

## **Case Study - My Dream, My Pride, My School**

### **Saraswathi Vidya Mandir High School, Khairatabad, Hyderabad**

H.Priyanka has completed 10<sup>th</sup> class at Saraswathi Vidya Mandir and she got promoted due to covid 19 second wave. She belongs to very poor family. Her father sells lemon juice near Telangana Secretariat near Lumbini Park and mother works in the house keeping section in an office nearby at Somajiguda. She has a brother who studied from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> class and now studying Polytechnic course in Mahabubnagar. Priyanka also studied from 5<sup>th</sup> class onwards in Saraswathi Vidya Mandir High School. The family has migrated from Domarajiguda, Narayanket Mandal of Sangareddy district. For the last 20 years, the family has been staying in Maktha Colony in Khairatabad near Raj Bhavan Road. Father has lost his livelihoods due to lock down and he has gone to his native village. Mother is able to go for work.

Priyanka has high gratitude and regards for her teachers who taught her not only education but values in a holistic ambience. She has received recognition and award in a slogan completion (Bhghavat Gita). She got about 70 percent marks in 8<sup>th</sup> class and she promoted from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> class without examinations due to covid last year.

She is super proud of the new school and says, 'I had a dream to study in such a school and my dream is fulfilled though I have got only few months to study in the new classroom and in the new building. Aurobindo Pharma Foundation efforts to bring a new face to our school within a short while are remarkable and much appreciated".

She narrated the infrastructure and various facilities available in the school and she is more than 100 percent sure, that her school is the best school in the vicinity. She also fondly recalled that the school was always considerate of the late payment of fees despite of their willingness to provide best ambience. She has not paid the annual fees of Rs.14000 for the year 2020-2021. Due to covid 19 and the lock down, the family is struggling to meet their ends. She feels that her school and teachers are the only means to get inspired and motivated despite of many other challenges at home and other social and economic limitations she has been facing. The new facelift to the school always remains as a sweet memory for her through out in the life and to consider schooling there as a pride.

Priyanka wants to persuade her higher studies. She is keen to take up MCC (Maths, Chemistry and Civics and wants to become a software Engineer. Hope and wish her dream comes true!!!

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