

Name: Saranya

Age: 18

Favorite subjects:

- Chemistry and English

Favorite hobbies:

- Listening to music
- Reading novels
- Skipping

How was your life before you came to Sunrise Village?

My native place is Madurai. My father ran his own chicken shop and my mother stayed at home. Until fifth standard I was going to a private school with low fees, we were poor but we had everything we needed.

As I was young, my mother and my father had a quarrel. She left him and took us with her to her native place, the village Virudhunagar. But my father followed and so we lived with my two younger brothers, my older sister, and my oldest brother together in a small house having only one room.

My father died because of a heart attack when I was nine years old. My mother and my oldest brother undertook the chicken shop, but one year later, she died causing cancer and I moved to Sunrise Village with my siblings, except my oldest brother. He works as a taxi driver in Chennai now, I still have contact with him and sometimes he visits us.

How is your life in Sunrise Village?

In the beginning, I had fear because everything was new. It was difficult to learn how to clean clothes or the rooms for myself. I also had no interest in studies, however the interest was growing because our tuition master, who came every evening, taught us well and I started to understand the subjects. In 10th standard I even scored 461 of 500, Father Dhanabal and F. Lawrence, who were the directors back then, honored me and I got a gift because of this attainment. And my 12th standard mark was 1022 out of 1200, that's why I can study chemistry nowadays.

I like that we have many programs here, for example dancing, sports, drama, writing of essays and speeches. I got many prizes since I won many competitions. I also found many friends here like Divya, Esther and Surya.

In the month of may, many children go to their families. Since I have no relatives, some Fathers are taking me and my siblings to their families in this time, what I really enjoy.

How do you imagine your life, when you are an adult?

I study chemistry in St. Xavier's College in Tirunelveli. When I am finished, I want to get the bachelor of education and work as a chemistry and english teacher. I don't want to stay in Tirunelveli, big cities like Chennai are more attractive to me. And when I get the chance I would like to travel around the world, for instance Germany, Australia, the USA etc...

When I can earn my own money, I would like to help poor people and the Sunrise Village, because I am very thankful for all the chances I got here. I will never forget this place!

