

Kumari Anuradha's story



I am proud to mention here that, Kumari Anuradha was the first student of our school. Though the school started on 1st June 2007 it took one and half month to get the first admission. Anuradha came as an opening batsman, she joined our school on 16th July 2007, that day is remarkable in the history of Smt. Ambubai Residential School for Blind Girls. Later on the students' admission process started slowly.

In the beginning this school commenced its functioning in a small room of my house with only one teacher Mr. Mahesh and only one student Anuradha. There was no ancillary staff, my wife Mrs. Shobharani who the President of H.K.D.W. Society assumed the work of cooking, cleaning, washing, over all maintenance of the children. My job was to supervise everything and search for new admissions. Thus, Smt. Ambubai Residential School for Blind Girls started with one girl and one teacher in a small room, developed over a period of time and has now become center of learning for many blind girls.



Kumari Anuradha hails from Harnur a remote village in Jewaragi taluk of Kalburagi District and belongs to a poor family. She is the daughter of Sri. Vishwanath and Smt. Sheshikala. Earlier she was admitted in a school of normal children where she was just listening to the lessons. Mr. Mahesh somehow came to know about this girl through his relatives, he immediately rushed to that village to contact her parents and the teachers with a request to admit Anuradha to our school. The efforts of Mr. Mahesh yielded fruits with the admission of Anuradha as the 1st student of our school. She stayed over here for 10 years till she successfully passed the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination in the year 2017. She was liked by all the teachers because of her obedient nature. She was interested in craft work and other extracurricular activities. Her other unique quality was that she stayed with small children as their caretaker.

Remembering her experiences in the School Anuradha says “my 10 long years just passed as 10 short minutes. People say school is the second home but for me it was the first home and will ever remain so where I learnt about life, ambition, mission, friendship and then my subjects. It was here I learnt how to talk with others, how to behave in the society, how to respect elders, and how to nourish little children. My teachers are my role models who taught me that nothing is impossible in the life of a blind person if they are self-confident. I can now say that I can face reality with courage. Today my family is proud of me. This was all possible because of Dattu Agarwal Sir and Shobharani Madam both of them gave me love and affection, they nurtured me as their own kid. I cannot forget Asha, the youngest daughter of Sir and Madam, her companionship was very pleasant. I cannot forget my teachers and the staff members. I miss them all but their memories are cherished in my heart always. I will love my school forever”.



Now she is studying in Girijamba Govt. Girls Pre-University College, Bangalore.