## Kumari Deepa Nayak



Deepa Nayak, daughter of Sri. Vithal and Smt. Susheela Nayak, is a native of Shahpur in Yadgir district. Her father is a primary school teacher, and mother is a housewife. They belong to an Indian tribal community called Lambani. In Karnataka state this community is included under the Scheduled Caste. She has been studying in Smt. Ambubai Residential School for Blind Girls at Kalburagi (Gulbarga) since 1st standard. She has three siblings but is the only one to be affected by blindness. She scored 92.35% (577/625) in the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination held in March/April 2017, becoming the topper of the school for that year.

Music is her favorite subject, and she desires to achieve excellence in that field. She is gifted with a melodious voice and has good control over rhythm and raga. Deepa said she aspires to crack competitive examinations and do her post-graduation in Music. Her passion for music and educational subjects were highly appreciated by everyone. She has secured accolades in district and state level singing, essay writing and elocution competitions. She passed junior grade examination in music while she was in our school. She was equally good in craft work. "I use to study six hours a day," she said. "Teachers taught us well. Whenever we had any doubt, teachers cleared them. They also helped us in revision."

She studied in our school for 10 years and is currently pursuing college education in her native place. She believes that, "the visually impaired should not be disheartened by their disability but take it as a challenge". Some of her videos are available on our YouTube channel.

## What Deepa says about us:



Remembering her first day at school Deepa says, "that was a very unusual day for me, my father left me in the school and told that soon he will come back to take me home. I was waiting and crying entire day but he never returned, I was very nervous and I spent that night sleepless. That was my first experience of staying away from parents, brother and sisters. As the days passed I tried to adjust with the new environment. Dattu Agarwal Sir, Shobharani Madam, teachers and friends instilled confidence in me. Their encouragement brought me to this level. Now I am self-confident, capable of facing the challenges. The wonderful days I spent at school remain as cherished memories in my life.



I give all credits to my teachers, friends, managing committee members, especially to Dattu Agarwal Sir and Shobharani Madam as well as to the non-teaching staff of Smt. Ambubai Residential School for Blind Girls"

All of us are proud of our alumni Deepa and wish all the best for her bright future.