

Sanjah Vehra - Colours come in Life

My name is Nafeesa. I come from the Khar family. I live in “Basti Laasoori” – a village near Tehsil Kot Addu in District Muzaffargarh. My family does not support female education, believing that women should be confined within the home. However, I did not give up on my dream of getting an education, completing my Matric and Intermediate as a private candidate. After my Intermediate, I could not pursue further studies and got married.

However, my husband has been quite supportive. When he realized how eager I was to study, he allowed me to study for my graduation as a private candidate. However, the subsequent birth of my two sons encumbered me with so many domestic responsibilities that my dream of studying further seemed impossible.

One day, I heard an announcement in a nearby mosque about a community fair. I went there with great interest. There were so many women there! I was astonished to learn that, with the help of the government, an institution was going to establish a center where trained teachers would look after children between the ages of 6 months and 4 years. My desire to study was resurrected. On my way home, I decided to restart my studies. I shared this information with my husband. He was a bit hesitant but I convinced him that our children would be properly looked after by trained teachers and that ITA & DC would train and employ women from our own area in the center. I was very enthusiastic because my dreams were about to come true. I decided to enroll my children in the center and continue my studies.

I got information from the teachers of “Sanjha Vehra” and volunteered to teach and support children in the evening session in order to be a dynamic part of this progressive caravan.

“Now I am at ease to start my B.Ed program with zeal”, Nafeesa said with joy.