



# CHAPTER - 8 REACH FOR THE TOP PART - 1

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# INTRODUCTION

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*The article is about Santosh Yadav, the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest twice. Her story is inspiring. Despite being born in a skewed society which did not welcome the birth of a girl child, where girls were married off at sixteen, she made her own path, followed her desires and achieved world fame.*

# SUMMARY

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*Santosh Yadav was born to wealthy landowners in Joniya was village of Rohtak district in Haryana. She was the youngest child, a sister to five elder brothers. Due to the traditions, she was forced to study in the village school. Since childhood, she was opposed to the customs, preferred wearing shorts in opposition to the traditional dresses like salwar kameez. At the age of sixteen, like other girls in the village, she was forced to get married but she resisted and insisted upon getting educated before getting married. She took admission in a school in Delhi but her parents refused to support her. She accepted it and decided to work part - time to fund her schooling fee. Finally, her parents agreed to support her. Her father accepted her desire to get higher education. After high school, Santosh joined the Maharani college at Jaipur and lived at the Kasturba hostel. There she saw the villagers climb the Aravalli hills and was curious to know what was at the other side of the hills. She joined a group of mountaineers there and hence, undertook her first climbing expedition.*

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*Within four years, in 1992, she climbed Mount Everest. Her qualities of determination, physical and mental strength impressed her seniors. Her fellow climbers appreciated her concern for others and willingness to work in a team. She saved the life of a fellow climber named Mohan Singh by sharing her oxygen cylinder with him. She joined an Indo - Nepalese woman expedition and climbed Everest twice, thus becoming the first woman in the world to climb the peak twice.*

*Santosh cannot describe the immense feeling of happiness and pride when she was on top of the world. As she hoisted the Indian flag, she felt proud to be an Indian. Being an environmentalist, she brought down five hundred kilograms of garbage from the himalayas.*

# MESSAGE

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- Conveys the message that one must set one's eyes on the stars and strive hard to achieve the goal through hard work, determination, and constant and persistent efforts.
- Instead of complaining against the ills in society, one can dare to change the systems and shape one's own destiny.
- And once one has achieved great heights, one must shoulder the responsibility to achieve success and glory in their own areas of interest just like Santosh Yadav has done.

# THEME

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SUCCESS COMES TO THOSE WHO DARE AND DO.

THEME RUNS THROUGHOUT THE ACCOUNT OF SANTOSH YADAV'S EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SUCCESS AS A WOMAN MOUNTAINEER..

SHE DEFIED ALL ODDS, CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS AND PREJUDICES...

REACHED SUCCESS THROUGH HARD WORK, PERSISTENT EFFORT, FOCUS ON THE GOAL AND MENTAL AND PHYSICAL TOUGHNESS.

# CHARACTER SKETCH OF SANTOSH YADAV

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- FIRM-WILLED
- DECISIVE
- COURAGEOUS
- ADVENTUROUS
- RATIONAL MINDED
- PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY TOUGH
- INDEPENDENT TEMPERAMENT
- BELONGED TO CONSERVATIVE FAMILY OF HARYANA

# CHARACTER SKETCH OF SANTOSH YADAV

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- FULL OF DETERMINATION
- IRON - WILLED
- PHYSICAL ENDURANCE
- HUMANITARIAN ATTITUDE
- TEAM SPIRIT
- MOTIVATION FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN
- BORN IN 1969 IN REWARI DISTRICT OF HARYANA STATE IN INDIA

THANK YOU

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