

IMPACT STORIES FORMAT

Story Title	From Daksha to Cluster Head: The Transformative Journey of Nandu Meena
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Name of partner Organization	Gayatri Seva Sansthan
Name of Daksha/Daksh	Nandu Meena
Name of SKB centre	Bhatkhedi Centre
Cluster	Devakmata
Block	Chotisadri Block
District	Pratapgarh, Rajasthan

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

Nandu Meena, a 25-year-old woman from Pratapgarh district, Rajasthan, exemplifies the power of education and perseverance in changing lives. In 2017, Nandu joined the Sakhiyon Ki Badi Program as a Daksha, a role that allowed her to impact her community despite facing her own financial difficulties. After attending a three-day training session, she opened the 'Bhatkhedi' Centre in the Chotisadri block on August 14th, enrolling 30 children through a baseline survey.

CHALLENGES FACED:

Nandu's journey was not without challenges. Coming from a financially struggling family, balancing personal responsibilities with her role as a Daksha was difficult. Teaching Hindi to children who spoke only their local dialects added to her burden. However, she remained undeterred, working diligently to ensure that every child under her care received quality education. With the support of the training sessions organized by Gayatri Seva Sansthan and IIFL Foundation, she learned effective teaching methods that helped her overcome these language barriers.

INTERVENTION/ACTIVITIES:

Nandu's dedication to education extended beyond her role as a Daksha. She pursued her own education, earning degrees in B.A., RCIT, and BSTC. With newfound skills and knowledge, Nandu became known for her creative teaching methods, particularly in Maths and Hindi. She worked closely with parents and students to ensure that children stayed engaged in learning. The training she received from IIFL and GSS allowed her to think outside the box and provide a more interactive learning experience.

Nandu's hard work was recognized when, on April 1st, 2018, she was promoted to Cluster Head. In this role, she mentored new teachers, sharing the lessons she learned as a Daksha

and supporting their growth. Her leadership, compassion, and experience made her an invaluable resource for her peers. Simultaneously, she helped her husband, who also became a Daksh at the Biliya Talab SKB Centre, thereby improving their family's financial situation.

OUTCOMES:

Nandu's promotion to Cluster Head marked a significant milestone in her life and career. Her leadership role enabled her to impact not only the children at her center but also the entire cluster of centers under her guidance. She has become a beacon of hope and a role model for both teachers and students, demonstrating that with determination and support, even the most daunting challenges can be overcome.

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



