



Little one's miracle

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The heart of India is still in its villages. If India has to regain its lost glory, it is the villages that need to transform. At times, where elders fail, children show the way. Here is the story of one such little village girl, who has transformed the destiny of her village.

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(You have saved those, who having a view of Thee, have shed their ego.)

Ganga Abloki is a small remote village, around 40 km from Muktsar, in Punjab. There lives a small girl, Gurjot Kaur, with her parents and family. Almost four years ago, when Gurjot opened her eyes to this world, she found her father, Kuldip Singh and other male relatives indulging in obnoxious practices like drinking, taking toxic drugs, misbehaving with other family members...

As she experienced all this since birth, there was actually nothing that unduly worried Gurjot. But when she saw her father rebuking her mother badly, her sensibilities were jolted. The innocent girl couldn't understand what was wrong with her father.

As Gurjot turned three, her parents felt it was time to send her to school. There is no school in Ganga Abloki. So, her father started looking for a good school; he wanted his daughter to study and rise in life. His hunt for a good school brought him to Muktsar, where his friends and well wishers informed him about Akal Academy, the only first-class school in town.

Kuldip Singh visited the school and found it to be up to his expectations. The Academy seemed to have great potential for the children with modern facilities and outstanding opportunities. He learned that the school is not only educating the students academically, but also spiritually. The children in the school are learning *Gurmukhi* and *Gurbani*. They are being imparted lessons in moral values also. Apart from this, the school has latest infrastructure, updated curriculum, well stocked library, modern laboratories and huge playgrounds.

Everything seemed to be absolutely ideal and Kuldip Singh made up his mind to send his daughter to this school. But there was still a stumbling block. Actually the school is in Muktsar - about 40 km away from his village, and the nearest stoppage of the school bus is 6 km away from Ganga Abloki. He discussed this with the school authorities, who convinced him to drop the child till this stoppage and the school van will carry her further. With divine inspiration, he accepted the proposal.

Thus Gurjot got admitted to the nursery class in Akal Academy, Muktsar and started preparing to take off in life. In the Academy, Gurjot learnt to identify the letters of English, Hindi, and Punjabi; the numbers, as also, the *Gurbani*. She started reciting *Paath* with her class-mates. Although she could actually not read from the *Gutka*, yet she grasped the recitation while listening to others and humming with them. As part of her

routine in school, she learned to recite *Paath* in the morning, offer prayers before and after meals and recite *Paath* again at the end of the day.

Gurjot became fond of reciting her prayers regularly. Even on Sundays and holidays, when she was not supposed to go to school, she recited her prayers at home. Whenever she took her meals, she always offered her prayers, wherever she would be. Finding their daughter indulging in *Naam Simran*, her parents thought that the little girl might be under some pressure from outside to do so. They tried to convince her that it is okay to follow it as part of the school curriculum, but she could take it easy at home. To their surprise, Gurjot not only clarified to them that she was not under any pressure to recite the *Paath* but also started reciting *Gurbani* to them. She asked her father to shed his bad habits and follow the path of *Naam Simran* in order to be closer to *Wabeguru*.



Initially, Gurjot's family was reluctant to change their lifestyle and routine, but soon, when they found a little creature offering her prayers punctually and whole heartedly, they also joined her. *Naam Simran* led Kuldip Singh shed all his bad habits. He had now become pious. The family experienced a fresh breeze blowing through the house. Prosperity prevailed all around the family. Kuldip Singh was now advising others also to follow

him. He started taking his daughter to talk to other people of the village and motivate them for *Naam Simran*.

When the villagers noticed such drastic changes in the family, they were so impressed that they also started following the little darling of everyone. Now *Naam Simran* can be heard from all the houses. All the men in the village have shed alcoholism and drug-addiction. The environment in the village has become absolutely peaceful and pious. Every Sunday Gurjot Kaur recites *Gurbani Paath* the whole day.

The villagers are so impressed by the miracle that has happened due to this little girl that they are thinking of donating a piece of land from their property so that a branch of Akal Academy could be established within their village and then their children won't have to waste their precious time in traveling to far off Muktsar.

The youngsters should derive inspiration from the miraculous Gurjot Kaur and pledge to transform the world around them into a spiritually enlightened one.

