

## Education Builds the Future: Going out and further

Not attending for next semester, whilst spending time Payal heard about a training from a friend. She was told to do the training and getting a job afterwards – so she thought why not? Months later in November 2012 Payal and her older sister, Hemleta had done the iLEAD-training – though they did not go to sit at home, but began working as beauticians in a beauty parlour.

### Training and Thoughts of More Education

They are on their first job ever. Payal and Hemleta are trained to be beautician, but they are learning further techniques and hearing new moods of the latest fashion while working in the parlour. "Training is good for the future" their mother thinks about daughters' education. Now, while working Payal is doing 12<sup>th</sup> grade via correspondence. Hemleta is more of a practical person, and wishes to do work instead of reading books in a school. Payal is yet underaged, but keeps on thinking whether to apply to her childhood's dream job: as a police officer. Although, now working feels good to her.



*Payal and Hemleta at their workplace.*

## The Sisters

Name:	Payal and Hemleta
Age:	17                      19
City:	Jaipur
Family:	Mother, father and two brothers
Education until:	10 <sup>th</sup>
iLEAD-Training:	Beautician
iLEAD-Batch:	Sep to Nov 2012
Employment:	In a Beauty Parlour
Employed from:	November 2012
Salary:	Rs. 2 500 each

### Who Let the Sisters Out? Who-who-who?

The biggest matter the sisters gained from iLEAD is the confidence to go out together. Now they have been to places in Jaipur they have never visited before! For Hemleta and Payal it is important to earn their own money. Salaries are given to the mother – to be used for the expenses at home. When the sisters need money, they ask from their mother. The mother decides where the pays are used in the end. Though, within the family they first discuss what should be purchased before buying.

### More the Merrier

For the sisters it is a blast to be in the same workplace. It makes the work and life a lot more fun! Besides all the laughter and fun, they get to meet new and different kind of people in their work. Payal and Hemleta both admit they like to work with people. The sisters are daydreaming about forming together their own parlour. If they do have a change, before getting married. As talks of marriage are there already in the family. Though, the girls wouldn't like to get married yet, as thus young.

" I learned to come out of home.  
To go out."

- Payal

## A Job Worth Doing?

The worst part of the job is not the work itself, but some community members' attitude towards an occupation of beautician: some do think this work is very bad and a wrong thing to do. One might imply "why are you learning parlouring only? You should go for something else." Payal and Hemleta have encountered such an attitude mainly from other women. Men seem to have no opinion on the matter. Payal and Hemleta feel it to be narrow-minded thinking. They wonder if these women are

jealous about their possibility to go out and work. As the sisters wish to do – to obtain some independency and hunger for freedom, to have possibility to make choices on life of their own.

The two sisters had fun together in the training and are keeping up the habit now as co-workers. Who knows, if they will form together a parlour of their own full of joy and cheerfulness, as well as some facial treatment, head massage, make-up art et cetera...