

Pearls in the Field

It was a sunny morning in 1996 when Mr Rajinder Gupta, the MD of Trident Industries, watched gleefully the full grown wheat ready for harvesting at Sanghera village in Barnala, opposite to Trident. A drive on the Raikot road from Barnala to Ludhiana would draw any one's attention

owing to the vast stretch of green fields and wheat stalks swaying gently in the breeze and the yellow colour of



the mustard flowers. Much of it is today being replaced by concrete structures. Looking at these fields, Mr Rajinder Gupta was transported into another world and at once dreamt of children dressed in colourful uniforms running in wild abandonment in the fields and entering into a temple of learning. 'I dream and I do' is the watch word of Trident, India. He wanted to have this temple of education in Barnala without delay for he had seen the impact of Sacred Heart Convent School in Ludhiana. Such a school would also provide better educational facilities

for the children of Trident employees. Hence he shared this dream of starting a Sacred Heart Convent School close to Trident at Barnala with Sr Chantal who was at that time the Principal of Sacred Heart Convent School, Ludhiana.

Years rolled by, but his dream remained a dream. Meanwhile Sr Helima took over as the Principal of Sacred Heart. Mr Rajinder Gupta, once again shared his cherished dream of starting a Convent School at Barnala, with Sr Helima. She, along with Sr Maria Leena and Sr Chantal, the former Principals of Sacred Heart Ludhiana, placed the request of Mr Rajinder Gupta, before Sr Nora, the Corporate Manager of Bethany Educational Society. Sr Nora sought the permission of Sr Jyoti, the Superior General and President of Bethany Educational Society and with her blessings, Sacred Heart Convent School Barnala saw its beginning under the leadership of Sr Nora. Mr Rajinder Gupta welcomed the Sisters with open arms and felt satisfied that his dream was at last realized.



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