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## work and study

management student swetha decided to turn teacher to stay in touch with the language

### This polyglot loves to teach French

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**T**utoring students in a subject like French has taught Swetha KN time management and multi-tasking. Currently in her second-year of bachelor of media studies, Jain University's Centre for Management Studies, this 20-year-old is popularly called 'mom' in college as she shoulders every responsibility given to her, and ensures it is executed well.

Being in a course like media studies, the campus is always buzzing with activities. "College is from 8.30am-1pm. From 5-7pm, I take French tuitions for three pre-university students," says Swetha.

Why French? "Taking up this job was my decision as I wanted to stay in touch with the language. It also helps me make some pocket money," she quips. "The job is not as easy as it seems. It takes time and attention to get this skill right. I have to prepare for the classes. Teaching does not only means giving lectures and moving on, especially when it comes to languages (she is also fluent in Spanish). I not only have to make sure my students have understood the concept but also have to come up with answers and explanations they can connect with. So brainstorming keeps me on my toes always."

Though sometimes it gets hectic and tiring, it does not stop Swetha from looking forward to the next day. She charges her students ₹4,000 per month. During exams, she tutors more students.

She plans to work as a multilinguist in the communication field ■

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