

A Beguiling Success Story...

SUCCESS STORY OF SRI LAKSHMI



Thank God, we, the normal- born with all the limbs and organs well-functioning are becoming lethargic in daily life and cannot utilize our gifted abilities. Majority of us do the same.

We come across some unfortunate people around us who are physically impaired and mentally retarded. And we hear that some of them have undergone many a hardship right from the birth itself. Even though they tried their level best to compete with the normal and yet

try to excel them. The best examples of differently abled and most successful are Stephen Hawking (an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), Helen Keller (blind and deaf), Christy Brown (Cerebral Palsy), SudhaChandran (Amputation) and many more.



Stephen Hawking



Helen Keller



Christy Brown



SudhaChandran

Some become disabled from the birth itself and some from the mishaps occur in their life. Mental retardation is the main predominant disability, followed by Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy. Countless individuals suffer combinations of these neurologic disabilities.

One of such a combination is Aradadi Sri Lakshmi.

Born to the couple of Sri AradadiLaxmana Rao and Smt. Veera Rahavulu, she is a CPMR; means a sufferer from Cerebral Palsy with Mental Retardation. She is the third baby born after two girls of normal birth.

By birth, she has disabled limbs, both the hands and legs failed in their functions. As a result, she was not able to move; not able to speak. She was also dullard.

In her case, CP was found to be associated with prematurity and growth retardation with least neuro-motor ability. But fortunately she has a weak strength of holding things between legs. Recognizing this meagre ability, Kakinada Urban Resource Teacher, Mr. P. VenkataRamana made her join the nearby BHAVITHA.

She has undergone a rigorous training at Bhavitha Centre. Her strong determination to overcome her disability made her successful.

Special Training given to her at Bhavitha:

- Kicking the balls with legs.
- Keeping the ball between two legs and hold it firmly.
- Keeping the both hands straight to make them function normally
- Training to hold small things between her legs
- Training to draw different kinds of pictures with pencil.



With all these rigour and repeated trainings, now she can hold pen with her legs and able to write.



After three years of special training in Bhavitha Centre, at present Sri Lakshmi is able to write some lines, draw and paint pretty pictures and solve fundamental mathematical operations, with foot fingers. She can read, understand and reproduce. Bhavitha Centre is recently provided with a computer.

An amazing thing is that now she can even operate computer. She mastered the key-board and can type letters and sentences. Now she is pretty well versed to on and off, typing and drawing on computer on her own legs.



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**Holding pen between foot fingers,
trying to write something**

The Physiotherapist, Aruna Soujanya and the resource teacher Sri P. Ramana have given her the necessary therapies. Her parents have also helped in this cause. In this way, she is now developed educationally. Let's hope she can come through the ensuing examinations successfully.

WHAT HER PARENTS SAY:

We have very much disappointed with her born deformity. It's an unwanted agony to any parents. We take her everywhere, whenever suggested by somebody. We felt ashamed and wavering to move in the society.

Fortunately, we came to know about the Bhavitha Centre running under SarvaSikshaAbhiyan and consulted the officers' in-charge. There the Resource Teachers provided an excellent counselling and training to our child. They gave physiotherapy and special training to her and with that effort, today our girl is able to do her chores on her own. Amazingly, she is able to operate computer and draw pictures and type letters, words and sentences. She also abled to utter some words also.

The God will not come directly for our rescue. He arranges someone instrumentally to recover the retorted individuals mentally. In the case of our child, the SSA took the role. We are very much indebted to the Officials and Teachers of SSA.

