

Here we present the story of Naresh, who climbed the ladder of success with sheer grit and unwavering determination. Vinimay is proud to have been part of this success story.

### **The Story Of Naresh**

When Naresh left the child welfare institution where he was brought up, he had only a moderate level of education but had an enviable zeal for life. While yet unsure of himself, embarking on his journey of life, he was sure of one thing: following the path suggested by Vinimay would surely fetch dividends.

The small manufacturing firm where he found a job first, shifted its location, cut down its work force and finally closed down, and with that Naresh lost his job as well as living quarters.

Naresh had an ambition to become a driver but he was willing to trudge on clinging to any odd job we could place him in. Finally Vinimay could find him a simple job wherein he was able to learn and also practice driving. Soon enough he mustered up enough confidence to start driving a tourist taxi.

Hard work never deterred Naresh, and slowly but surely he started saving up to buy his own little house. There again Vinimay chipped in, bargained on his behalf and ensured that he got a good place at an affordable price. A loan was also advanced to him for this purpose.

A few years later, Naresh started driving a hired auto-rickshaw (a three-wheeler form of public transport). Keen to buy his own auto-rickshaw one day, he worked overtime in order to earn as much money as possible in as short a period as possible. At times, Vinimay members had to dissuade him from such hard work, lest he fall sick.

The day soon dawned when he had accumulated enough money to pay for a major chunk of the price of the vehicle. He approached Vinimay for help. Needless to add, Vinimay obliged him with a loan (interest-free, of course) to be paid back within a period of two years. Here again, thanks to Naresh's relentless efforts, he was able to pay off the loan much earlier.

Two years ago, Naresh approached Vinimay to ask for the hands of a destitute girl studying under our care. By then, he had acquired all the necessities needed for a family life.

His idea was to get engaged then and marry only after a year or so. Sensing Naresh's hesitation in plunging into matrimony due to paucity of funds, Vinimay offered him yet another loan, since Vinimay felt that it was high time Naresh had a break from his life of drudgery. Naresh accepted the loan but only with hesitation.

The marriage was one of the happiest events in Vinimay's history, both the bride and the groom having been nurtured under our care. The role of parents during the marriage was played by proud Vinimay members.

Starting from scratch by eking out a living with a salary of Rs.500 per month, Naresh has indeed come a long way. Today he earns upwards of Rs.4000 per month and is a proud owner of a house and an auto-rickshaw as well.

No wonder our hearts puff with pride when we think of Naresh.

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