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"You can only become truly accomplished at something you love. Don't make money your goal. Instead, pursue the things you love doing and then do them so well that people can't take their eyes off you."

- Pooja Nayak
Alampura, Jhansi



This is the story of Ms Pooja Nayak, age 21 from Alampura village in Jhansi. Pooja has been associated with the Sakhi project since 2017 and has been actively involved in all group work sessions like health and hygiene, communicable and non-communicable diseases, exposure visits, health camps etc. Her parents are also supportive and they too accompanied her in most of the group meetings and community mobilization activities. In September 2019 a career guidance counselling session was organized in which around **30** adolescent girls actively participated Pooja being one of them.

There after Pooja communicated with the SAKHI team and expressed her desire of pursuing the Nursing Assistant's course, also called GAD (General Assistant Duty). The SAKHI team assured her of assistance and accompanied her to the village Pradhan, with whose assistance Pooja and the SAKHI team visited the Kaushal Vikas officials and enquired

about the nursing course.

After completing and submitting all necessary documents she was admitted to the six-months general nursing course. After completing the course she did one month's internship at the Government Hospital, Gursarai. Later she had an opportunity to work as a Home Nurse for which she needed to relocate to Gurgoan or Noida around **450** kms from her hometown. Pooja then approached the SAKHI team and shared her plight with them. The SAKHI team then contacted Mrs Janki a nurse by profession and owner of a personal clinic in Gursarai and informed her of Pooja's plight. Mrs Janki agreed to appoint Pooja in her clinic, paying her Rs. **5000/-** per month. Pooja and her parents are content and expressed their sincere gratitude to the SAKHI project and team for their valuable advice, insightful comments and encouragement to Pooja while pursuing the course.