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Dearth of suitable avenues fuelling joblessness

But the story of 38-year-old Preeti Monga, whose sight is limited to a distinction between light and dark, dispels all notions that a disabled person is less capable than an able-bodied person. After having been "thrown out" of school for "disturbing the class", Preeti left studies after Class X. "The teachers did not tolerate my asking questions all the time. I could not see what was being written on the blackboard, and they did not like it," she says.

But she did not let that affect her. Taking the cue from a television programme, Preeti took to teaching aerobics. She opened a fitness centre at R K Puram called Preeti's Workout. "Some people took advantage of my disability. But I refuse to give up," she says. That prompted her to start a business with her husband.

The result is Granny's Pickles. "You have to make things happen yourself. In spite of my blindness, I am a success story today," she says.