

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Hello, I am *Shaya Saruga*. I'm 23 years old. My home village is Singamparai, India.

I give my 100% dedication to do the work given to me, and seek perfection in all I do. My talent—dance, acting, drawing, painting, and card making—and dedication to my goal makes me special. My mother's name is Jospin Gnana Selvi. She is a coolie worker. I have a married elder sister who has a six year old son. My mom was taking care of me and my sister, but she could not pay my school fees, so I was sent back home.

I am a multi-talented girl with a warm smile and a love for dance. Despite my poverty, the world's opportunities shall not be blocked. My teacher told mom about LIFT. I have been here at LIFT for the last 12 years. This is my 13th year.

I am going to enter into the media field. I am going to be a great dancer, and give meaningful films to the world. **I'm going to build my LIFT hospital. That's the biggest goal of my life.**

I am sculpturing myself for my future goals, and have 100% confidence that I will achieve them by taking steps each day, preparing myself in every aspect of dance, acting, drawing, shooting, editing, painting, etc.

My contributions are unique and meaningful. I am very confident in my capabilities to achieve my goals. I will manifest my full potential to being. I always seek to be unique. **My life will be unique and productive**, and the whole world will talk about me even after my death. I am using this crisis as an opportunity to sculpt myself. **I am improving my painting skill, learning dance from social media, and attending a few courses like fashion designing, doodling, and photography to prepare myself for my goal.** I'm also learning classical dance. I acted, edited and produced a short film with a mobile phone, and really loved my effort. I won first prize in drumming and third prize in group dance in inter-department competition at the college I graduated from. The college called upon me to be a paid choreographer, and a judge for the dance competition.



Giving back, paying forward, to our community and others is a cornerstone of the LIFT program.