

DREAMS GET WINGS TO FLY

TARA Livelihood Academy and Fullerton India Credit Company Limited run Gurukul is not a usual livelihood training centre, it's about changing lives and nurturing dreams.

KHANDWA: Nothing beats a determined mind. Hopes, aspirations and focus that's what is needed to tread the path of success. Sonu Dhakse, 25-yr-old from village Umarda, not only understands it, but lives it too. Dhakse, is not alone who has undergone this transformative journey from a confused youth to a well-disciplined professional. Students of First Batch of Gurukul Khandwa are now out in field chasing their dreams. Gurukul is a TARA Livelihood Academy (TLA) and Fullerton India Credit Company Limited's (FICCL) initiative to provide training and livelihood support to rural youth.

Gurukul is not a usual residential livelihood training centre. It's a stopover, where these rustic youth imbibe life-changing experiences. After being imparted 'Employability Course on Financial Services', they have been employed as Ground Collection Officers with FICCL and Shiva Shakti Finance. Ashish Bhatt, 23-yr-old says, "When we came to this training, we were raw and did not know how to dress properly like an officer, mannerisms to be observed by an officer. This course has changed our whole outlook towards things."

In this National Skill Development Centre certified programme other than knowledge of banking and financial processes, computer skills, spoken English, interview skills and personality development is also taught to the students admitted. Ashish, an alumni of Gurukul is placed with FICCL. His other course mate, Lal Chand Pagare, 21-yr-old from vill-Mitawal observes, "The kind of time table followed in Gurukul made us more systematic and focused. Getting up at 5.30 am every day, then doing yoga and followed by a set time table made us realise the importance of discipline in life."

Leadership,
discipline

and team spirit are the core strength of Gurukul. "Despite being strangers to each other and belonging to different villages, we adjusted so well with each other that earned friends for life time. Gurukul has given us life time memories and experiences to relish," Dharmendra Gangawane smiles. His another batch mate, Dilip Gautam is happy about the acquired conversational skills, "Now, I know how to address someone elder, how to interact differently with younger ones. In fact one has to be careful about the words chosen for strangers and acquaintances. These nuances have enhanced my confidence....*maane toh personality hi badal gayi, meri toh!*"



Sumit Verma, 29 yr old from Khandwa is now dreaming a brighter future for his new born daughter, “I came here, for my one and half month daughter. She was almost a month old when I got admitted in Gurukul. Pain of leaving her was worth, today I am earning for a secured future. I want to ensure that she gets the best of the education.” Like Sumit, there is Dharmendra Gangawane, 21 –yr-old who wants to ensure security for his family. “My mother has been toiling away in fields for long. She has been the sole bread-winner of my family, it’s my turn to soothe her pains and provide comfort to her,” he says.

There are many stories to be told like these, each story has the potential to unwind and stretch till horizons. In Gurukul, we not only provide platform to grow but zeal to sustain. We lend dreams wings to fly!!!