



Mrs. Gayatri Devi
Abhishek's Mother

"Educating my children is my Kartvya. Does not matter my husband supports me or not. I will do everything to educate them"

Sad face, mother of 5 children, not having fixed source of income- none of these deterred Gayatri Devi to educate her children. Behind her sad face, she conceals a dogged determination to send her children to school. She remembers her childhood when her parents ignored to send her to school as education was not the priority for girl child in her family.

Gayathri Devi hails from Siwan district of Bihar and moved to Jaipur 8 years ago in search of livelihood. Being an illiterate, she managed to get a job of housemaid and her husband as a mason. She remembers when she was at her village; children were

studying in government school but she always desired to send them in a private school so that they can learn but when opportunity came, husband did not support her. After strong protest of her husband, she decided to admit them in Dipesh Bal Shiksha Niketan (school academically supported by Abhiyan Bharat Foundation). From then, she found lot of changes in behavior, learning, personal health and hygiene in her children. She tells (with laugh) that usually her children teach her to keep cloths, home and surrounding clean. Apart from studies, her children are taking interest in dance and acting for which she thank teachers and school as she never ever thought of this other dimension of learning.

Unlike her husband, she gives importance to education. She says that she does not want her children to suffer like her and his husband. Like other parents, she dreams of her children to study a lot and get a good job and proves her right. Sometimes *Abhimanyu* (her son) asks to leave study and earn to support family but she always boost him to stay determined and remind him that she migrated to Jaipur only for their education.