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'Mother Teresa Inspired Me to Help Poor'

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Thoothukudi: Inspired by the selfless service of Mother Teresa, a 43-year-old woman from Thoothukudi has decided her life to educate the rural women in the district.

Geetha Kuppusamy, a well-known social activists from Thoothukudi has not only started the Indian Institute of Pharmaceutical Science to impart nursing education for women, but has enabled the women to manage the administrative activities of the institute for the last 11 years.

She decided to serve the poor after reading about the life history of Mother Teresa. "I was inspired by the service of Mother Teresa for people suffering from various diseases. Hence, I decided to educate rural women on nursing following the principles of the mother," she said.



Geetha at her office | EXPRESS

Geetha is not only the director of the Institute but also takes moral classes for the students. "I want my students to be dedicated and service minded. I take special attention not just in producing quality nurses, but also producing quality human beings" added Geetha. At present, there are 190 students studying at

her college and more than 1,000 nurses have passed out. She claims that her students are greatly appreciated by the hospital managements. "Almost all students get placed due to the reputation of the institute and the hard work of the students," she said.

Apart from the college she also leads an active family

life, added Geetha.

Her husband is her greatest supporter. Initially, when she had conveyed her wish to setup the institute, her husband encouraged her and supported her.

"My husband is a physical education teacher at a school and is my greatest supporter. Even my children understand my passion to serve and have been very supportive over the years," says Geetha.

She also proudly says that she has started contributing significantly for her family and has become economically independent. Her status among the family has gone up and her relatives have started to respect her more. She adds that she had received 48 awards, mostly for social service, from various high profile persons including Congress leader, Sonia Gandhi. She says that her wish is to see women overcome all odds in life.

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