“The most precious dowry or gift a parent could give to their daughter is the comprehensive education which leads to empowerment and by which she can stand on own feet and live a self-sufficient life.” But by twist of fate, I was devoid of the same. At the age of twenty two I was married. It seems as if my allowance to edification had ended.

It’s a popular belief among Indian middle class societies, that it’s tougher for a girl to pursue her studies and career post marriage, not only because she has added matrimonial responsibilities towards husband, children and in-laws, but also because the attitude of in-laws in general is not very supportive and encouraging towards the daughter-in-law’s pursuing higher studies and career post marriage.

But I must admit, my case was one of an exception. I dedicate with firm belief my entire success to my husband and in-laws who have been strong pillars of support in my life.

Since the time of my marriage in 2004 till date, their faith in my abilities, positive and encouraging attitude, noble and unconditional support is the prime factor because of which I have been able to sail through this journey.

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