

IMPACT STORIES FORMAT

Story Title	Phulwanti Meena: From Daksha to Cluster Head – A Journey of Dedication and Empowerment
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Name of partner Organization	Gayatri Seva Sansthan
Name of Daksha/Daksh	Phulwanti Meena
Name of SKB centre	Khakhrafala Centre
Cluster	Peepalkhunt
Block	Peepalkhunt Block
District	Pratapgarh, Rajasthan

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

Phulwanti Meena, a 25-year-old woman from the Pratapgarh district in Rajasthan, joined the Sakhiyon Ki Badi (SKB) Program in 2017 as a Daksha. Coming from a family with limited financial resources, Phulwanti saw the SKB program as an opportunity to improve her family's condition while making a positive difference in her community. In October 2017, she established the Khakhrafala Centre in Pateliya village, enrolling 30 children after conducting a baseline survey. Her journey of growth and impact has since transformed her life and the lives of many children in her village.

CHALLENGES FACED:

When Phulwanti first joined the SKB program, her family's economic situation was challenging. Furthermore, as a new teacher, she struggled with teaching Hindi to children who primarily spoke local languages. This language barrier made it difficult for her to engage her students and deliver the curriculum effectively. However, Phulwanti's determination to overcome these obstacles pushed her to seek support and training from the Gayatri Seva Sansthan (GSS) and the IIFL Foundation.

INTERVENTION/ACTIVITIES:

Through the support of GSS and IIFL Foundation, Phulwanti attended multiple training sessions, which helped her develop innovative teaching methods to make learning fun and accessible for her students. She focused on creative ways to teach Maths and Hindi, ensuring the children not only understood the subjects but enjoyed them as well. Over time, Phulwanti became known for her engaging teaching style and her ability to connect with the children.

In addition to her role as a teacher, Phulwanti pursued her own education, earning a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree and an STC qualification. She is currently preparing for the REET exams with aspirations of further advancing her career in education. Her dedication and passion for learning have made her a role model for the children she teaches.

OUTCOMES:

Phulwanti's dedication and hard work paid off when, after just three years in the SKB program, she was promoted to Cluster Head on January 16th, 2021. In this new role, she has taken on greater responsibility, supporting other Dakshas and helping to oversee the educational programs within her cluster.

In addition to her work in education, Phulwanti has also contributed to stabilizing her family's economic situation. Her husband, Sukhlal Ninama, is a farmer, and Phulwanti's income from her work as a Daksha and Cluster Head has significantly improved their financial stability.

Phulwanti is also passionate about sports and regularly plays Kabaddi and Kho-Kho with the girls at her center, recognizing that these games help build decision-making skills and confidence in the children. Her approach to education goes beyond academics, focusing on the holistic development of her students.

Parents in the village continue to express their gratitude for the positive impact Phulwanti has had on their children's lives. Her creative teaching methods, dedication, and ability to connect with her students have transformed the lives of many, making her a beloved figure in the community.

GOOD QUALITY IMAGE: - 3-4 IMAGES (Attach below)



