

## Small wonder

Sanjna Arora has achieved many a milestone at a very young age

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Age has nothing to do with talent; sometimes it's a god-gift that has been nurtured with hardwork. Such is the story of this little flourishing bud — she is a professional emcee, internationally acclaimed dancer, a French graduate and a remarkable scholar. And all this at just fourteen years of age!

Sanjna Arora, resident of Sector 38, Chandigarh, is the little star in question. A student of Manav Mangal High School, she idolizes her principal Sanjay Sirdana. Working as an anchor for the last two years, she describes the experience as incredible. "I was selected for a competition *Horticks Wiz Team 2010* to represent Punjab at the South-Asian level. It was great project to serve the less-fortunate people. There, I anchored a dance-cum-singing competition 'Pump up the Floor'. This was the beginning of my journey," says Sanjna. "Two years later, I was chosen as the most talented child in *Horticks Wiz Team 2012 South Asian Finals*. I have been connected with the NGO ever since," she adds. Sanjna has had the opportunity to work as an RJ on 94.3 My FM twice. She has recently anchored at the Rose Festival 2013.

Apart from anchoring, she loves cricket and has done commentary for 20-20 selection matches of Kings XI

Punjab team in 2012 and 2013. Dance is another passion with her, "Dance is all about expressing your emotions. It has always been my strength. Although I have never learnt it professionally, I did get immense support from my aerobics trainer Vishal." Sanjna has won numerous trophies in debates, declamation and extempore.

"I am learning French at Alliance Francaise, Chandigarh, for the last two years," she says. "I have been lucky to be part of a round table conference with the renowned French poet Teher Ben Jelloun and also anchored for a French band at Sector 17 plaza," she adds.

She doesn't forget to acknowledge those who have encouraged her throughout her journey, "I have received tremendous support from my teachers Monica Sharma, Bhupinder Kaur, Deepinder Kaur and Sadhna Kaur. My parents have always been my greatest strength."

"My daughter is my inspiration. She has set examples for the world that a girl is equally competent. She makes me proud," says Neha Arora, Sanjna's mother. Being involved in so many extra-curricular activities has not affected her on the academic front. She has cleared first level of Informatics Olympiad in 2012. "I am enjoying this expedition," she says.

