

Case Studies

Enhancing Skills & Livelihood

Rajesh, age 23, from Kama Talav of Bhavnagar Block spent his days polishing diamonds for three years. Life was pleasant then and things were steady. Then things changed for Rajesh last Diwali (2015). The diamond factories shut down for an extended period of time, and Rajesh was left with no other skill to use towards his livelihood condition. Instead, he spent his months in the field helping his family during the season period. What could Rajesh do now that the diamond factories have shut down? What options did he have?

Fortunately, Rajesh always had an interest in fixing batteries, radios, and other electronic things. Unfortunately, he did not possess a solid training or certificate to utilize his skills in starting a business. Then one day a staff member from Mahiti Sanstha, Vipulabhai of Mahiti shared with him information about a wonderful opportunity with a vocational training institute in Nadiyad, Canara Bank - RUDSET Institute.

Rajesh decided to take advantage of this opportunity because he believes that in this day and age the electronic and digital world is what the present and future will always be in need of. By taking this course he will be learning a skill that is in great demand in the current and future market and gain knowledge on how to start a business.



So one day Rajesh along with other youths from the Bhal region submitted their application to RUDSET Institute and spent 30 days learning about how to repair T.V. and DVDs. During his 30 days there he formed many close friendships with youths who also attended the training course. Additionally, he really appreciated the kindness and extra assistance that his instructor gave when students did not fully understand the subject matter. After completing the course Rajesh stated “My time at the training institute was very worthwhile and with this skill I will always be able to find work after learning how to repair T.V. and DVD and be able to stand on my own two feet.”

From a class of 30 students, Rajesh was one of the students who was promoted to take an additional 10 day course in Color T.V. repair. The Director of the institute stated that “During Rajesh’s 30 days he has shown a great amount of skill, interest, and passion for the training course, and we feel that he will benefit even more if he attended this additional course” So Rajesh took on yet another opportunity and received a certificate for Color TV repairing as well!

Upon completion of his course Rajesh has slowly begun to do work in his village repairing remotes for T.V. sets. He has advertised for his services to local people in his village, the village next door, and his friends. He hopes to start his own business one day or find work in a bigger city. He is continuing to look into both options for the progress of his livelihood with the new skill and confidence he has built while attending the training course.