

Ms. Nishita Rajput

Today education is costly, but it's not necessary to remain illiterate just because you don't have enough money. Education is also provided in government schools, however one major reason for leaving education half way is due to lack of financial support. Since many years we have been hearing the slogan of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'. Today its important to implement this slogan instead of just hearing it. Vadodara's Nishita Rajput has taken this slogan seriously and extends financial and intellectual help to needy children especially girls. She has taken up the challenge of giving moral support to families who do not want their girls to go to school and where necessary arranges for financial support too.

Ms Rajput has started a door to door charity programme. Through this method in the last year she has managed to collect more than half a

crore rupees for around five thousand girls. For every needy girl Rs 51 lakh of assistance is provided. She looks for support from donors and provides Rs 50 lakh or more. She has provided Rs 67 lakh worth service in the year 2017. Ms Rajput now aims to pay Rs 1 crore as fees for urban students in the year 2018 and 2019.

Ms Rajput's methodology of working is transparent. She has even asked donors to directly pay fees in the school and provides details of the beneficiary student such as photograph, photocopy of the cheque, other contact details along with academic information. At the financial and institutional level too there is complete transparency. Besides school fees, Ms Rajput also gifts needy girls with school bags, new clothes during Diwali and surprise gifts occasionally. She also

gives dry fruits to the girls when they are fasting during Gauri Vrat. She makes birthdays of poor girls more cheerful by gifting them a cake weighing at least a kilo on their birthday.

Apart from young girls, Ms Rajput also takes care of needy senior citizens who are unable to afford two square meals a day. She arranges for free tiffin service to such people. Till date she has managed to help 140 senior citizens through help from donors.

Ms Rajput spends most of her life in helping the poor and the needy. She has also supported needy women. She provides an I-card to needy women so that they can avail discount in laboratories and medical shops.

Ms Rajput has dedicated her life to the happiness and upliftment of girls. Her method of charity by providing fees for needy girls is really inspirational. This initiative will open new horizons for the empowerment of women in the future.

Ms Rajput has been appreciated for her work by being honoured with numerous awards. The citizens have appreciated her by bestowing her with the 'Vadodara Ratna' award. Several such awards have been given to Ms Rajput by local institutions and she has been interviewed by many news channels and newspapers too.

Many salutations to this philanthropic spirit.