



Chetna grew in the urban slums in sector A of Damkheda, Bhopal with her parents, one brother and three sisters. Her father being a carpenter made a very less income which was not enough to meet all the needs of the family; therefore, her mother too began to stitch clothes to support her family.

However, even then the family struggled, and she had to stop her education after 9th standard. She began to worry about her future thinking what is she going to do in the future? She felt helpless as she could not see the pathetic condition of her family but had no skill to support her parents.

It was during that time the ISRD staff members came to her house while they were doing a survey about the condition of women in their slums. Understanding her situation she was encouraged to join any of ISRD skill development training course. She felt happy and thought that this is a golden opportunity for her to do something.

Therefore, she decided to join three-month long beautician course. She was really blessed to be a part of the training and learned everything meticulously and expertly. After the successful completion of the course she was supported by ISRD to join a nearby Beauty parlor (***Touch N Glow Beauty parlor***) and they decided to pay her a remuneration of 5000 rupees as stipend. She worked there one year and learnt lot of advance techniques and related machines. Thereafter, she started her own beauty parlor cum training center providing training to unemployed girls and became role model in her area.

She is happy with her current earning Rs. 15,000pm. She is giving her best to become more expert in what she is doing. Her family members are also happy to see the drastic changes in her life as she has now become very bold and active in doing everything.

She said, *“I have learned not only a skill to make a living but also the art of interacting with other as well. Before I was a very shy person but now, I am bold and very active. Thank you ISRD and FVTRS for facilitating to transform my life.”*