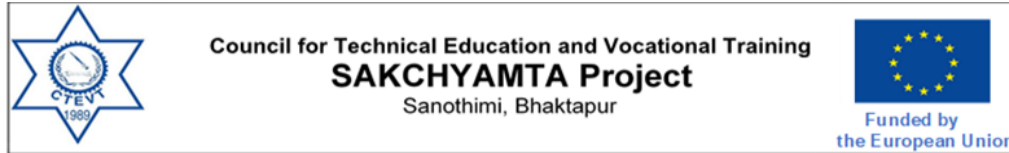


Story I



For 15 years my father becomes contactless with us when he went for foreign employment to Bahrain.

Since that time my mother alone struggling to bring up us. We have no hope of returning him. He left us for another woman. He simply said TALAK (divorcee) to mom. My mother could not take any action at that time.

We are 2 children of our parents. My elder brother has Autism by birth. He needs special care. From feeding to toileting my mother and I have to care for him.

To fulfill daily needs, my mother used to work, so I must stay at home to take care of my brother. I could not get a chance to complete my school -level education while nurturing him.

I am 19 years old. Now I have a lot of responsibility towards my family but I was not getting the right way to support and tackle my family's economic condition. My mother was facing various health issues. It was all up to me. I had to sustain my family. I didn't have a high degree education for job and sufficient money to receive other types of training or further education.

It is not easy to get out of home without a shawl on the head and do job or training as being the daughter of a Muslim family. But I did and always will. The change should be made by us first.

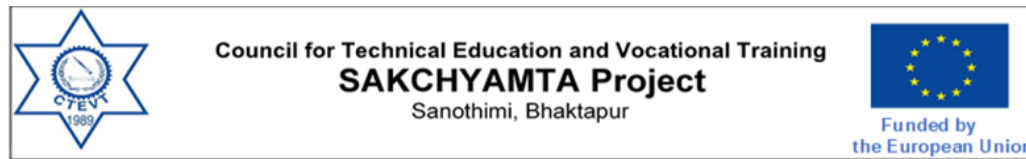
When I came to know I was selected for Barista (Coffee Making) training, that moment was priceless. I was unable to handle my happiness. European Union- funded Project SAKCHYAMTA under the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training(CTEVT) is offering vocational training for needy people. I sensed this type of training is organized for those who are the same as mine economic condition and background group.

Now I have built a level of confidence where I can start my own business and chance to get a job in this field. I want to be an entrepreneur in this field. Also, I will put all my effort to acquire success.

I personally request all those parents and girls of my community to send their daughters for better education. So that she can make the change and can be the pillar of your family. I will always be on the side of change and empowerment.

Sabna Bano is from Tanahu, Nepal. She is taking Barista vocational training from Pokhara Technical School. It is one of the piloted TVET institutes of CTEVT, that is supported by the SAKCHYAMTA Project for moving it towards the 'Center of Excellence' in tourism sector. The project is implementing a TVET policy responsive to the needs of the labour market with the aim of scaling up the quality of TVET provision and implementation ensuring that it is made available through outreach to the most disadvantaged.

Story II



I got married when I was 16. After a few months of marriage my husband went for foreign employment to a gulf country. As time passed, he refused to contact me and my in-laws started misbehaving with me.

I was pregnant at that time but my husband never called and asked me how am I. There was no point to stay at his house. I stayed up to 3 months after my delivery but he never contacted me. In-laws were very rude to me, so my brother came and took me to his home.

I stayed 2 years at my Father's home, but so-called my husband didn't contact me, he changed his contact number. Then after I filed a case against him. He returned and we divorced and separated.

Now it's been 2 years of divorce. My daughter is 5 years old. I have not completed high school. So it's difficult to find a job. I am a village girl. I was well known for making alcohol. As means of income, I started making alcohol. That was only one option left to sustain and educating my daughter.

I belong to the economic back warded family. I had no economic support. My family tried their best to support but that was not sufficient to sustain and look after my daughter's future.

I had no idea about free of cost training with accommodation. I have never imagined this type of training could be provided. Fortunately, I heard about training and shortlisted. The moment I selected for training was one of the precious moments in my entire life. I could see a light in my dark life.

I belong to a village which has been Tourist Area for so long. While doing the training I made a draft of my further planning to be an entrepreneur. I am getting my life back after so long. I have suffered a lot at the age of 21. Now I am determined to do my best in my life.

I am so grateful that I got this opportunity. Few words may be less to thank for investing in me. I promise to make out the best use of your investment on me.

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