

2. My name is Mehnaaz Praveen.



My father's name is Attaullah he is a tailor. I want to share my story with you.

Before I moved to Uttar Pradesh I was living in a small and remote village. There I was studying in a small school. But attended classes only once a week. I did not like going there.

But soon we moved to Tigri Colony. My mother Shehnawaz Khatoon did all the household chores and looked after her five children. The oldest is my brother now in class 12. My father got me admission in a school, but we could not afford the high fees. I was there for a year. I could not continue my studies there so came to Riverside Free School in class 3.

The first day I did not like the school but as I went regularly, I very soon made new friends. I stood 1st in class too. I studied till class 6 and learnt a lot in this school. My Science, Math and English were good. My General knowledge became better.

Teachers were more like friends. This will always be my best time of my life and I loved my teachers especially my Head. Now I am in another school and always get very high percentage. I want to continue studying but will never have to give up due to lack of finance even though I want to make my parents and teachers proud.

But I might have to leave after class 8 and return to my village as my father cannot afford High school fees of Rs.600 per month. My father has worked very hard to get me up to this class.

I keep in touch with my Riverside Free school teachers and Head. I can never forget them.