

## *Anita Ajay Jaiswar*

*Rangoonwala Foundation (India) Trust's*

*Utkarsh Youth Development Programme*

### *Skill Development Award (Jewelry Making) 2019*

Anita's association with RF(I)T is through the Rangoonwala Community Centre, Pathanwadi.

This association materialized through the focused outreach work undertaken by the RCC team and Volunteer cadre. Anita came across the RCC IEC left at her home in Pimpripada, while she was away. She saw in it an opportunity to acquire skills as a beautician that she could otherwise not afford. Full of hope, she went to our RCC in Pathanwadi and immediately got associated as it put to rest an anxiety that she had..... she could do the course despite not knowing English! The atmosphere at RCC set to rest her other inhibition - that of not having a proper education.

Anita has not looked back in the more than six years of her association with RCC. With a supportive husband she acquired one skill after another. Through RCC she found a mother figure and mentor - our Sahayak- Vinita; who gave her the encouragement she craved for from her maternal family and the support her troubled childhood did not give.

Anita has found a niche in jewelry making. She leads the vocational activity unit - supervising the jewelry making, handling stocks and sales.

She feels empowered through the RCCs. It has given her an identity of her own. It has given her the platform to showcase her skills. It has also entrusted her with responsibility that her own father did not think her worthy of.... managing money!

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