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# 'Medals also for my bros who left school for me'

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**O**n Thursday, Gazala was awarded the medals by dean arts Prof Shashi Shukla during a faculty-level medal distribution ceremony.

Popular on the campus for reciting Sanskrit shlokas, the Gayatri Mantra, and Saraswati Vandana during LU's cultural festivals, the daughter of a daily-wager who succumbed to cancer wants to paint the world with lessons peace, unity, and secularism as a professor.

From someone who struggled to pass school—Gazala's father passed away when she was in class X—she is now a proud postgraduate who knows five languages: English, Hindi, Urdu, Arabic, and Sanskrit.

"These medals are won not by me but by my brothers Shadab and Nayab who left school and began working in a garage at the age of 13 and 10 years respectively so that I could study," said Gazala.

Her elder sister Yasmine, too, began working in a utensil shop while her mother Nasreen Bano took care of all of Gazala's requirements.

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## WONDER GIRL MASTERS SANSKRIT

**LU MA (Sanskrit)**  
student Gazala has bagged 5 gold medals

► **Smt Chandrakali Pandey Memorial Gold Medal** | Highest marks in MA II (Sanskrit) Vedic Group Exam 2021

► **Raja Sir Harnam Singh-Sir Harcourt Butler Gold Medal** | Best postgraduate student in MA (Sanskrit)

► **Ganga Devi Memorial Gold Medal** | Woman student with the highest marks among successful candidate in BA III and MA I and II examinations

► **Smt Chandra Devi and Sri**



Gazala with dean arts Prof Shashi Shukla and Prof Prayag Narain Mishra

**Radha Krishna Arunvanshi Gold Medal** | Highest marks in combined result MA (Sanskrit)

► **Smt Indrani Devi Memorial Cash Prize** | Girl student obtaining highest marks in MA (Sanskrit)

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