

'Dreams are the seedlings of reality'



Contented Sarojini at Work

Whenever, Sarojini Pratap Singh, a mother of two children, folded her hands in due reverence in front of the goddess, always wondered why women are never allowed to realise their dreams. Nothing could ever stop Sarojini to dream from earning a living to give a better tomorrow to her children.

As a stepping stone towards realising her dream she enrolled herself in the Gruhalaxmi Mahila Samity at Tapobana Basti, established by Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT). As part of sustainable livelihood options, some vocational training was organized. Sarojini's husband was a construction

laborer and her children went to nearby schools, it became impossible for her husband to make ends meet. Sarojini an enthusiast, could foresee her dreams turning into reality and the wish to contribute in the family income was possible when she heard that LWSIT along with JSS would organize beautician training. On the other hand, her husband was a hard nut to crack, he was not willing to send Sarojini for the training, nor wanted her to earn a living for the family. After continuous counseling and meetings, her husband gave way, and happy Sarojini enrolled for the training.

On completion of the training, with the help of LWSIT, Sarojini bagged a job in a reputed beauty in Bhubaneswar, namely Suhagan Beauty Parlour, earning a handsome salary of Rs 4000. On witnessing her success, her husband turned a new leaf, encouraging and supporting her.

Beaming Sarojini thanks LWSIT staff profusely and confides in them with her secret dream, she wants to start her own parlour and help other women of her slum to earn a good living.