# Name: Devanshi Yadav. Edition 1:

I was 9 months old when Papa was martyred in a terrorist bomb blast attack, making Mumma a single mother at 25. She joined the same police department as Papa. I grew up, Hearing stories of Papa’s bravery and watching Mumma be a living example. I wanted to be like them—to give back to society, so I started working for the needy ones, at the age of 11. I started activism even before I knew the term social worker.

I use to work for senior citizens, dogs, leprosy patients, and children.

But when I was 14, I rejected a boy who’d asked me out– he decided to take revenge by hiring goons to throw acid on me. The left side of my body was burnt; the pain was unbearable! I was in the hospital for a month. My physical scars faded after a year, but that incident scarred my soul. People would shame me, ‘It’s the way you dress; you asked for it!’ But my friends and family helped me stay strong. I’d just started to heal… But when I was 18, I was molested by a family friend. I escaped his clutches, but I kept quiet, fearing that the ety would victim shame me. That night broke me; I became afraid of all men. Soon after, the same man preyed on his own terms. When they confided in me, I realized that I had to raise my voice! I told Mumma, and the entire family stopped the monster. I also came out of an abusive relationship, physical abuse was not acceptable. It made me realise if it could happen to someone who is a pendant, I couldn’t even fathom what would happen to orthodox, uneducated girls.

My determination to do something for others grew stronger. I worked hard, and at 26, I registered my own NGO, named after Papa, ‘Shaheed Ramashrya Welfare Society’. I rescued girls from prostitution, and rehabilitated people from the streets of Bareilly. We have 500 + children at our center, where we teach them self-defense. We provide typing classes and train them

To fight their battles. We teach children in a gender neutral atmosphere. I’ve touched 1000+ lives in the last 4 years!

During my journey, I met Anaika at an orphanage. She was hearing & speech impaired—I arranged funds for her cochlear implant. Watching her get better, I experienced the joy of motherhood for the first time. I’d tell Mumma, ‘I’m meant to be a mother—I can feel it!’ So I registered with an adoption agency and after months of waiting, the first time I saw Vanmayi… I fell in love! She was tiny, only 6 months old when she came into our family.

when she looked at me, it was like she was speaking to me, and I wondered, ‘Who could ever

give her up?’ I know she was meant to be mine. My calling. Adopting her was a grueling process because I was single; her room had been ready for months—I’d sit there and pray that wherever my baby is, just be safe and I’ll come to bring you home baby. Vanmayi finally came to her home and that was the happiest day of my life!

After that, my life revolved around her. I’d stay up all night to make sure she was okay, and I taught her how to read and write. She was my dream come true—she made me stop questioning why bad things happen in the world.

I was destined to be a mother. I tell Vanmayi, ‘You didn’t come from Mumma’s body, but you came from Mumma’s soul.’ And she’s inspired me to love more children! For the past year, I’ve been providing for 3 other kids–Serene, Jovia and Brian –who live in Africa. We talk on video call every weekend; I can’t wait for the day I get to hug them —Vanmayi has already started picking out dolls for her didis to play with! Every time the 3 of them call me ‘Mumma’, it erases every sorrow I’ve ever experienced!”

# Edition 2:

My father was martyred in a bomb blast, making Maa a single mom at 25. She joined the police force, to carry on Papa’s legacy. Watching Maa & hearing stories of Papa’s bravery, I wanted to do good like them.

My mom grew up in a small town in UP in a simple household with her four sisters. At 24, She married my father, who worked as a CO in the UP police. Coming from a small town, my mom wasn't ambitious and dreamt of a happy life with her husband and children, but that dream shattered when papa was martyred in a bomb blast, only a year after their marriage. I was only a few months old and she was suddenly a single mother at 25!

It was an extremely difficult time for her as life as she knew was suddenly gone and her dream of a happy family was shattered. She worked in the department for me.

But at 14, when I rejected a boy, he took revenge by hiring goons to throw acid on me. My left side was burnt; the pain–unbearable! I was hospitalized for a month. My physical scars faded, but that incident had scarred my soul. People said, ‘The way you dress–you asked for it!’ My family stood by me. I’d just started to heal… But when I was 18, I was molested by a family friend. I escaped his clutches, but kept quiet, fearing victim shaming. But when the

same man preyed on others& they confided in me, I had to raise my voice! \*I told Maa, & we put a stop to it by telling his entire family.

Years later, I also faced physical abuse In a relationship.

My determination to do good grew stronger. At 26, I registered my NGO, named after Papa, ‘Shaheed Ramashray Welfare Society’. I rescued girls from prostitution, taught kids

self-defence & rehabilitated people. I’ve touched 5000+ lives in 4 years!

During my journey, I met Anaika & we arranged a donor for her cochlear implant. Watching her get better, I experienced the joy of motherhood. I knew I was meant to be a mom!

So I registered for adoption. It was a grueling process because I was single; my child’s room was ready for months–I’d sit there & pray that they’d grant me a kid. Finally, my prayers were answered–Vanmayi came home. It was the happiest day of my life!

After that, my life revolved around her. I’d stay up all night checking in on her. I taught her how to read & write. She was my dream come true.

Even if I had to do it alone, I was destined to be a mom. I tell Vanmayi, ‘You didn’t come from my body, but you came from my soul.’ She’s inspired me to love more children! For the past year, I’ve been providing for 3 kids in Africa. We talk on video call every day; I can’t wait to meet them–Vanmayi has already picked out dolls for her didis! Every time they call me ‘Mumma’, it erases every sorrow I’ve ever felt!” I am also a mom to serene who’s In Africa. Serene loves Vanmayi. I found her in A ngo in Uganda.

Motherhood is the greatest blessing in my life. Adoption isn’t a second option it’s a beautiful choice that you make to complete your family.

As a society we are fixated with genes, care in forward our families with blood ties. We need to see adoption as a beautiful blessing.

Break the stigma attached with adoption. Use positive adoption language.

# Edition 3rd:

A woman who has been the victim of multiple crimes chooses to fight instead of giving up.

At 9, my father was martyred in a terrorist bomb blast attack. My father was a police officer, and my mother works in the police department. Being a daughter of parents who serve the country, I always wanted to take that legacy forward.

The trouble rollercoaster continued to swing as I was subjected to abuse and became an acid attack victim at 14 years old. Further, I was subjected to domestic violence as well. These incidents scarred my soul but not my spirit of building a beautiful life.

When I started to heal from my previous wounds, a family friend molested me. The moment lives with me still— as if frozen in time. It was harrowing. I was paralyzed with shock and fear. The moment I got to know that he hadn’t left his daughters as well, we filed a complaint against him.

During these events, I became courageous and fearless. The spark of turning and building the beautiful life continues to grow until it becomes a flame.

One woman who was a victim of domestic violence contacted my NGO, who later died in my arms in the hospital. I fought her battle and put him behind bars. Ironically I was subjected to domestic abuse, but I didn’t let it stop me from living a life of service. This incident led me to fight against domestic violence and patriarchy.

No matter how many difficulties I face, I choose to stand firmly with my mother's support and my father’s sacrifice. Life made me go through a lot of challenges but my passion for my work helped me bounce back.I started my own NGO after my father’s name. I work for human trafficking, domestic violence, and underprivileged girls.

I have provided education to more than 600 girls and ran the ‘Azaad Pankh’ and ‘Bhiksha nhi Shiksha do’ campaigns. Currently, I am running ‘Log Kya Kahengey’ and ‘Badlaav’ Campaigns, and working on different topics of social injustice In our society especially for women.

I adopted a baby girl in 2019 and is a foster mother to 3 girls. I ensure that “All girls must never doubt their strengths and fly high,” including my daughter.

I believe that God made me suffer so much so that I could help others out there, I turned my pain into my power and that power guided me in living my purpose.

I break free from the conventional barriers of society and strive to create an environment that is beyond the patriarchal setup. Each one of us must prompt gender equality and fly free from stereotypes to stop violence against women. Every woman must raise her voice for her rights and the things which are important to her.

Such traumatising events can take a big toll on your mental health, we should seek help if needed and stick to the magic of hope. There is always some light at the end of the tunnel.

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