



MARY AGNES

Jyothiseva is an institution that provides education to visually impaired persons and helps them become independent individuals of the society. It established its roots in India in 1991 and since then has benefited a good number of students in their education which has led them to live independently, and I'm proud to belong to such a wonderful family.

I was brought to the institution at a very early age, and I'm an orphan girl with no experience of a true home or family but it was the sisters who embraced me and have given me the wonderful experience of what a home is and what it is to live in a family.

Home according to me is a heavenly place where in children are given the necessary things essential for life, and all of which I got here. So it is really difficult to list the specific achievements because I can't think of anything that I have achieved without the help of this institution.

I completed my education till STD 7 in Jyothi Seva School where I learnt along with academics a few essential skills necessary for leading an independent and a dignified life like: orientation, mobility, and daily living skills. I then did my high school in Sathya Seva School. I matriculated with first class (70%) and I was brave enough to face the world knowing that the sisters would be there to support me.

While staying in Jyothi Seva, I was given plenty of opportunities to excel in various cultural activities. My passion lay in singing and I was a regular member of the Jyothi Seva choir and I also took part in a few musicals and plays like A Christmas Carol; Little prince; and the sound of music.

As part of the choir, I sang for the Asian youth conference, I was also regularly singing in the annual Yuletide carols fest in ST. Francis Xavier's school; and we performed in many other places.

I really have some wonderful memories which I am cherishing from those golden days of my life till today.

In the year 2009 I studied 11th and 12th in Jyothi composite college.

I completed my degree in jyothi Nivas college Koramangala with first class. After I completed my graduation I started looking for jobs but wasn't successful in finding any so I attended a training on employability in Jayanagar after which I got a job in Wipro InfoTech Pvt. Ltd. It has been a month since I joined the company. I work as a trainee immigration specialist where I have to solve the queries related to visas and passports by either attending calls or working on tickets.

Thanks to my early exposure to computer education during my childhood days at Jyothi Seva, I'm able to work alongside with the sighted persons in my company.

I perform all the given tasks at Wipro during my work using the computer which I operate using a screen reader application called JAWS (job access with speech.)

I find it most interesting and a nice place to work in this great company. At this stage I must acknowledge that Sisters and Staff have played the most important role in helping me become a successful person. I'm grateful to all and will continue to remain the same forever.

I also hope and sincerely pray that many more students also get the same opportunities just as I benefited from selfless-service of the sisters and staff in the school.

Just as my institution helped me to grow, it is my turn to help the institution to attain even greater heights.