

IMPACT STORIES FORMAT

Story Title	Empowering Change Through Education: Reka Devi's Journey
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Name of Daksha/Daksh	Reka Devi
Name of SKB centre	Karanpuria Fala
Cluster	Chandoda
Block	Sarada
District	Salumber, Rajasthan

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

In the remote village of Karanpuria Fala, located in the Karanpuria Gram Panchayat of Sarada Block, a significant challenge loomed—access to education. This village is situated 6 kilometers from Semari, with no anganwadi or primary school nearby, making it incredibly difficult for children to receive an education. Many families relied on daily labor in nearby Udaipur, leaving little time for parental guidance in their children's education. It was in this context that the Sakhiyon Ki Badi program, initiated by IIFL and Gayatri Seva Sansthan, began operations in January 2020.

Reka Devi, a determined 29-year-old woman, stepped forward to lead the center. Before this opportunity, she struggled to manage her household expenses, but her commitment to improving the lives of underprivileged children led her to this transformative role. At the Karanpuria Fala center, Reka became a beacon of hope, enrolling 30 drop-out and unregistered children in an effort to provide them with the education they desperately needed.

CHALLENGES FACED:

Operating in Karanpuria Fala came with its unique set of challenges. The village is nestled between hills and dense forests, making access difficult. The community faced issues such as a lack of electricity, insufficient water supply, and widespread illiteracy. The parents, often working in Udaipur, could not afford to prioritize their children's education due to the daily grind of earning a livelihood. Furthermore, Reka faced her own struggles, particularly with understanding the task papers and curriculum initially.

INTERVENTION/ACTIVITIES:

Reka Devi's journey was not without its hurdles. After overcoming her initial challenges with task papers through targeted training, she employed various teaching techniques to engage the children effectively. Utilizing educational tools such as Teaching Learning Materials (TLM), flashcards, and integrating fun elements like children's songs and poetry, Reka created an enriching learning environment. Her dedication to travel through the jungle for 3

kilometers daily to reach the center, often facing dangers like encounters with wild animals, exemplified her unwavering commitment to the cause.

The Karanpuria Fala center became a safe haven for children to learn and grow, fostering an enthusiasm for education that had previously been absent in the community.

OUTCOMES:

Through Reka's relentless efforts and passion for teaching, the educational landscape for the children of Karanpuria Fala underwent a remarkable transformation. The center not only witnessed increased attendance but also cultivated a newfound interest in learning among the children. Parents began to support their children's education more actively, recognizing the value of Reka's work. Reka Devi's journey exemplifies how one woman's determination can ignite a spark of hope and change in an entire community.

The story of Reka Devi is a powerful testament to the impact of the Sakhiyon Ki Badi program. It highlights how education can break the chains of poverty, empower individuals, and foster community development. As Reka continues to inspire her students, she also paves the way for a brighter future for Karanpuria Fala.

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