

# Reaching for change

Jaipal sat at his desk and stared at his grade sheet again. He was thrilled, and his whole family would be thrilled as well.

He had passed the board exam with such a high grade that he would now be called a “topper”- someone who had passed at the top of the class. His picture would be placed on posters around town, his teachers would be praised their teaching, his school would promote his success as their own success and his family would enjoy new respect in their community.

But the most important thing was that his grades practically guaranteed him one of the coveted spots at the government university. He would still have many exams before him, but today, regardless what was to come,

he could take a deep breath and relax, for all the hard years of work had paid off.

If a student in India fails to make significant or notable progress it can feel like an immense failure. It may mean that they will not be able gain access to government jobs or public universities.

The cost of pursuing private education is too high for most, and a low grade can feel like opportunities for change are slipping beyond a families grasp and they will have to wait for the next generation to offer hope of a better future.

## *How can we pray*

**Pray for Hindu students who are working hard to gain the tools for life, that they will encounter Jesus who also provides absolute purpose and meaning along with those tools.**

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

**Pray for Hindu parents, that they will have wisdom as they guide their children’s hopes and dreams, and prepare them for a meaningful life.**

PROVERBS 12:22

**Pray for systems, governments and economies to change in fundamental ways that will encourage greater access to quality education and the creation of valuable jobs for all.**

PROVERBS 22:29

