

The importance of a supportive husband

Young beautiful Bengali girl came to England as a bride.

No friends did she have.

It wasn't long before she was pregnant and after that, every year, she had a baby.

Soon she was a mother of four girls. She felt immense pressure to have a boy.

What she really wanted to do was go to university and do a degree in mathematics and the thought of not having the degree made her miserable

Her husband was very supportive. She attended evening classes to do her other o levels and then A levels. When she was about to sit her A level exams she found herself pregnant again for the fifth time.

With four girls, home, husband and plans to sit her A levels and apply to university all put her under great pressure. Although her husband was supportive he still had his business to manage.

She gave birth to a baby boy. She had to postpone her A levels until the baby was a little older. But soon post natal depression set in and she had a very bad nervous breakdown

Her husband took time off from his business and made sure she go to the best medical care.

She recovered and resumed her studies and passed her A levels and was accepted by Manchester University and she got her degree in Mathematics

Her eldest two daughters became doctors and the other tow daughters also went to university. Her son also did well in his education.

She is my example of what a young determined girl can achieve in this country with the help of a supportive husband.

I sometimes see her. Very happy. Very proud her girls have gone to universities, become doctors, solicitors, engineers. They have all married well. She seems very happy and content in her life.