

Vocational Skills have given students wings

Vocational skills is different from academic education. Here we emphasise more on **knowledge ,skills and attitudes** that help students handle practical challenges and work situations. Skills programs emphasise only on hands on skills. However in the vocational courses done in schools we lay emphasis on the **practical skills** as well as the **underlying theoretical knowledge**. Our focus is also on the 21st century skills required to be successful in the fast changing work place. These include **communication skills, digital and financial literacy and entrepreneurship**.

This emphasis on practical's and learning a skill gives students tremendous confidence to face the real world challenges and earn their livelihood. Here we would like to share the experiences of some of our teachers and students from Punjab.

For us, nothing speaks more eloquently about the need for these programs and the impact it has on our students life journeys than their stories. Here are a few of them, in their voices and through the reflection of our passionate teachers. These are a few chosen stories from a rich tapestry of stories we see, in classrooms every day. Every month, we will continue highlighting these stories of inspiration, passion, change and success. After all, its stories like these, that make our work rewarding and real.



There is nothing greater than when a student finally makes a leap in understanding.

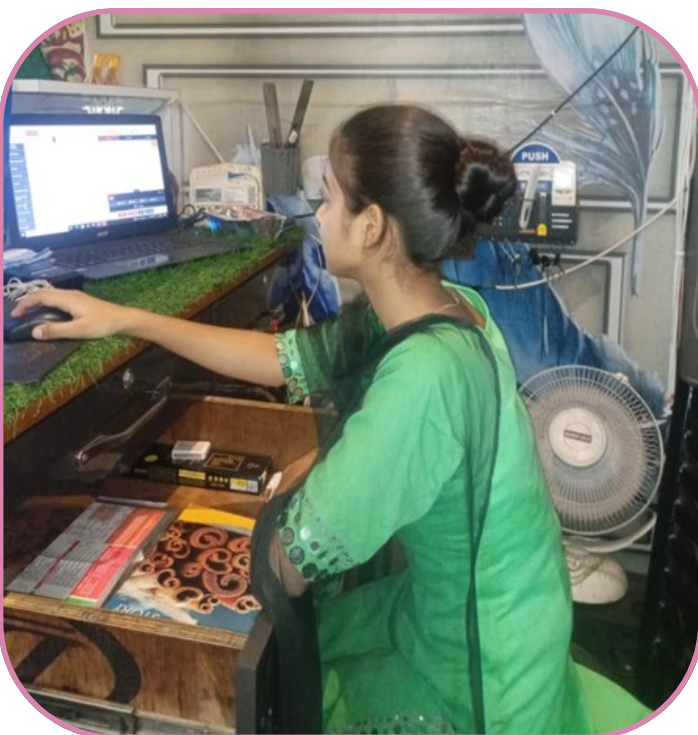
When things start to click within a student's mind, and they finally start to demonstrate the skills that eluded them. This type of growth is one of the most rewarding experiences a teacher can have. I had this type of experience with Ranjeet Singh, a proficient student of G.s.s.s Chawinda Devi, Amritsar and part of 2020 IT/ITES (N.S.Q.F) batch.

His skills and proficiency got him this exceptional job at 'HELLO FOOD' Jandiala Guru, Amritsar as Manager. He is handling the whole restaurant like taking care of billing customers and managing records in the system. He has managed to earn a handsome amount.

Gagandeep Kaur VT shares the story of her student **Ranjeet Singh** from **GSSS Chawinda Devi, Amritsar**



Vikas Kumar VT shares the story of his student **Kajal** from **GSSS Kot Isse Khan G, Moga**



I feel so overwhelmed thinking of my one bright student (Kajal). She opted for the IT subject in 9th class in 2018 and also continued in 11th class. She has passed her 12th class under NSQF (IT/ITeS) in 2022 from Govt. Girls Sen. Sec. School, Kot Ise Khan (Moga). She showed keen interest in Information Technology subjects.

Due to her interest, her name was sent for apprenticeship. Her apprenticeship was started at Endless Pizza, Kot Ise Khan as a Desk attendant (Cashier) where she also showed her keen interest and her employer offered a job after the completion of Apprenticeship training period. Now, she continues to work there and is earning money and helping her family financially.

Arvind Kumar VT shares the story of his student
Satnam from **GSSS Nara , Hoshiarpur**

Satnam opted for I.T subject in 9th class in 2017. He has passed 12th class under NSQF (IT/ITes) from Govt. Sen. Sec. School, Nara (Hoshiarpur). He showed interest in Information Technology subject.

Due to his interest, he got a job opportunity at Kirpal Computer, Hoshiarpur. Now he is working here as a Computer Repair Technician and helping his family financially.



Rana Vishaw Partap Singh VT shares the story of his student
Priyanka from **GSSS Moga G W , Moga**

Priyanka D/o Fagnu Mukhia, who studied in Government Senior Secondary School, Moga, enrolled in NSQF IT/ITes in 2018 and passed 12th in 2022 with a remarkable score.

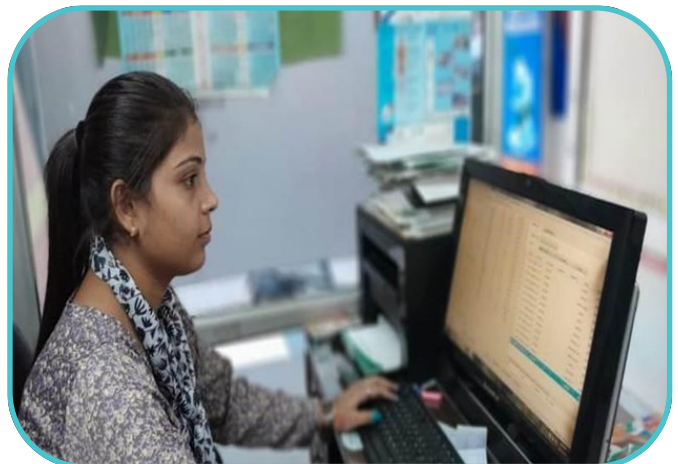
Due to her practical knowledge gained through the past 4 years under NSQF IT/ITes, she got a job in Mohan Educare IELTS Centre, Moga. She has been working as a data entry operator since August 2022 and is earning a good salary.



Muskan student of Govt Girls Sen.Sec School Sujanpur(Pathankot) opted for IT Subject in 9th Class and completed her 12th with 82% marks in IT subject . She was hard working and has interest to learn more.

Her family was not able to support her education due to financial conditions. So she decided to do a job. Now she is doing a part time job in a hospital cum clinic as a Data entry operator. It was impossible for her to find a job without IT Skills. She is earning money and helping her parents financially and also continuing her studies.

Munish Kumar VT shares the story of his student
Muskan from **GSSS Sujanpur (Girls) , Pathankot**



Successful people are not gifted, they just work hard, then succeed on purpose and our student Sonu Kumar is one such example. He was a fantastic and hard-working student of the school. He was a passionate child. He was not only limited to IT/ITES. He was a multi talented child. He used to participate in every activity. He improved his skills over the period of time with keen determination. His skills differentiated from others.

His determination and hard work paid off. In his four year course he learnt many things and improved himself in every way possible. He didn't stop there, he improved his skill and joined a course for Mobile Repair because he wants to upgrade his skills and make a career in the mobile world.

After completing his course he opened his own shop in his village with the name of Sonu Mobile Repair with more extra facilities like pay bills, railway ticketing, money transfer Etc.

Kulwinder Kaur VT shares the story of her student **Sonu Kumar** from **GSSS Ranipur , Kapurthala**



Jaskaran Singh VT shares the story of his student **Rajdeep Singh** from **GSSS Shersingh Wala , Faridkot**



Rajdeep singh opted for IT subject in 9th class in 2016 and completed 12th class under NSQF (IT/ITES) in 2020 from GSSS SHER SINGH WALA, Faridkot.

Due to his IT skill, He is doing a job as a clerk under Mr. Kunal Vinayak Advocate Punjab and Haryana High Court Chandigarh. He is doing all clerical work in the office very well and earning very well for his family.

He is also doing higher studies in distance mode with his job. I am very happy for Rajdeep singh and feeling proud that he learnt IT skills under my guidance.