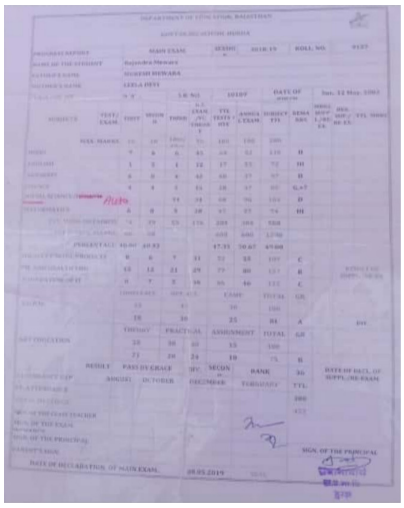
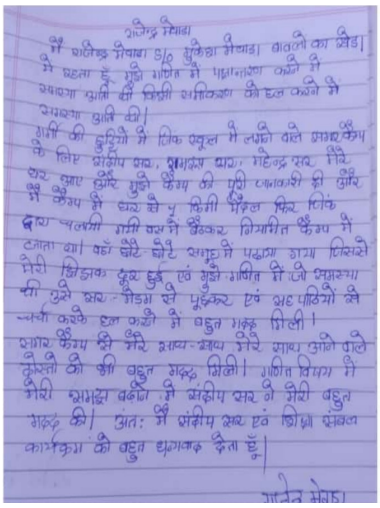
# Breaking the stereotype of Mathematics

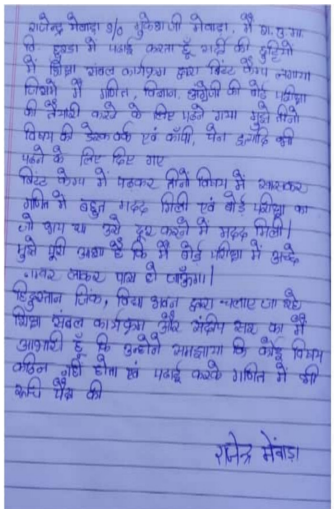
Rajendra Mewada, son of Mukesh Ji Mewada studies Class X (session 2019-20) in Government Secondary school, Hurda. He faced a lot of difficulties in Mathematics and scored only 74 out of 200 in Class IX. He was extremely scared of Mathematics and often said that he will never pursue it after passing his Class X board examination. He faced problems in solving equations, factorisation sums, and decimals. He used to get confused between positive and negative values and conducting mathematical operations on them. Our aim was to instil confidence in him and improve his mathematical skill set.

The team of Shiksha Sambal motivated him and his family to take part in Vidhya Bhawan's summer camp organised by Hindustan Zinc. Rajendra travelled one kilometre from his village to take the bus assigned by HindustanZinc. We tried to solve his particular problems in Science, English and mathematics by making him different problem sets in worksheets and study groups.

By the time in the next winter camp, Rajendra was successful in solving questions of worksheets and doing homework mathematical problems on his own. His interest could be easily seen when we first observed him helping his peers in the study group sessions.







**Rajendra's letters and report card of the camp**

Story of Rajendra is inspiring as he broke the stereotype of 'mathematics fear' which is heavily prevalent in villages, simply through extra effort, concentration and guidance.