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UNIT II  
BREAKING BARRIERS, I WILL FLY

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Letter to mentor

☀ The mentor helped Srikanth greatly to Excel. After growing up Srikanth writes a letter to thank her. Write the letter for Srikanth Bolla

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Dear Teacher,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support and guidance you gave me during one of the most important phases of my life. Your belief in me, paved as the courage to move forward.

I still remember how you patiently recorded my textbooks and encouraged me to pursue science when it seemed impossible. Your efforts helped me not only complete my exams with confidence but also realise my true potential. It was because of your help that I could dream bigger and take bold steps, including joining MIT and starting my own company in India to help others like me.

I just wanted to say thank you for everything you've done. Your kindness made a lasting difference in my life, and I will always be grateful. I hope to keep making you proud through my work and my journey ahead.

With warm regards,  
Sd/-  
Srikanth Bolla

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☀️ Prepare a write-up substantiating how Srikanth Bolla's life journey reflects the spirit of Indian entrepreneurship, based on his speech.

Write up

### Breaking Barriers, Building Futures

Srikanth Bolla's life story is a true reflection of Indian entrepreneurship. Born without eyesight into a poor farming family in Andhra Pradesh, he faced rejection from society even as a newborn. But his parents gave him love and care instead of giving up on him. This strong support gave him the confidence to dream big, even when others doubted his future. He was not accepted easily into the education system, but that didn't stop him.

Despite being excluded in school, left out of activities, and ignored by teachers, Srikanth remained determined. He fought a legal battle just to study science, worked hard with the help of a mentor, and scored 98% in his exams. When IIT denied him the chance to write the entrance exams due to his blindness, he didn't give up-instead, he got admitted to top universities abroad and became the first blind international student at MIT. His journey shows the courage and self-belief that define the spirit of an entrepreneur.

Srikanth chose to return to India, not to work for someone else, but to build opportunities for others like him. Through Bollant Industries and the Surge Impact Foundation, he is giving dignity and jobs to disabled people. His company now supports thousands and earns millions in sales. His story proves that true entrepreneurs don't just overcome problems-they turn those problems into solutions for others.

☀️ Prepare some questions to interview Srikanth Bolla

## INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Can you tell us about your childhood and the role your parents played in shaping your journey?
2. What was the most challenging moment you faced in your early education, and how did you overcome it?
3. How did you feel when you were denied admission to the science stream despite your excellent academic performance?
4. What inspired you to take legal action against the government to pursue your desired course?
5. Could you share your experience as the first international blind student at MIT?
6. What was it like working with Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on youth transformation projects?
7. What motivated you to return to India instead of taking up profitable offers in corporate America?
8. How does Bollant Industries empower people with disabilities and promote inclusion?
9. What are some of the awards or recognitions that you hold close to your heart and why?
10. What is your message to young people who are struggling with self-doubt or social rejection?

## ☀️ SIMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Can you tell us about your childhood and your family background ?
2. What challenges did you face as a child who could not see ?
3. How did you feel when you were not allowed to study science in school ?

4. What gave you the strength to fight for your right to education ?
5. How did your experience at MIT shape your thinking and dreams ?
6. What was it like to work with Dr A P J Abdul Kalam ?
7. What inspired you to start Bollant Industries ?
8. How does your company help disabled people live better lives ?
9. What awards or honours have meant the most to you and why ?
10. What message would you like to give to young people who face difficulties in life ?

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## ☀️ARTICLE

### Breaking Barriers and Building Dreams

Srikanth Bolla is an inspiring entrepreneur from Andhra Pradesh who proved that no disability can stop a determined mind. Born without eyesight into a poor farming family, he faced rejection and judgment from society at a young age. However, his parents' love and belief in education changed the path of his life. Srikanth worked hard and became the first international blind student at MIT, one of the world's top universities.

Despite getting offers to stay abroad, Srikanth returned to India to help others like him. He founded Bollant Industries to employ disabled people and create eco-friendly packaging materials. His company now earns crores and supports more than 150 disabled workers. He also started the Surge Impact Foundation to support development goals across India. His courage helped change how people view disability, making him a true role model.

Srikanth's story teaches us that challenges should not stop anyone from dreaming big. He believes that real success is measured by the joy we bring to others. His life reminds us to stay strong, fight for our rights, and lift others as we grow. He proved that when we believe in ourselves, anything is possible.

## ☀️JINGLES

Bollant Industries makes eco-friendly disposable products using natural leaves and recycled paper. Their plates and bowls are biodegradable, compostable, and easy to dispose of. Prepare catchy sentences to be used as advertisement jingles to promote these green products without

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1. Eat green, feel clean - it makes eco-serene
2. Leaf-made plates, guilt-free fates - nature's mate
3. Compost quick, waste no trick - we do magic slick
4. "From trees to trays, in smarter ways - Have the greener days
5. Dine with care, save the air - It touches the rare
6. Serve with leaves, save with ease - we give the nature peace
7. Goodbye plastic, hello fantastic - meals made majestic
8. Greener meals, better deals - we seal the feels
9. Natural style, planet's smile - our eco-mile
10. Born of earth, full of worth - our choice for a cleaner birth

☀ Srikanth Bolla was distressed when he was denied the opportunity to join IIT . He was depressed and wrote a diary that night . Write the diary for him.

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11:47 PM Friday

What an unforgettable day... I can't put down my emotions, diary. I was told today that I couldn't write the IIT entrance exam just because I couldn't see - I felt paralysed... helpless. Life paused for a second. I've worked so hard, dreamed so fiercely, only to be pushed aside. Events took an unexpected turn even God couldn't predict. To be honest, I didn't know what to do. Amidst the chaos of my mind, one question kept echoing - am I not worthy? Am I only seen for what I lack? In the silence of this night, I feel worn out... broken... but not defeated. Let's see what tomorrow brings.

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