

An asteroid and a meteoroid collide near Earth, and fragments rain down onto the planet's surface, wreaking havoc. Some of those fragments contain surprising elements: fossils that prove life exists elsewhere in the galaxy. The fellowship journey is that collision where we constantly collide with knowledge, disagreements, and experiences making us grow into new and better individuals each day.

## मैं कैसे मुश्किलों से लड़ना छोड़, भाग जाऊँ? मैंने पानी की लकीर-भर को बहकर सड़क चीरते देखा है ।

It happened on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016; I left for an extraordinary experiment in my life, all ready to live in Udaipur, Rajasthan and work with tribal populace. Though I had no other source of inspiration to work with the tribal people apart from my journalistic history and some conversations with a workaholic field work lover. I believe that I have been a very imaginative person, I can automatically see myself at the other end in any conversation or situation and that's what happened to me this time as well.

Piramal School of Leadership, Bagar: ME, a character that pretends to be cool and tough, but is actually shy and sensitive, it was the face-off time. We had reached the venue for the Induction Bootcamp, where we were to be polished for the rugged paths ahead in the fellowship. The whole bootcamp was like someone ramming a screwdriver in my head, there was always so much happening that sometimes I couldn't absorb anymore. We understood the basics of Non-Violent Communication because of which I believe I have gained better communication skills resulting into smooth conversations in critical situations. The bootcamp ended with smiles and tears and we were set to move ahead with the allotted teams.



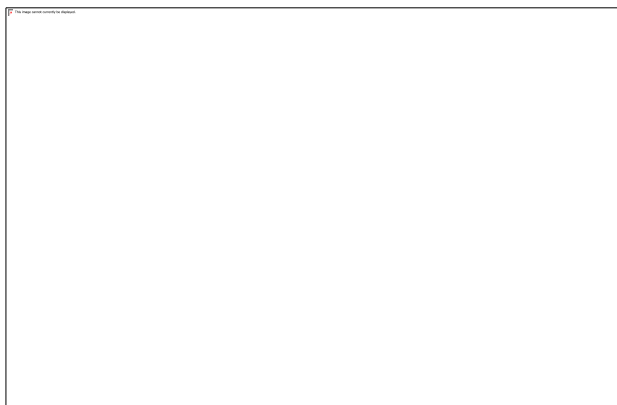
Udaipur, A city to fall in love with

Within few days, I was introduced to the scenic beauty that lies at the outskirts of Udaipur city, all thanks to the great weather and school visits. The most important part of being a part of Team Sarada was to know each other and the history of experiences from where we are being driven. Life sharing sessions fulfilled that for all of us, building a team out of errors and hence we named our team as 'Eight Errors'.



Initially it was very difficult to identify the working areas in the schools as either there was too much to be done or everything just seemed to be fine. It felt like being an alien in the school where you are responsible for being perceived negatively or positively by the people. Clarity was needed in all the schools regarding the role of a fellow as most of thought that a fellow is more of an additional teacher than a resource person. Field Support included a lot of innovations throughout the journey of nine months. Starting from exposure to greeting cards to mathematics workshop to movie screenings, my aim throughout was to do something which the kids have never experienced before.

public system project 'AAWAAZ': 'आवाज़' is an initiative with prime focus upon training the tribal youth with journalistic skills and builds a network of independent rural journalists in the tribal villages of Sarada Block in Udaipur, Rajasthan, with the aim of digging out the stories from the grass-



root levels. As an extension, it published a monthly story letter that contains the stories framed and written by these young volunteers.

The idea initiated after observing the need for adequate representation of stories belonging to the tribal section of our society. There have been various attempts to cover the tribal regions through external lens, but the initiative aims at igniting the journalist within the tribal youth in a region where the school going kids are the first generation learners for institutional

education.

### Beneficiaries

The **rural youngsters**, as the activities under this project help them in achieving various skills like team management, critical thinking, storytelling, articulation public speaking, collaboration etc.

The **community people** who receive this story letter, this provokes a discussion among the community which leads to a sense of ownership and problem solving approach.

**Children, School Teachers and Schools**, as the best practices are being shared from one school to the other, the overall teaching experiences in schools will eventually get better than now.

**1000+ online supporters**, they receive the rural issues, culture, traditions as transparently as possible through internet.

### Impact

3 young  
volunteers

550 community  
members

80 teachers

40 headmasters

2 BEEOs

1000+ online  
supporters