

# The Story a Breakthrough

Sometimes the collective efforts of different agencies involved in an intervention programme bring about a major breakthrough in the implementation activities. It has always been difficult to find suitable spaces, time and equipment for conducting Science experiments. Even when these conditions are met, students are not always



sufficiently motivated to undertake experiments. Shiksha Sambal programme had introduced Saturday Balsabha activities in which students participated in different literary and cultural activities with a sense of joy. Two of our FPs, Sandeep Sen and Hira Lal Gayari, working in Govt Girls School, Dabok since 2018, had a new idea. They thought of introducing Science experiments in the Balsabhas. This was not easy. All parties need to be consulted and convinced. They talked to the ERC team first and got a green signal from there. Then they approached the school principal who was also willing. But the taste of the pudding is in eating as they say.

Khushi Mali (d/o Durga Mali and Uday Lal ji Mali) of Maliyon ki Basti came forward to do an experiment in the Balsabha. Since that moment there was no looking back. The FPs conducted an experiment to examine different elements of food such as proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals, water etc. All the students were excited and their interest in conducting Science experiments intensified. Now every Balsabha



witnesses students doing different Science experiments. The Principal of the school was very happy to see that the students of Classes IX and X were actively engaged in conducting experiments themselves. They were also constantly asking new questions. That's what education is all about.