Discovering a Future.

When the Poply’s were blessed with a baby boy, they decided to name him *Harshit*, meaning happiness. His birth brought dreams and happiness of a kind that the young couple had never imagined. As he grew older, they realized something was amiss with their baby. Unlike other children, Harshit wouldn’t turn to them when they called out his name. Nor was he startled at loud noises. Trips to numerous doctors and specialized medical professionals confirmed some of their worst fears. Their son was both deaf and blind.

Deafblindness – they had never heard of this disability before and found themselves confused, apprehensive and fearful of the future.

When children of Harshit’s age began going to school, the Poply’s began knocking on the doors of one school after another but were rejected once the schools learnt of Harshit’s disability. They lost all hope and began to accept Harshit’s future as a dark and endless pit of despair. Luckily for them, that year, Sense India was surveying the area where they were residing.   
Sense India’s special educator identified Harshit and immediately enrolled him into a home-based programme supported by Sense India at our partner organisation Navchetna in Sriganganagar, Rajasthan, India. Harshit was very bright and began making progress very quickly.

Soon with Sense India’s support Navchetna helped Harshit enroll into a regular school with an inclusive setup. These days from Monday to Thursday Harshit goes to a regular school and on Friday and Saturday he attends specialized classes to help him move beyond his disability at the Navchetna Centre.

Harshit is a keen learner. By observing him and the progress he is making, the Poplys have discovered hope and now conviction that even a person with deafblindness can be educated and live a normal life. This family’s journey has been one of togetherness as they learn and support each other. It’s a long way ahead for Harshit but he has discovered his future and it full of unlimited possibilities. Your contribution to Sense India help us create a better present for deafblind children like Harshit so that they can have a secure future.