

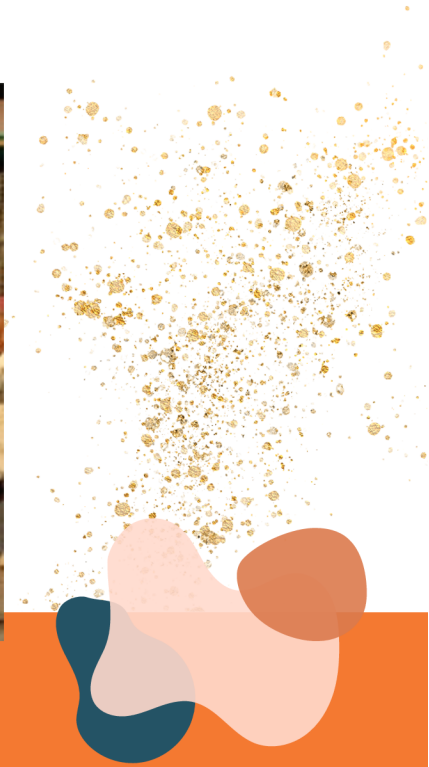


## **Dinesh's Journey: From Isolation to Independence**

Dinesh, a remarkable 35-year-old champion with deafblindness, joined our transformative program in 2017. Despite his limited hearing and vision, Dinesh's spirit shines brightly. While his family's love has always been unwavering, it was our dedicated team that ignited his journey toward independence. Dinesh's insatiable hunger for growth drives him to eagerly embrace every new skill, propelling him forward with unwavering determination.

Before joining the program, Dinesh, born deafblind, struggled with daily living tasks, relying heavily on his family for support. He preferred staying indoors, occasionally venturing out with his father to look after the cattle. Dinesh's weak communication abilities left him feeling isolated and lonely. His parents, unaware of his condition and limited knowledge, were unable to provide the necessary support.

With Sense India's intervention, a comprehensive approach to support Dinesh was taken up. He was provided training on activities of daily living and taught both Indian and American Sign Language to enhance his communication skills. Pre-vocational and vocational activities were introduced to promote independent living, while multiple rounds of parent counseling sessions helped Dinesh's parents understand the potential for their son's growth and independence. Socialization skills were also improved, and linkages with schemes and benefits were established to support the family's needs.



Dinesh made remarkable progress after joining the programme. He became self-sufficient in his daily tasks, and his communication skills improved significantly, allowing him to use both Indian and American Sign Language effectively. Despite his declining health and balance issues making it difficult for him to travel, his special educator, Mr. Mukesh, provided home-based services to ensure his continued development. With the support of his family and the program, Dinesh opened a shop in February 2023, earning around 4000 rupees per month to support his household expenses. His family is now grateful to Sense India and proud of Dinesh's progress, as he continues to grow more independent and contribute meaningfully to his family's well-being.

Dinesh's special educator beams - "He's a constant source of amazement, always moving forward!"

Dinesh's family now breathes easy, his mother shares - "We're grateful to the entire team for empowering him. His independence was beyond our wildest dreams"

Dinesh's journey echoes George Bernard Shaw's wisdom: "Progress demands change, and those unwilling to change their minds can't change anything." The team's unwavering dedication led to an incredible breakthrough!

Thanks to Global Giving and the supporters for being part of this transformation and bringing light to those living in darkness. **Your contribution can spark such life-changing miracles, creating more success stories like Dinesh's!**

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