

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Hello friends! I am *Leo*. I am from Kallathikinaru, Tamil Nadu. Four people are in my family—my father, mother, my older sister, and myself. My father cannot hear. I go to work for daily wages to support my family. My mom is a daily laborer.

I did my early schooling in my village. After that I did not know how and where I could continue my studies since my family could not afford to pay for it. One of my teachers who taught me in primary school helped me by taking me to LIFT.

LIFT, after looking at my educational performance and at my family situation and at my father's condition, gave me the welcome opportunity to continue my studies. I have been in LIFT for 12 years.

I have done my undergraduate studies in Business Administration. I am currently pursuing my Master's degree in the same area. After my studies, I would like to work for a good company in the area of finance exploring all my potential for the betterment of myself and the company. Then, **I hope to be able to help other poor boys and girls get a good education. I will try to be helpful to others with what I have in every way I can.**

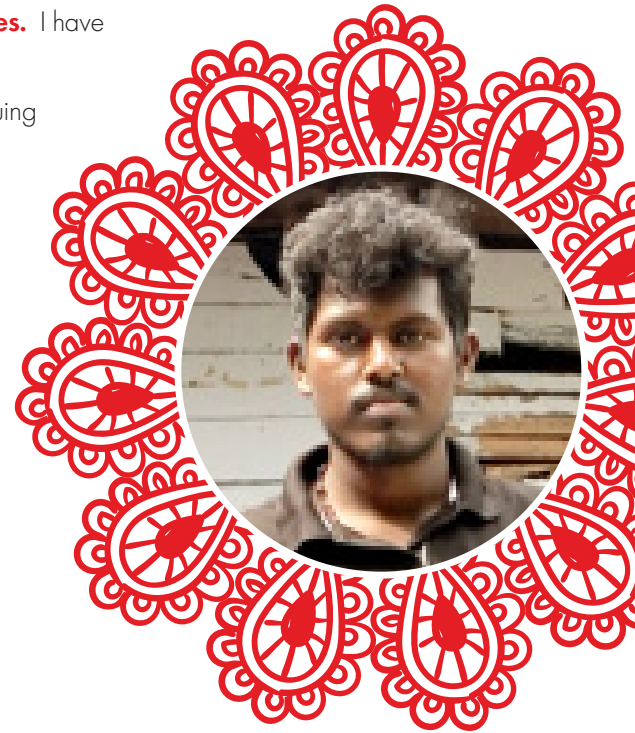
During the pandemic, I joined my parents in their work for daily wages to support my family financially. I also experienced the hard life that the daily wage earners encounter. This made me think about pursuing higher education and getting a good job. So, I started preparing for the **TANCET entrance examination which is a key to pursuing an MBA degree in our state, and I obtained a score of 97.782 percentile.** Then, I got a seat in PSG Institute of Management which is one of the most prestigious Business Schools in our state of Tamil Nadu. I also attended counselling courses at the Anugraha Institute of Counselling and Psychotherapy. This was the counselor training program involving accelerated learning. It covered positive psychology and healing the inner child.

I believe that I will be successful because I am always keen and devoted in seeking to achieve my goals. Whenever I do something, I am goal oriented and seek to achieve success in all I do. I also believe that with the guidance of people like Father Jamels, I can achieve that for which I hope. **I always try to make the most of all the opportunities that I encounter in my life. I can understand the people whom I meet and help them in every way that I can.**

I am ready to take on problems that I face in the course of my life. I have the skill to think and probe to solve problems. I am also good at dancing, sports, and singing.

I would not have been able to come up to this level in my education and training in life without the help of LIFT.

As days pass by and my parents become old, my whole family will depend on me. Your help will make me and my family, especially my parents as they get old, proud in the village and well settled in life and in the community.



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