



## Human Resources studies attract Chand



*Chand is all smiles and excited to begin University studies at FNU's National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC).*

Vishalini Lata Chand has big career aspirations and hopes that through education, she will be able to turn this into a reality in the near future. Chand, who currently works as an Office Clerk at A-Plus Construction and Network, sees herself as a Human Resource Practitioner in the next three years.

The 28-year-old describes herself as a people's person with a passion for dealing with HR issues. She has now set on the path of achieving her dream

by enrolling in the TAFE Diploma in Human Resources Management offered by the National Training and Productive Centre (NTPC).

"I am in contact with people on a daily basis. If it's not the management and staff, it's our clients. But with the responsibilities on me, I am more aligned to looking after our teams HR affairs," she said.

The path to seeking higher education has not been an easy one for Chand. She, like many, had to place her aspirations for tertiary education on the back burner due to financial difficulties.

"I wanted to go to university just after high school but my parents could not afford it. My dad, who was the sole bread winner, was employed as a mechanic. He did odd jobs and worked hard to feed our family," she said.

"My parents did not go to university or a tertiary institution and many members in my family could not afford to go either. So after high school, I stayed at home for a while then managed to get temporary employment as a sales person."

"At first I was afraid to enroll due to my age but then I decided to give it a go. I know there are many like me out there and I hope they can also enroll to pursue their studies," Chand added.

Chand said she received a lot of encouragement and support from her employer. She looks forward to starting tertiary studies this semester.

"Human Resources is an interesting profession because it deals with people and issues related to people and I like handling these matters," she said.

"I joined A-Plus Construction in 2012 and was the only female in the organisation. I worked hard to get to where I'm today. I'm confident of doing well in my studies."

Chand begins classes on Monday, February 11.