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A CASE STUDY OF MS. LAKSHMI, KATIGANI KALVA VILLAGE



Ms. Lakshmi aged 7 years hails from Katigani Kalva Village, Anantapur Revenue Rural Mandal. Her parents named Mrs. Muthyalamma, W/o. Mr. Venkatesulu married his own sisters daughter close relatives. They belong poor family fall on scheduled caste. Mrs. Muthyalamma during delivery she has undergone scissorian operation at RDT Hospital, Bathalapalli. After delivery the baby weight was 1 ¼ kg. The baby kept intensive care unit for about one week. Gradually she gained the weight at the age of 3 months. The parents noticed Lakshmi did not make any sounds at the age of 2 years. The neighbours advised her to consult ENT specialist, Anantapuram to find out problems. The ENT specialist informed parents Lakshmi will improve speech at later stage.

In the year 2010 the staff of GIVAM identified and reported about Lakshmi does not make any sounds even after 2 years age. She is not responding while making notice with her. Mrs. Umadevi, RDW of GIVAM observed the same problem with Lakshmi. She advised to join into Self help groups of people with disabilities at Katigani Kalva Village. They discussed in SHG meeting, RDW explained about her problem mainly connected with hearing and speech problem. She referred Lakshmi for Assessment by the Audiologist and explained she has both problems hearing and speech. Parents cooperate well, and they likes her a lot. She suppose to access hearing aid very soon to improve hearing apart from concentrating on speech therapy. Mrs. Umadevi, RDW of GIVAM initiated to begin with sounds through nose vibrations "Ma", "Na", "Ga", "Ja". Through lips movements "Pa, Ba, Ma" likewise she continued practice about 1 year. After 1 year she is able to grasp through picture cards words like "Papa" "Baba", "Tata" "Amma" "Nanna" all telugu words. The parents noticed she improved one word speech. She started going to school, teachers are informed about her problems particularly speech and hearing. The teachers also provided lot of encouragement to Ms. Lakshmi. They said that she is not only intelligent increased capacity in understanding.

Parents realized her interests such as going to school, meeting friends etc. the sangha members encouraged parents to send special school run by RDT. The parents approached to special school asked to bring the medical certificate. She has an opportunity to admit in special school by next year. The parents were so happy Ms. Lakshmi identified at early stage and practiced speech therapy by RDW of GIVAM. The parents and community expressed heartfelt happiness to GIVAM staff.



If at all various children with disabilities including society response positively. We can bring significant changes in the life of Person with Disabilities and Children with Disabilities as well.

"Sweet words are value more than gold "

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