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Story Title	Rising Against the Odds: Narayan Lal Meena's
	Journey
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Name of Daksha/Daksh	Narayan Lal Meena
Name of SKB centre	Takhatpura center
Cluster	Kharka
Block	Salumber
District	Udaipur

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

Narayan Lal Meena, born on May 10, 1998, hails from the village Ghati in Rajasthan. He joined the "Sakhiyon Ki Baadi" program in November 2017 when he had completed his 12th grade education. Initially, he worked as a "Daksh" for the program at the Takhatpura center. His strong performance led to his promotion as a Cluster Head, a role in which he managed multiple centers and conducted field visits.

Challenges Faced:

Narayan faced numerous personal and financial challenges throughout his life. His parents' separation early on created emotional and financial instability for the family. Until the age of five, Narayan lived with his mother, who supported his early education, before moving to his father's care, where he continued his studies. After completing Grade 12, he joined the SKB Center in 2017, working as a resource teacher until 2022. That year, he was promoted to Cluster Head.

In his new role, Narayan struggled with mobility issues, as he didn't own a motorcycle, which made traveling for project supervision difficult. Using his project salary, he purchased a bike to improve his ability to manage his work more effectively.

Over the years, his mother's health worsened, as she developed diabetes and had to undergo multiple surgeries. Narayan took on the responsibility of caring for her and eventually brought her back to live with the family.

Although Narayan aspired to further his education, financial difficulties—exacerbated by his parents' separation—became a significant obstacle after he completed college. Despite these setbacks, he remained determined to improve his family's situation and pursue his personal development.

Interventions:

Narayan's journey with the Sakhiyon Ki Baadi Program began in a humble role as a facilitator, where he worked directly with students and supported educational initiatives. His dedication and leadership skills led to a promotion as Cluster Head, a position where he oversaw and supported multiple centers under his jurisdiction. In this role, he not only managed the operations of these centers but also ensured that educational resources and support were reaching the communities effectively. On the personal front, Narayan took on significant family responsibilities, especially with regard to his mother's health. Her diabetes and multiple surgeries created a heavy emotional and financial burden on the family. Narayan stepped in to manage her medical treatments and care. Additionally, he played a crucial role in reconciling her with the family, ensuring she returned home after her health stabilized, which helped restore some emotional stability.

Financial independence was another milestone in Narayan's life. As he advanced in his career with the Sakhiyon Ki Baadi Program, he used his project salary to purchase a motorcycle. This investment was crucial, as it allowed him to travel more efficiently between the centers he managed, ensuring that his supervision and support were timely and effective.

Narayan was also committed to his own education and skill development. He enrolled in a computer course (PGDCA) to improve his qualifications and keep up with modern technological skills. Additionally, he attempted to pass teaching exams, including BSTC and REET, though he faced challenges in successfully clearing them. Despite these setbacks, Narayan remained determined to continue his personal growth and professional development.

In his role as Cluster Head, Narayan's support extended beyond the educational centers. He became a source of assistance to community members, providing guidance, support, and resources where needed. His contributions were not only towards the improvement of educational outcomes but also towards uplifting the overall well-being of the community.

Outcomes:

As a result of Narayan Lal Meena's dedication and resilience, several positive outcomes emerged from his journey. Professionally, his growth within the Sakhiyon Ki Baadi Program was significant. Starting as a facilitator, his leadership and commitment led to his promotion as Cluster Head, where he successfully managed multiple centers, ensuring that educational resources were delivered effectively. His decision to purchase a motorcycle using his project earnings improved his ability to conduct field visits, enhancing the overall supervision and support of the centers.

On a personal level, Narayan's determination to care for his ailing mother helped restore her health and reintegrated her into the family, providing emotional stability in the household. His pursuit of further education, including computer training, and attempts at passing teaching exams (BSTC and REET) demonstrated his

commitment to personal development despite financial and personal challenges. His role as Cluster Head also allowed him to extend his support to the broader community, offering guidance and assistance to those in need. Narayan's contributions not only improved the educational landscape but also positively impacted the well-being of his family and community, underscoring his enduring commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.



