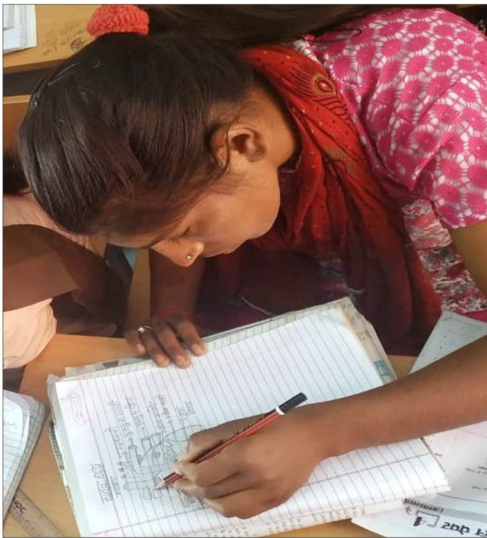


Kavita Prajapat: A Source of Inspiration for All



This is the story of a girl who got transformed from being an indifferent student to an avid learner during her interactions with the Shiksha Sambal team. Like all other children, she was not born indifferent to knowledge; it is the circumstances that made her so. Kavita comes from an extremely poor family; both her parents work as potters. Mother is not formally educated at all; father did study up to Class 8. They did not see any merit in

education and passed on this perspective to Kavita too. Kavita is from the Govt. Secondary School, Gagwana (Ajmer) and is now a student of Class X. Noticing her indifference, her family background and her poor performance in Class IX, our FP and the team chalked out a plan of action. They noted that she was often stereotyped as 'lazy', 'slow learner', 'lacking confidence' etc. It was important to note that she missed school not because she wanted to but because she had to help her parents at home with making pots.

The first step was to visit Kavita's home and talk to her parents. This helped a lot and the parents agreed to send her to the Summer Camp; her confidence levels immediately shot up. She came for the Winter Camp too. She became increasingly regular in the school, started doing her home work and did not wish to miss the extra classes. Felt deeply threatened by English earlier, she was now prepared to take it head on. Our team was focusing on all the SEM subjects. Both Kavita and her parents now feel that she must do well in Class X.

