

The story of Kirankumari, a student of a Govt H/S, Manipur

Kirankumari is a smart and responsible girl studying in class 10 at Yumnam Huidrom Government High School, and aspires to become a doctor when she grows up and serve her people. Being the eldest of three siblings, she has shouldered a lot of family responsibilities and helps out at home, while also trying to maintain a good academic record.

Three years ago, however, her situation was quite different. Her father who works as a carpenter, and her mother – a homemaker, were finding it extremely difficult to support a family of five. Poverty had compelled her to drop out of school. Despite knowing that Kirankumari is a bright, talented kid, her parents were left feeling helpless.

The Principal of her school however jumped to her aid. When he was posted as the Headmaster, he was determined to change the face of the government school Kirankumari was enrolled in. During his mobilization campaign, he met with Kirankumari's parents, and assured to help out in any manner he possibly could. It was with the Headmaster's help that Kirankumari found herself back in school. She resumed her studies with renewed vigour.

Her Headmaster not only ensured that she comes back to school, he has also made arrangements for her to get additional coaching for the upcoming board exams, paying for it from his own pockets.

Cut to present day, Kirankumari is at the top of her class, and has won a number of awards at the Zonal Education Competition. She is now determined to fulfill the wishes of her Headmaster, and aspires to make it to the top 20 in the state board exams.

While Kirankumari has been given a new lease of life thanks to her Headmaster, what happens to those who are faced with similar circumstances, and are forced out of the school system? As long as there are good, magnanimous people left in the world, there is still hope. Except, the problem lies in the fact that the scores of youth at the most crucial juncture of their lives, who are in need of guidance and resources are left in limbo, not knowing who to turn to.