

*Project: Localization of Solar Energy through Local Assembly, Sale and Usage of 1 Million Solar Urja Lamps (SoUL)*



### **Overview**

*Children are the future of our country. For children living in the rural areas, access to electricity is a major hindrance to their growth and education. Because of non-availability of electricity, students use kerosene lamps for studying, which causes various health problems and harm the environment too. To address this issue, IIT, B came up with the idea of solar lamps (India being abundant in solar energy) distribution to rural children enrolled in schools from standard 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> to reduce school dropouts, improve literacy rate, reduce kerosene consumption and improve attendance and performance of students in schools.*

*CARD as an implementing partner trained youth for assembling and distributing lamps to 1,21,254 school students in 8 blocks of 3 districts of Madhya Pradesh covered under the project.*

**Beneficiaries: Mr Manoj Partey &  
Mr Gulab Uikey  
Village: Tikariya & Khajri**

*This story is of two persons namely Mr Manoj Partey of Tikariya village and Mr Gulab Uikey of Khajri village, who joined the SoUL Project in the capacity of the 'Assembler & Distributor' at 'Ghughri' centre. Both were graduates in different streams and were looking for a suitable job. Mr Manoj was later promoted as a Supervisor and then a Team Leader, and Mr Gulab Uikey as a SRC Manager. Both the beneficiaries are very happy with their present status and are performing well in their respective fields. They, along with their parents are very thankful to the SoUL Project for bringing stability in their lives.*

**Beneficiary: Virendra Chakravorty  
Village: Anjania (Mandla District)**

*Mr Virendra Chakravorty joined CARD at Anjania as an Assembler & Distributor in the Million Souls Project. After successful completion of training, he proved his capacities at the early stage itself by his excellent performance and attracted the attention of the Management. As a result, he was chosen for the post of Supervisor during the training period itself. Fortunately, his capabilities were also perceived by Mr Munish Jain, the State Coordinator of the Project, during his visit at Ghughri in the training period of SoUL. Mr Virendra was then advised to submit his resume at the appropriate place and shortly he was called for a personal interview at Mumbai. Finally he was selected for the post of Field Officer and was stationed at Bichhia Block. Presently he is working as an Area Manager, in the western part of Madhya Pradesh within the same Organization. It is the Success story of a youth whose life was illuminated by the Project 'Million SoUL' and 'CARD'.*