After partial unlock we started restricted activities for our Youth programme. We were not able to take many pictures because of social distancing.

## **Activities on Youth**

There are several ongoing programmes and activities for youth going on at Saath.

A beauty and advance beauty and wellness training, a training course on retail, sewing machine operation, computer training, and A STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) an inter-disciplinary and applied approach batch is going on at the different centres. Community Resource Centre a yet another initiative to empower young girls and women is being run. The CRC has conducted several activities as a part of awareness generation and educational upliftment of these women. To name a few activities like Mobile library, Micro entrepreneurs meet, session on self- defence, session on gender equality, session on paper bag and warli painting, Covid 19 awareness through road shows, online seminars on make-up, tie and die workshop etc.

## **Case Story on Youth**

Darshna & Alpa (names changed) are real sisters, they live in Sundarpuri, Gandhigham-Gujarat with their family. They live in a joint family with their grandparents, parents, uncle, aunt, and siblings. They are a total of 09 members.

Darshna is the eldest of all brothers and sisters, and Alpa is the middle one. Darshana is pursuing graduation after passing her 12<sup>th</sup> and Alpa is studying in 10<sup>th</sup>.

Both the sisters dream of pursuing higher studies and wish to go in the accounting and commercial sector.

Darshna & Alpa's father and their uncle both work in a private company, their grandfather is currently retired, their mother and aunt handle household responsibilities as housewives, Darshna & Alpa 's younger sister as well as cousins' study in primary and secondary school, respectively.

One day Darshna & Alpa were going out of the house for some personal work, when they came across a pamphlet-based road show being done by the representatives of Saath in a nearby extension of their place of residence. Alpa was keen to know more about it and therefore inquired about the same.

The representative of the organization gave them complete information about the computer training course. Darshna & Alpa were very impressed with this computer course by the organization and they decided to join the course as early as possible.

The next day, both visited the computer training centre and were happy to see the classroom, work management etc. They also saw other students learning computers, and they enrolled themselves in the same batch.

During 45 days of the training, they got life changing motivation lectures, along the lines of life as well as life skills training, important & challenging facts of the sector, savings and financial literacy lectures, educational programs, employment information, exciting career guidance by a placement officer, positive thoughts on empowerment, etc, their dream of becoming a professional accounting officer in a commercial industry seemed achievable with

the course. They are now working in the Retail/ commercial sector at reliance digital mall as "store executive cum cashier" for retail sales work profile. They are very happy with their job. Their take home salary is Rs.9500, both are thankful to the organization as it helped them earn and build an identity of their own. Both are bearing all the expense of their studies, and they are confident about their dream of becoming an Accounting Officer one day as they are capable now to pay the expensive fees of the coaching centres for accountancy training.



