



# SECONDCHANCE SCHOOL, JHALAWAR

*Neha Panwar, 27, reflects on her transformative journey, stating, "I have gained immense confidence and learning; my life has transformed totally due to effective training."*

Neha's early life was marked by significant challenges. Married at just 15, she was compelled to abandon her aspirations of pursuing a career in art and craft. By the age of 16, she became a mother, facing the pressures of raising children within a traditional Rajasthani Rajput family. Initially hesitant to enroll in Ritinjali's computer classes due to fears of rejection based on her marital status and responsibilities as a mother, Neha eventually took the courageous step to seek out this opportunity. The Ritinjali team welcomed her warmly, recognizing the significance of her decision as a married woman from a conservative background eager to learn.

Despite her passion for art and drawing, Neha felt constrained by her circumstances. However, upon discovering the computer classes, she was eager to participate but faced the daunting task of convincing her husband and in-laws—a challenge she ultimately overcame after months of perseverance.

Completing the computer course at Ritinjali not only equipped Neha with valuable skills but also boosted her confidence. She secured a position as a computer teacher at a private school, further enhanced by classes in Functional English and Life Skills. With a monthly salary of Rs 4000, Neha now contributes financially to her household, providing support to her husband and gaining personal fulfillment in the process. Her aspirations extend beyond herself; she is determined to offer her children a better future and shield them from some of the hardships she endured.



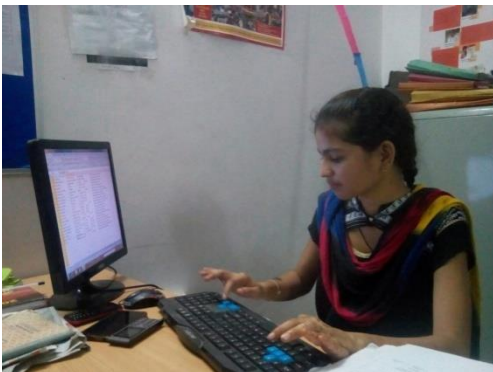
*I got a platform where I could learn not only computers rather functional English and Life Skills which was beyond my reach. - Rohit Jadon*

Rohit, the elder brother of two younger sisters, faced significant challenges when his family could no longer afford further education. As a result, he had to start earning money to support them. Initially, Rohit assisted his father full-time in agriculture, but he found little enjoyment in this work and desired a different path.

Determined to change his circumstances, Rohit became one of the first students at the Ritinjali Computer Centre. Through hard work and dedication, he secured a position as a computer operator at a Patanjali showroom in Jhalawar. This opportunity not only boosted his confidence but also made him feel self-reliant. With a monthly salary of Rs 6000, he contributes to his family's finances while continuing his education through an open university.

Rohit's journey didn't stop there; he later joined an architectural firm in Jhalawar, where he now earns Rs 15,000 per month. His determination and commitment to both his family and education have led to remarkable progress in his life.

Sheetal Panwar, 20 years



Sheetal's journey is a testament to resilience and determination. At just 20 years old, she has defied societal norms and family pressures to carve out a better life for herself and her family. Her story serves as an inspiration for countless girls striving for improved living conditions.

Born into a traditional Rajput family in Patpadia village, Jhalawar, Sheetal faced significant hurdles in pursuing her education. Her father, Shio Singh, is a small farmer and daily wage worker, struggling to make ends meet for his family of six. As the eldest sibling with two sisters and a brother, Sheetal was forced to halt her studies after completing her intermediate education.

However, when she learned about the free computer courses offered through door-to-door mobilization efforts, her desire for self-improvement ignited a spark within her. After

considerable effort, her father finally permitted her to attend the course. Despite initial language barriers and self-doubt, Sheetal's determination propelled her forward. The computer training provided her with essential skills, while the courses in Functional English and Life Skills equipped her to thrive in various work environments.

Today, Sheetal is employed as a Counsellor under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, earning Rs 5,000 per month. This role not only allows her to support her family financially but also brings her immense fulfillment. She is committed to ensuring that her siblings have better opportunities than she did and aims to shield them from the hardships she faced.

Ritinjali has played a crucial role in transforming the lives of many students like Sheetal. To date, approximately 120 students have benefited from their training programs, primarily consisting of those studying in government schools or preparing for competitive exams. Sixteen students have successfully secured jobs at various E-Mitra centers and computer shops.

Among the success stories are Kiran Merotha, who has worked in multiple roles including at a travel agency and is now pursuing her Master's degree; Aarti Jadon, who serves as a computer teacher at Nirmal Montessori School; and Monika Jadon, who works as an assistant teacher in a private school. Additionally, Ajay Singh and Poor Singh have found employment in a textile mill, while Meena Panwar works as a receptionist cum computer operator in a private hospital.

These achievements are particularly significant considering the backgrounds of these students. Many of them come from families where daily wage labor in stone quarries or agriculture is common. Their commitment to education and skill development despite working as seasonal laborers showcases their determination to improve their lives. Helping these individuals achieve their goals brings immense satisfaction to the Ritinjali team, highlighting the transformative power of education and training.