research, development and education in the field of IT and other other advanced technologies. This institute has been dedicated to the service of the nation by the then President of India Hon'ble Dr. Abdul Kalam on 28 May 2003.

Considering the need of backward integration in education, specifically for the rural areas around Ratnagiri the Finolex Group has decided to establish an educational complex on Ratnagiri – Pawas Road which will offer education from KG to XII std (HSC) in English medium adopting CBSE curriculum. The prime goal of this establishment will be to equip the child of rural India to step and streamline himself with the ever expanding industrial growth.

To enhance the technical skills of the students of Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Finolex has adopted three ITIs namely ITI (boys) Ratnagiri, ITI (girls) Ratnagiri and ITI, Lonawala in response to the scheme framed by Govt. of

India and Govt. of Maharashtra. In the coming years the existing facilities inclusive of infrastructure and environment will be upgraded. The faculty will be trained not only in the acquisition of modern technical skills but also personality development.

The group believes; if the nation has to progress as one unit, the responsibility of educating the masses, ought to be shared collectively between the government bodies and the corporate giants. To this effect the Finolex Group shall strive to bring the light of social upliftment to rural India.

Finolex Group

The Finolex Group is one of India's leading industrial groups and has interests spanning over several areas such as power, communications, petrochemicals and agriculture. Started in 1958 by P.P Chhabria and K.P Chhabria, the Finolex brand is synonymous with superior quality. Their relentless quest for growth saw the brothers establishing Finolex Industries Limited in 1981. Following a public offering in July 1983, Finolex Cables Limited, the flagship company of the group, embarked on a continuous process of expansion and modernization which enabled it to become the most diversified largest cable manufacturer in the country. Today the Group turnover exceeds Rs.20 Billion (about US \$ 450 million).

Having industries located in Pune, Urse, Ratnagiri, Goa and in Uttaranchal, the Finolex Group fully comprehends the stringent need for social progress in the rural and semi urban areas. It already has plans underway to establish a hospital complex, in Pawas, in rural Ratnagiri to cater to the medical demands of the local citizens. The key focus of the group however continues to remain education.