

## **My journey has got many shortcomings and I no more see them as drawbacks but they are my strength.....**



Naveen Kumar is aged 27 who did not go to mainstream schooling and he did his schooling till primary level at the special school in Anbalaya Special School a unit of Development Education centre. He has a disability of mental retardation. Naveen is loved by all in the school for his charming and vibrant self. He has such a beautiful smile that he attracts everyone close to him. He has a tremendous social support and family has rendered good support both financially and emotionally. They are very encouraging and helping him throughout his training till he got a job.

Development Education Centre -Anbalaya has played a prominent and significant roles in shaping Naveen as a professional person in various vocational training such as paper cup making, catering service and screen printing. As per the evaluation of the learning camp 2017, he was good at speaking and involved in group activities, independent in self-help. Vocational training gave knowledge of the working conditions and helped him in acquiring jobs. At the end of the course he shined in communication skills and passed in flying colours.

The Able training has helped Naveen in providing him with safety awareness skills, time and money management and few basic crucial skills for good performance in workplace. During the training period he had severe ear discharge and he is guided for ENT reference. Finally he has undergone a major surgery in ear nerves. He was in rest for one month .After that he prepared himself



for job with regular followup and counselling from the centre. He was placed in Sree lakshmi Agro Foods Corporation Limited as an assistant for a salary of 4500 per month. Later he got job at Shell Petrol pump at Soinganaullur where he stayed away from his family and gained good experience . Due to lockdown he returned home and now joined in jewel shop as outlet staff in maintaining the shop.

### *His own experience at Anbalaya*

I have experienced so many ups and downs but this very decision and commitment has brought me a job and I am very happy about my achievements. I would like to improve my performance and grab even more sophisticated jobs. My parents are very proud of me for being financially independent. They no longer worry about my disabilities. *My journey has got many shortcomings and I no more see them as drawbacks which hinder my development but as a feedback for my performance. I have developed a positive approach towards my life and like to reach great heights in my career.*

I would definitely be seen as an example that a person's hard work would definitely pay off. I would like to assure my peers that there are always fruitful results with hard work and determination. The only criteria required is dedication and persistence in our efforts which would for sure lead us to success.

For you all ....

In the moment, some failure might seem like the end of the road, but remember, there are countless successful men and women in the world today who are only enjoying success because they decided to push past the inevitable bleakness of failure. Learn from your mistakes, reflect and accept the failure, but revisit your passion and keep pursuing your goals no matter what.

