

MY JOURNEY FROM CARE LEAVER TO CARE LEADER

I am care leaver Abhishek Sonare from the city of lakes Bhopal Madhya Pradesh. LIFT is a program which gave me a lot of power, courage and a lot of new learning throughout my fellowship. Being an introvert, it was hard for me to address the problem of mine and now I am thankful for the LIFT fellowship because now I am able to address the issue of my state's care leavers as a care leader.

LIFT has not only given me the opportunity to address the problems of care leaver but also helped to upgrade my vocabulary and professional abilities, which will further help in my professional growth through Harappa (e-learning) course. Whether it is weekly meeting training sessions, monthly meetings or day to day project work, I learned a lot from it and also adapted some new soft skills and digital skills.

I feel highly blessed as I served as documentation of care leaver. I learnt how to do valid research, how the things actually work for documents along with how care leaver life is different when it comes to documentation. I faced many challenges but I improved myself and learnt various things through multiple procedures which can cure the arising problems faced by care leavers.

After getting the fellowship, I became "Care Leaver" to "Care Leader" . It was all new for me. When I worked with a care leaver, I got multiple tasks which were very new and hard for me. I struggled to find how to work from it but from the care leavers support it made me achieve the outcome of my project.

After leaving CCI, it was a very exciting thing for me. I was fair in my academics and was not mentally prepared. But when I explored the things I learnt a lot from it. My life changed a lot. I started grabbing any opportunity after the LIFT fellowship. I was literally surprised because I had not imagined this kind of thing would exist for a care leaver. In future I will support my care leaver in every necessity and work hard for them. And I will prove- A person is a care leaver made not by chance but by blessing.