



### **Laxmi Monde – A student of PAP**

I belong to a lower middle class family. My parents helped me pursue the education till S.S.C. and then got married. I was totally dependent on my husband. It was a happy married life till I delivered a mentally challenged daughter. My struggle started at this phase to support my daughter's therapy and schooling. My marital life came to an end with divorce with my husband.

I had no way to go with the responsibility of a special child. It was the toughest phase of my life, when I was getting suicidal ideas very frequently. My nightmare came to end, and a wish of a mother got the way through 'Patient Assistant Programme' at Vatsalya Trust.

This course not only opened the door of employment but also gave a hope and meaning to my life.

One more noticeable thing I'll like to mention is that during my training Vatsalya Trust, has taken care for transport for my daughter for her school. It was a great support which helped me to focus on my studies with peace of mind and I could secure the Top rank in the university.

Today, I am financially independent woman leading a dignified life.