



Migration

When I was a child, a severe drought destroyed farming and agriculture in Bundelkhand, Madhya Pradesh. My family and the rest of my village were forced to migrate to Delhi in search of employment.



Life in Delhi Slums

In Delhi, my family lived in makeshift huts without electricity. We had to walk a long distance to fetch water for our basic needs. We had no proper toilets, preventing us from living hygienically and with dignity.

Eviction and Discrimination

In 1982, the Asian Games were held in Delhi, which led to the eviction of myself and my family. Unfortunately, we also faced caste-based discrimination. In my school, teachers would tell me "The government supports you, what is the need to pursue an education?"



Theater activism

One day, a team of social workers came to our slum to do theater activities. They treated all of us equally. I discovered that theater is an impactful way to raise awareness about pressing social issues. With this new tool, I founded an organization to empower youth in slum and resettlement communities.

Experiential learning

My organization uses street plays and experiential learning projects to raise awareness about waste management, nations, caste certificates, and school admissions. We began in my community, and have since spread our work to other resettlement colonies in Delhi.



Climate Change

long term, I hope to focus my work around climate. Climate change forced us to migrate and non-sustainable practices such as plastic use and wood stove cooking harm both the environment and our health.



Vision

Building on my deep community relationships, I hope to teach youth about climate change and cultivate their appreciation for nature. I dream of a world where migrant youth can lead both our community and country towards a more sustainable future.

