



# MANJU

*An NDDP Alumni*

## *“CHASING DREAMS”*

“Till Class 9, I was an average student. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, when Newgen Digital Discovery Paathshala (NDDP) provided us with tablets, my productivity increased and I felt motivated to focus more seriously on my studies. Gradually, I became a sincere and dedicated student. I went on to top my class in both Class 10 and Class 12. Also, I cleared the CUET exam with good marks.”

## Family Background

This is the story of Manju, one of the alumnae of NDDP. She hails from Madhubani district, Bihar and lives with her family in Harkesh Nagar, New Delhi. There are seven members in her family. While Manju and her younger brother are currently studying, her older siblings are working to support their father and contribute to the family's income. Her mother is a homemaker.

## Digital Learning through NDDP

Manju completed her schooling at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Harkesh Nagar. The NDDP sessions proved to be a life-changing experience for her. She shared that for the first time she learned how to use Google during one of the NDDP sessions held at her school. The iPad sessions helped her understand how to use digital devices effectively and how to search for information online.

## Building Confidence

“I was an introvert, but when I saw other students answering questions confidently, I gained the courage to participate and started answering in class.”

Through the news-reading activity, she learned how to create PowerPoint presentations and present them confidently. She also participated in Rang Ragini - International, painting competition. Receiving a tablet in Class 10 during COVID-19 greatly supported her studies, and she scored 83.6% in her board examinations.

## Higher Education and Career Aspirations

Manju aspires to secure a government job, as it is her father's dream and now her own as well. She is currently pursuing a B. Com from Non- Collegiate Women's Education Board of Delhi University, while preparing for the SBI PO examination to achieve her goal.

The merit-based scholarship has played a pivotal role in her academic journey. The scholarship has helped her to overcome financial burden by covering essential study expenses, allowing her to focus wholeheartedly on her goals. Meanwhile, the laptop that has been provided to her will significantly enhance her productivity and strengthen her preparation strategy.

## Dedicated Preparation Strategy

While speaking about her banking exam preparation, she shared that she studies for 10 to 11 hours daily. She attends online classes regularly and follows a well-structured daily timetable to stay consistent with her studies. Occasionally, she also participates in mentorship sessions to gain better guidance and refine her preparation.