

Shehnaz

Class :- 10th

Age :- 17 years

Father's Name :- Sh. Bablu

Mother's Name :- Smt. Gulabo

School Name :- C.P Inter College

Shehnaz's father contributes very little to the family income, spending away a large part of his earnings and not going to work for days at a time. Her mother is mainly responsible for bringing food to the table.

The family lives in poverty and struggles to make ends meet. Her mother runs a tea stall on the roadside to meet household expenses.

Shehnaz has been associated with the Indian Dreams Foundation for a long time. She was spotted by IDF volunteers when she was five years old respectively. The IDF team members approached her parents for the enrollment of her to the Nagla Mahadev Primary School in Freeganj, which is a government school, Agra, one of the schools adopted by the IDF under "School Reforms Program". Her father, a conservative Muslim, was very much against his daughter going to a school, while her mother supported the enrollment, although after much counseling from IDF's Honhar Ladki Program team.



There were frequent arguments and fights between the two regarding this decision, with the father turning violent quite a few times. He had to give in to the demand of the children finally, and she was finally enrolled. After completing her primary school, Shehnaz was then enrolled in a public school through the Honhar Ladki Program, after conducting many motivation sessions by the IDF members with her parents. Indian Dreams Foundation took charge of all her educational expenses. Now, she is doing well in her academics, and she is determined to complete her schooling till class XII.