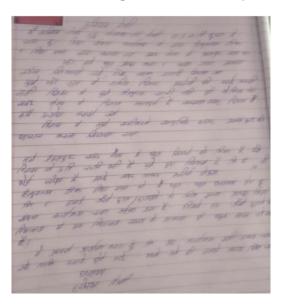
Overcoming fears

Hariram Teli, son of Kailash ji Teli, lives in Hurda Bhilwara and studies in Class X in Government Secondary School, Hurda. He persistently faced difficulties in Science especially Chemistry and Physics. In Chemistry, he used to get scared seeing chemical equations and element symbols. This situation of him was evident even in the IX standard where he only scored 82 marks out of 200.

Hariram was one of the few 5 students selected to come to Udaipur for a month-long specialised summer camp organized by Hindustan Zinc and Vidya Bhawan. Sandeep Shukhwal, Mahendra Kumar Diya and Ramroop Tailor collaboratively as a part of Shiksha Sambal, explained the importance of education to the family of Hariram and convinced them to send him for the summer camp. In the camp, we aimed to prepare students for Class X examinations of Maths, Science and English as well indulge them in extra co-curricular activities.

In the camp, Hariram initially wasn't too happy and insisted on going back home. Members of Shiksha Sambal kept on motivating him on call and he finally participated in the daily activities conducted by the school. He tried practicing science experiments which interested him. After five days, I (Mahendra Kumar Diya) visited the camp to teach Science and observed a sudden interest in him to study Science. He really liked the camp and innocently told his teachers to get his admission in Vidya Bhawan only. After returning to his local school, he shared his experience of studying in groups in the camp. He also told his friends that he could ask questions without any hesitation over there.





Hariram's report card and self-written letter

In the winter camp at his local school itself, we conducted studies through science experiments and worksheets. His fear towards Science slowly reduced and he performed well in his practical exam of Class X. He also started making beautiful diagrams and helping his friends to solve their queries.