

ZIIEI INNOVATOR TEACHER CHAMPA SINGH “MAKING IT RIGHT”

Creator of Zero-investment Innovation
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In her village, godmen fooling the villagers with magic tricks was becoming a common phenomenon. This primary school teacher, Champa Singh, took it upon herself to raise community aware about the magic of science. Alongside, her innovation is bridging the gap between school and the parents and creating a more productive learning environment for students inside and outside the school.



Interesting story for outsiders, but a very common affair in Indian rural areas is self-proclaimed godmen producing gold from thin air, making milk out of water, or magically producing flowers in their closed fists and giving them out as their 'blessings'.

"This was very disturbing for me," says Champa. "These godmen pretended to have divine powers to pinch off money from innocent, illiterate villagers. As a teacher, I strongly felt that it was my responsibility towards my community members to make them aware about what was behind the so called divine tricks — it was the magic of science."

With this motivation, Champa has been for long organising science-based magic shows in her school for children and for community members. Her efforts have not only been worthwhile in raising their awareness, but has also enhanced parents' interest in education and has created a more interactive environment in the school.

After refining her idea during the week-long ZIIEI trainings, Champa has been able to organise her shows better, emphasise more on ensuring community participation, and has even started a new campaign to create 'best out of waste'. Further, she is working on the idea of running "class without teacher"

She says, "ZIIEI karyakram kay antargat rajya kay pratham chuninda navcharkon main chuna jana ek samman ka vishay hai." (It is a matter of immense pride to be amongst the selected few innovators of the state).

Today, through ZIIEI, her 'samudayik sebhaghita' idea is being implemented in more than 12,500 schools.

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Watch video of Champa Singh speaking about ZIIEI.
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