

## Your contribution to PTP helps young people like Anju...

Anju\* is a bright 16-year-old living with her family in a basti (slum community) outside a city. After cycling home from school, Anju helps her mother manage their home and cares for her younger siblings. Once the housework is completed, and the family is asleep, she settles down with her books to study undisturbed. A few months ago, she developed severe headaches and nausea. Her worried parents took her to a doctor. They paid for scans, tests and medicines. The doctor told them Anju has Tuberculosis (TB) in her brain and should immediately travel to CMC Vellore for treatment.

*"We took a loan from a moneylender and set out immediately," says Anju's father. "We stayed in a lodge near CMC. All of a sudden, Anju became very sick. We rushed to CMC's Emergency and she was admitted for treatment. Now after two weeks of care under the Department of General Medicine, she is feeling better".*



His eyes fill with tears as he looks at his daughter curled up on the hospital bed. *"Anju is our precious child. She knows how hard her parents, her elders work. She sees us toiling in the fields. We labourers have to work every single, day-sweating in the sweltering sun, and shivering in the rain. She says we have taken care of her and now she wants to study and take care of us. She plans to write NEET exam (common eligibility test for medicine and nursing). We have left our other children alone with families in our basti. They phone us everyday asking when we will come back? We tell them – as soon as Anju is better we will come home."*

**Thank you for your thoughtful giving!**

*\*patient details shared with consent & name changed to protect their privacy*

