

Story of Kumari Ambika

Ambika is the daughter of Smt. Nagamma and Sri. Hanumanthraya. Her father is a goldsmith by occupation and her mother works as a cook in private restaurant. Ambika scored 91.2% (570/625) in Karnataka Secondary Education Examination held in March/April 2017 and secured 2nd place at the school.

Ambika is partially blind. Before coming to our school she was studying in a normal school in Bhupaltegnur, a small village in Gulbarga district. She faced discomfort while reading the teacher's notes on the blackboard and also to read the book, so she was unable to properly follow the lessons in the classroom. When our survey team visited this village, we came to know about Ambika, the team contacted her teachers: they explained in detail the difficulties faced by Ambika. Later we met her parents and convinced them to admit her to our school. They were reluctant to keep her in hostel away from home but after lot of persuasion she joined our school.

Since she was neither totally blind nor fully sighted new problems started with her to stay in the company of blind girls. The teachers oriented her to adjust with new environment and thus began the journey of Ambika in our School. She stayed here for 10 years. She learnt reading and writing using Braille along with music, yoga, computer etc. She was leading the parade contingent on Independence Day and Republic Day flag hoisting ceremony. She was actively participating in the school events such as Teachers' day, Children's day, Annual Gatherings etc.



While competing in sports with blind children her eyes were blind folded with a piece of cloth so as to give everyone a fair chance. Due to her low sight Ambika was helpful to blind teachers and friends to find things that fell down from their hands, to move from one place to another as a mobility guide. Now unfettered with partial blindness Ambika is fully potential to achieve her desired career. For further studies she has joined Annarao Ganmuke Pre-University. College at Kalburagi.



Remembering her school days Ambika said “Every Person has a unique experience and a story to tell about his or her school life and for that matter, passes through their student's life. My story goes something like this. When I came here I could not understand where is the school? There was no building, no class rooms, no playground, no library nothing like school environment that was just a house of two small rooms. We were simply playing with Jyothi Akka, Keerthi Akka, and Asha Akka who are the daughters of Dattu sir and Shobha madam I don't know how and when our real education began. Now I realize that was the concept of learning with playing like old Gurukul system. I never thought that I would spend ten long years in this School, often I tried to run away but the love and affection of Shobha madam and Dattu sir and of all teachers along with friends strongly tied me over here”. She expresses her gratitude to Smt. Ambubai Residential School for Blind Girls.