



## **Yashoda Bogar**

Yashoda, a widow who lost her husband in an accident, was denied her husband's property by her in-laws. She, assisted by Sabala, fought against and claimed the property and has educated her children well.

Yashoda bogar, born on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1967 in bangalore, was brought up in an orthodox Jain family. She was educated till class 12.

She was married at the age of 21 to a man from the same religion from Bijapur. With her husband she settled down in Bijapur. The couple had two children - Jayasheela and Bharath. They were leading good life. But her husband expired in an accident. She really had tough time then as she did not get all the support from her maternal family or from the in-laws. Depressed she, did not give up. She decided to work and earn because she did not want to compromise with the quality of her children's life. She had to educate her children and she also held the responsibility of her daughter's marriage. To assist this she had the property of her husband which would become hers. But her in-laws denied her the property. Within a few days, her happy life had become disastrous.

### **Sabala's intervention**

She then met a person accidentally who was working in Sabala. She joined Sabala and started working as an embroidery supervisor. She was later trained about various things like property rights, human rights, fair trade, and banking. Now when she was already getting all the support from Sabala, she filed a case against her in-laws. After a long fight for her property she got justice. Sabala gave her a loan of Rs.20,000 to assist her children's education.

She is a member of Chaitanya Mahila Co-operative Bank that was started by Sabala to give financial support for the women. She has gotten loans when she needed which has helped her a lot.

Now her son studying Engineering and her daughter is married. She is leading a peaceful life.

Yashoda says, "I am very thankful to Sabala. Sabala has helped me when I was in sheer need. It has helped me innumerable ways. I see myself very lucky to have been working with Sabala for the past 14 years and being a part of uplifting of many downtrodden women."

### **Observations**

Although her journey of fighting against them wasn't a smooth one, she did finally get justice.

She is role model for all the widows who lose confidence to face the world.