

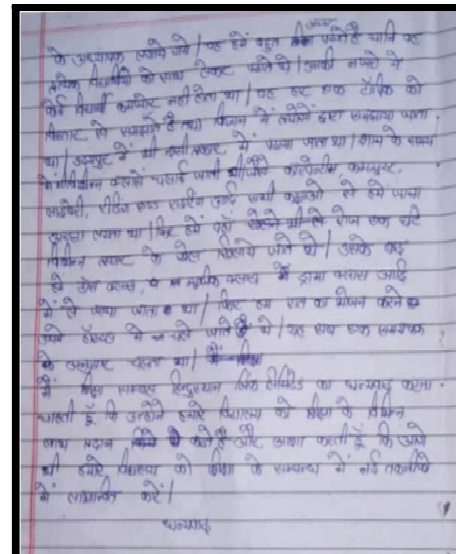
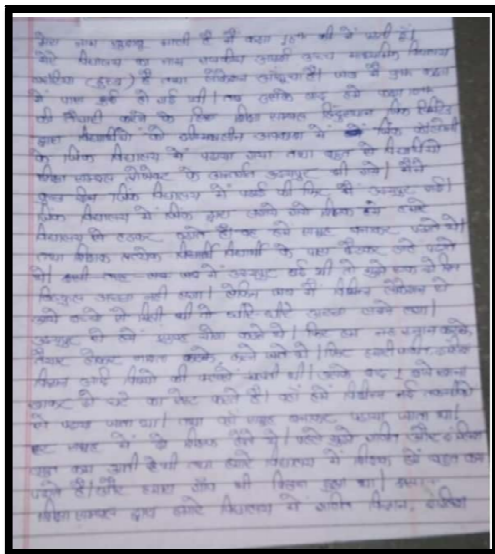
Stepping out of the village comfort zone

Khushbu Mali lives in Baratiya village. She studies in Government Secondary school, Barathiya and has an eager interest to learn and study. One can easily observe her potential when she doesn't shy away from sharing her own problems. She had a genuine concern towards her results in Mathematics, Science and English and expressed a lack of proper guidance during her self-study sessions. Her guardians are illiterate which has limited her to realize her full potential.



We observed that Khushbu was always regular in her local school but was still scared and anxious about her academic results. We realized that her financial condition was very poor but her parents still insisted on getting her a good education. She often couldn't understand and cope up with the language and teaching methods of English and Mathematic teachers in her local school. We briefed her parents about the Shiksha Sambal program and assured them that we will try our best to solve her queries. They were extremely interested and excited to let her participate in the summer camp of Hindustan Zinc and Vidya Bhawan.

Khushbu had never stepped out of her village and she was apprehensive to stay in a hostel with unknown kids of a big city. Our team members, Rekha Bharti and Hanuman Sir were in constant touch with her on phone and we insisted that she will get an opportunity to learn, dance, sing and play. We explained her that this experience in Udaipur city will help her recognize her talents and abilities.



During the camp, we saw a tremendous improvement in her inner anxiety problems. She met number of new children of her age and realized the importance of punctuality and sincerity. In English, we tried to solve her doubts in tenses and ensured continuous practice in sentence formation and Hindi-English translation. In order to develop her interest and break her fear in English, we asked her to read books and express her opinion on the same. Post these exercises, she has a new found love towards the language and there is significant improvement in her writing skills.

We hope that in her future classes, she receives good grades and inspires girls like her to step out of their villages to make their parents proud!