

Sabina Khatri – The Lyari’s Pride



Early Life:

Sabina Khatri, A lady who is known as the “Mother of Lyari” was born in Karachi on 9th June 1966 in a family of educationalists, engineers, and doctors. From an early age, she was very active and enthusiastic. She had a very positive mind and a hard-working quality since her childhood which helped her find quick solutions for every problem she faced in her life. It was a bit unfortunate that she was married at a young age. Due to her early marriage and domestic responsibilities, she wasn’t able to continue her academics after intermediate. She had a keen interest in human anatomy and health. After almost 15 years of marriage, she decided to commence fitness and women’s health.

Her Beliefs:

Peace and love in life is her motive. She strongly believes that the greatest happiness is to release someone out of pain. Moreover, it is her thought about equality in education that all of the children should be given equal opportunities, whether they are from the upper-middle-class or the underprivileged background. She believes that one can only get a higher status through his hard work and skills.

The Formation of Kiran Foundation:

In 2004, Sabina Khatri came to Lyari as she came across a case of a little child who was a victim of child abuse, domestic violence, and trauma. She was successfully able to grant support to the child's mother and resolved this issue. Soon afterward, she had frequent visits to Lyari Town (A town in Karachi which once had an extremely bad reputation due to multiple violent acts and gangs). After realizing the poor situation of Lyari regarding lack of education and awareness, Sabina Khatri started to work on a mission to make things better. The storm inside her and the great support from her friends and family kept her solid in the way to accomplish this eminent cause. She found two residents, Haji Nazeer Baloch and Mr.Sohrab Baloch who were teaching basic-literacy to the children and had a very small two-roomed centre. She joined hands with them and in 2006, successfully established a safe and secure school for the kindergartens and named it "Kiran Ibtidai School". This school focused on the education and training of both, the children as well as their mothers. She considered these children as her own as her goal was to raise the hard up children in the field of education and set them side by side with the others having upper status. This was really a life-changing initiative that inspired many people to adjoin this mission. After an exceptional success of the Kiran Ibtidai School, Sabina Khatri took a step forward to another initiative to create the "Kiran Foundation" in 2014 which included a very zealous group of founding directors. This foundation is also named as "Kiran Ghar", located in the streets of Baghdadi Street, Lyari.

The Emergence of DCTO School:

Soon after the formation of the Kiran Foundation, Sabina Khatri adopted the DCTO Government School with the collaboration of the Akhuwat Foundation. Although, in 2016, the Kiran Foundation became the exclusive adopter of the institution. After a decade of experience and efforts, a proper Kiran Schooling System was established at the DCTO Campus, thus producing passionate and talented students to date.

Her Rewards:

Sabina Khatri - The Pride of Lyari, was awarded the “Sitara-e-Imtiaz” by the Government of Pakistan for her tireless efforts in uplifting the passion and youth of Pakistan, especially the Lyarians. She also won the “I Am Karachi Pride Award” in 2016.

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