

Name: Saif Shaikh

Age: 18

Disability: Cerebral palsy



About Saif

Saif's has cerebral palsy which affects mobility in all four limbs, necessitating the use of a wheelchair. Saif is a bright student with aspirations and is driven by a strong desire to uplift his family as his father is the only bread earner in the family. He comes from the low economic background.

Saif's education till the 7th standard was at SEC School. He completed 10th standard at Sitaram Prakash School. Traveling from home to school every day was a challenge due to his disability, but his father ensured that he got to school. With support from Integration and Inclusion Program, he was able to attend school regularly by taxi for the commute.

At school, special arrangements were made for Saif to sit in the front row so he could pay better attention. It was difficult for him to take notes, and sometimes he missed lessons, but he worked hard and successfully scored 54% in the 10th grade.

Choosing the next step was also challenging. Saif was unsure which stream to choose. With help from I&IP and career counselling from Dheya Kaaryam, an institute that offers career mentoring, he decided on Commerce. With his merit score, he got admission to SIES College of Arts, Science, and Commerce for 11th grade.

I&IP continues to support him for transport to college. Initially, Saif struggled to grasp the lessons, but he kept trying hard every day to learn and attend college. He manages his studies along with his physiotherapy sessions after his limb corrective surgery.

Support from Saif's parents and the assistance of provided by the Integration and Inclusion program (I&IP) played a role in supporting Saif towards his achievement.



Saif actively continues his physiotherapy, putting in equal effort and determination to achieve his goal of walking.

Saif has demonstrated strength and resilience to achieve his dreams.