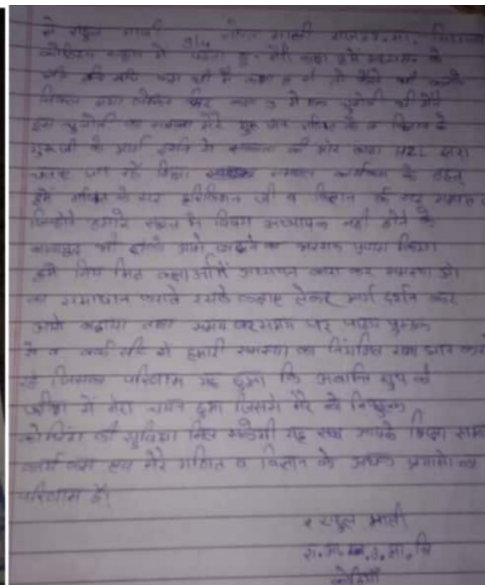
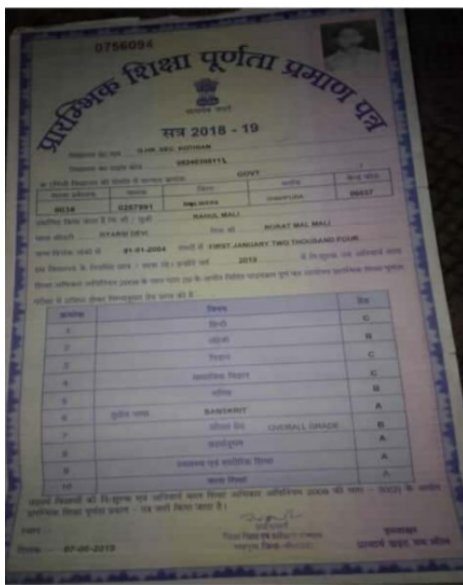


A HIDDEN WILL TO STEP UP



Rahul Mali, lives in Mali Colony of Kotiya and studies in class IX in Senior Secondary Kotiya School. Kotiya School has a large number of students in their secondary school accompanied by limited number of teachers in Science and Mathematics. Seeing this learning gap in schools, Shiksha Sambal aims to finish the prescribed syllabus of Science and Mathematics with the help of non-conventional teaching methods and worksheet solving.

At early stages of the program, we observed that Rahul continuously disturbed the classes of Science and Mathematics. We dug deeper into his background history and found out that he was often distracted by his friends. His parents were also often disinterested in matters of academics and the overall environment was not congenial to studies. However, we could observe a potential and will in him to study because he never said 'no' to any kind of work assigned to him. After learning about his difficulties in these two particular subjects, we tried to have a one to one conversation with him regarding the importance of education in every aspect of life. Slowly, he came out of his comfort zone and made deliberate efforts to study quietly in the Science classes.



Rahul Mali's report card and self-written letter

Today, Rahul is a part of Hindustan Zinc's program of **Ucchi Udaan** that selects handful of students for preparation of the entrance exam of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in 2021. We are extremely thrilled now to see a new found interest in him to study and work hard. His performance in Mathematics and Science has also improved significantly in the program which could be clearly seen in the Ucchi Udaan exam. We hope more students of his age and village get inspired by his story and find their inner hidden will and interests.