

There is sunshine after every storm cloud



Distraught in poverty, Manisha was slowly losing hope in everything around her. A family of five (two daughters and a son), her husband did not earn much to sustain everyone. They were dependent on the money given by Manisha's parents. She went from one place to another, asking for a job, but no one agreed to onboard her as she did not complete her basic school education.

Connecting with Jyoti Sharma, a Community Resource Person, working for DA, she went to the DB Schenker warehouses where the women are placed in entry roles such as scanning, and data entry to understand what qualifications and skills she might need to acquire a job. Persistent, she followed through with a logistics training program conducted by Development Alternatives under the Women Empowerment through Livelihoods, Entrepreneurship Access, and Digitalisation (WE-LEAD) project and attended numerous interviews. After trying non-stop, she got placed at one of the warehouses owned by DB Schenker at Jhajjar, Haryana. Through hard work and commitment to her work, she gained trust and experience at the warehouse. From being employed as a picker in the warehouse earning a salary of INR 11,500/-, she recently got promoted to a scanner position and now earns INR 13,000/- per month.

Throughout her journey, Manisha did not receive much support from her in-laws or community. They would say that women must stay home and serve the family. Only women with bad character work outside with other people. Manisha managed to change their views once she started to work. She earns enough to contribute financially to her family, balances her work and home well, and can also send her children to study privately at tuition centers. Now, her family and community respect her work and feel proud of her.

Manisha makes sure that all her children study well. Her eldest daughter is currently finishing college. The second daughter is preparing for her class 12 board exam while being a state-level gold medalist in gymnastics and her son is in class nine.

I STILL HOPE ALL MY CHILDREN FINISH THEIR HIGHER STUDIES AND BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT FINANCES. I ASPIRE FOR THEM TO BE INDEPENDENT AND EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES, NOT JUST IN HARYANA BUT BEYOND.
