



Prema Somayya Math

Prema who was married at a very young age of 18 lost her husband and never agreed for remarriage. To come out of depression her parents forced her to join Sabala where she underwent counseling and saw life with a new perspective.

Prema, a victim of child marriage, was born on 1st July 1986. Her father Somayya and mother Gauramma brought her up along with 3 of her siblings. Her father was an agricultural laborer and her mother worked as a Peon in a Montessori. Prema was educated till class 9 and discontinued as she took much interest in household works and nobody encouraged her to go back to school as the parents who were illiterate were not keen about children's education and then later was married to a man from Sholapur.

Prema, within days of her marriage, had some problems with her mother-in-law. However, she adjusted with the situation. Then, all of a sudden her husband expired due to consumption of methyl alcohol. She was then sent back to her parents. By then all her siblings were married. She went into depression for many days; stopped speaking to others and her parents thought they would never see her smile again.

Sabala's intervention

It was then she sought Sabala's help where she was counseled. She came to know about the institution through one of her neighbours who was already employed in Sabala. She was trained in jute bag making in her village itself. She works in the unit of Sabala that is set up in her village. She also trains the newcomers.

She now leads a satisfactory life along with her parents. She really feels happy for leading a self-reliant, independent life. She is happy that she is able to help her family in some way and is not a burden on them at their old age.

Observations

She is a self-reliant woman who does not want to become a burden on anybody at any point of time.

She has learnt to see life with a new perspective.