

Born to Be a Teacher

Ms Radhey Pyari is from Selaich village of Vikash Khand Mohammadabad in Ghazipur district of Uttar Pradesh. She is the elder child among five children of Mr Amarnath Prajapati and Ms Lalita Devi. The childhood days of Ms Radhey Pyari and her siblings were very painful and struggling due to poverty.



Her father was struggling to take care the basic needs of the family with his meager income that he was earning from the seasonal labour work. Ms Radhey Pyari as elder child in the home, she as well as her parents had to forgo food themselves, skipping meals to feed the younger ones.

She used to join with her family to do cleaning work in some marriage parties or in her neighborhood in her early childhood days onwards. Her mother was someone who never stops to take a break in these works along with household responsibilities and that made her to fall violently ill. Slowly, Ms Radhey Pyari was entrusted with taking care of household activities including her siblings and mother.

The poor financial condition of the family, household responsibilities and the distance of school from her village forced Ms Radhey Pyari to leave the school after the completion of 8th standard. This was a painful decision to support her family though she had an ambition to continue the education.

As the days, months and years gone with the responsibilities, the ambition to excel in life was always in her and it grown stronger day by day in Ms Radhey Pyari. One day, she came to know from the volunteers of Bhartiya Jan Kalyan Evam Prashikshan Sansthan (BJKEPS) that the organisation is conducting skill training in Garment Making at the training centre of the BJKEPS. She expressed her willingness to join in the training to the organisation and to the family and the responses was positive. She actively participated the training and completed it though there were many obstacles especially the household responsibilities. As on completion of six-month training, she managed to buy a sewing machine and started stitching cloths by getting order from the villagers. Initially the effort started with small income and later it fetched reasonable regular income to their family. She also learned the market trends and decided to undergo skill training in beautician which will add her income and she can take work simultaneously in both trades especially in marriage seasons. She has approached again BJKEPS and the organisation has supported her by seeing her dedication and thirst for success in life. She has completed 6 months beautician work along with her stitching activities and household responsibilities.

Her dedication in her work and life, the organisation decided to appoint her as instructor for garment making training. This has opened her way to get more input on entrepreneurship and life skills which built in her confidence as well as new direction. Along with instructor job, she also continued the stitching and beautician related works at home as well as started to learn new skills in jewelers making and also jointed to complete her discontinued education. The dedication and quest for success in life led her to complete secondary education, senior secondary and today she is a bachelor in Education.

The hard work and dedication brought changes in the life of Ms Radhey Pyari. She became the main bread winner of her family and could help her siblings to get education as well as she created assets like Tv, fridge, cooler, ornaments, renovation of house etc. She also saved money to take care various other expenses of the home including the expenses of her marriage. The improvement in education, socio-economic situation has given a new outlook in life of Ms Radhey Pyari and she and her parents looked for a marriage proposal wherein the partners will have equal respect in life. Ms Radhey Pyari got married and she is leading a happy life and continuing her work. Today Ms Radhey Pyari is working as an instructor for artificial handmade Jewellery, beautician and garment making running under BJKEPS as well as she is providing training to the girls belong to the nearby her villages and parallel she is getting order for stitching and bridal make up wherein she gives work to a team of youth completed the training with her. She earns between Rs.15000 to Rs.40000 as well as gives work to others. She became an entrepreneur, instructor at the organisation and a supporter in the lives of fellow village girls and family members. The hard work and commitment have brought results and changes in the lives of Ms Radhey Pyari and she is happy and satisfied in her work and life. She acknowledges and extends her gratitude for all those who have played a role in her changes.