

Empowering Education in Rural India: Leela's Remarkable Journey with IIFL Foundation's Sakhiyon ki Baadi

Name: Leela Kumari

Age: 24 Year

Village: Andliya, Abu Road, District – Sirohi,
Rajasthan.



At the time of inception of this learning centre, the first phase was of selecting learning facilitator (Female), by venturing into the Andliya village panchayat to find a literate girl. The search led to Leela Kumari, a 12th-grade educated girl residing in this remotely located village.

Leela Kumari hails from the Andliya village in Abu Road block, of Sirohi district in Rajasthan. She is a differently-abled person who walks with support of a stick. Leela's parents are elderly and they all reside in structured erected with dried grass and wood, making their home. The team made contact with Leela's family to understand her situation. Upon meeting her, it was evident that her circumstances were quite challenging. She hailed from a modest family living in a grass-thatched hut. Despite her physical limitations, when asked if she would be able to commute for operating Sakhiyon ki badi centre, Leela's response was positive was, filled with self-confidence. She inquisitively inquired about Sakhiyon Ki Baadi program and her role as a learning facilitator (Dakhsa). Leela's unwavering belief and determination impressed our team.

Leela joined the programme as a Daksha at the Sakhiyon ki Badi centre and subsequently began to hold discussions with the community members to identify out-of-school girls in Andliya village. Leela's life story of overcoming adversity inspired the girls who came to learn at her centre. She helped to set an example that anything is possible if they set their minds to it and made efforts committedly.

Leela's story is a testament to the power of education and empowerment. The Sakhiyon ki Badi program has given Leela the opportunity to improve her own life and contribute to lives of younger girls and their families in her community. All the girls attending her learning centre

can read Hindi and English with ease and can carry out mathematical operations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Since becoming a Daksha, Leela has made significant progress in her own life. She has built a new home for her family and is continuing her education. She is an inspiration to other girls in her community, who look upon her as a role model.



About the programme: IIFL Foundation's Sakhiyon ki Baadi is an initiative aimed at eradicating illiteracy among females in Rajasthan. The programme engages with girls in age group of 4 to 14 years, who have dropped out of school or were never enrolled. The programme is operational in 13 districts of Rajasthan with 1,148 learning centres and engaged with 33,965 girl students. The programme also contributes to livelihood and skill development of over 1,150 women, who are employed as Daksha (teachers), Cluster Heads, Block Heads, Trainers and District managers.

(The beneficiary count limited only to IIFL Finance Ltd., is 560 learning centres, 16,800 girl students and 560 women)

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