



Dear DHN family,

It's my immense pleasure to share my opinion about my success story of becoming the future doctor. I have no many words to describe about myself but here is my short introduction.

I am Samikshya Shrestha, a 21 years old girl is always grateful towards the DHN family from the very beginning when I was in class 3. I am from Aamppipal, Gorkha which lies in hilly region. We are family of six- dad, mom and four siblings. My parents are farmers. My dad is retired army personnel too. Agriculture is the main occupation in our village.

Here, I want to share how I came to know about DHN.

I studied at Shree Janata Secondary School up to class 7 along with my siblings. I used to get good grades but our financial condition is not strong enough to support our Higher studies. With four children, it was very difficult for my parents to afford school expenses. During this time, DHN family members, including Mrs. Ursula, visited our home and offered to support me. That's how I received sponsorship starting from Grade 3. My parents were so happy — it helped ease their financial burden and gave me emotional and mental support, which was crucial. We got the monthly allowance of Rs.2000 and lunch from school. That support meant very much to me. Von DHN

The organization provided us with new clothes for Dashain, something that remain close to my heart. Whenever the DHN team visit us , we felt proud of ourselves and even proud of them. The way they love us still makes me happy now too. It made my childhood memories special and unforgettable when I remember that moments.

I completed my studies up to class 10 at The Old Capital Higher Secondary School. I really love that school and the way teacher treated us. Here, in this school each and every penny was provided by DHN. Everything - hostel fees, the mess , the uniform dress, the stationary items all were supported by DHN. I got good grades there. I think if I was not in that school, I am not capable enough where I am today.

DHN had planned to support us through a 3-year vocational course to help us become independent. But I wanted to study Science at the +2 level. My principal, Mr. Janak Sir, supported me in this decision. Thanks to his recommendation, DHN agreed to support my Science studies. He has always guided me whenever I faced difficulties, and I am truly grateful to him.

I began my +2 Science studies at D.A.V. College and worked hard to get good scores.

When I was child everyone in my village said I should become a doctor in the future. This is where I began to dream of being a doctor. I don't know what will happen but I prepared for Common Entrance Examination (CEE) which is the golden gate for every candidate who wants to enter medical field. I gave the exam. Out of about 18000 students, I ranked 477 in MBBS. 250 rank in BDS and 52 rank in Nursing. It was beyond my expectations, and I believe I was very lucky that day.

Because of my father's army background, I had the opportunity to receive an 80% scholarship for MBBS. However, there is no BDS program in army colleges, so I wasn't eligible for a scholarship in BDS. Though I got a full scholarship in Nursing, I still chose MBBS. It was always my dream.

The cost of studying MBBS is around 42 lakhs (only medical fees) which is almost impossible for my family to afford. I planned to drop that year. But my parents, DHN, relatives, teacher encouraged me to study in that year. It was uncertain that if I got scholarship or not. Despite those, DHN stepped forward and promised to support me to study MBBS and wanted to cover half cost around 24 lakhs if the total.

I got admitted to the Nepalese Army Institute of Health Sciences and began my journey. I realized my dream was starting to come true. At the end of that month I got the news of having 80% scholarship. I think it was my luck and my God's plan. I was very happy because that scholarship reduced the financial burden to my family and the DHN.

At first, I found it very difficult to study MBBS. But I studied harder and had passed first and second year with good grades. Now I am the beginner of third year.

Here, I want to give message to all students supported by DHN. You should study harder to achieve your goal. No matter what DHN never leaves you in half way and your efforts and dedication are equally important. You have to give your 100% to achieve your dream.

I am forever thankful for their support, love and belief on me. Because of DHN I am here - on the path to become a doctor.

Thank you from my bottom of the heart.

Best regards,
Samikshya