
I am Gurpreet, I am a Sewing Machine Operator



Name : Gurpreet Singh

Age : 26

Job Role : Sewing Machine Operator

Income per month before skilling : Fresher

Income per month after skilling : Rs 12,500

“Today I am not only able to support my family but I am also supporting my brothers and sisters to complete their education. I will be ever thankful to IL&FS Skills and the Ministry of Minority Affairs for helping me to acquire such skills that has given me a job today and most important of all increased my self confidence and respect“

Gurpreet’s father was a farmer and cropping was their only source of income. Due to industrial activity around Ppunjab, their land turned infertile and did not yield good crops. Therefore, his father started working in a petrol pump and was able to earn Rs. 3,000 per month only. For a family of 7 members that amount was not enough and most of the days they used to sleep hungry. As soon as gurpreet completed his schooling, he did not pursue further studies instead started looking for jobs. But he was not able to find a suitable one that would help him support his family

Then one day through community mobilization, he came to know about the Skills for Jobs programme at IL&FS Institute of Skills (IIS), Ludhiana and called at the toll free number to know further details. He was made aware that under the Learn and Earn scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs his training will be sponsored and he will also get a job at the end of the training. He immediately enrolled for a Certificate Programme for Sewing Machine Operator (SMO) . At the end of training, he cleared his assessments with flying colours and was offered a job with the Trident Group at a salary of Rs. 12,500 per month