Summary: Rescued child worker make a mark: NFE Accomplish Education Aspiration of Kaliraj drop out from class X son of a agricultural labour. Now he is in first year B.A. history graduation. His intention is to become an advocate

Name of the Child: Kaliraj

Age: 21 years Class: B.A., I year

Father's Name: Masanam Mother's Name: Parvathi

Village: Reddiyapuram village of Cheranmahadevi Block

Occupation: Agricultural Labour

Present School: St. John's College, Tirunelveli

and gave permission to continue IX std.

Siblings: 1 brother & 2 sisters

Drop out year: - 2009

Nava Jeevan Trust has been running Non formal Education centre since 2011 in Pottal village of Cheranmahadevi Block with support of INTERVITA / WEWORLD. The village is a remote and very backward village. In that village one boy, namely Kaliraj is living with his parents and 2 sisters. His father is an agricultural collie and mother is a beedi worker. In 2009, he had studied class IX in Govt. High School, Pottal. At that time he was failed in Maths and English subjects in the Govt. Public examination. After that his parents engaged him to involve in construction labour. But he had the intention to continue the study and simultaneously he came to know the functioning of NFE in his villages. Then he approached the NFE teachers and attended the class from 2011. With the guidance of NFE teacher and community organizer, he wrote the Govt. Public exam in 2011

The local three school authorities have refused to admit Kaliraj in XI std. due to his past profile as child labour. Then Nava Jeevan Trust field staff has taken special care to admit

October and 2012 March and finally cleared the subjects. Meantime his parents were happy

Kaliraj into XI std. Finally, he got an admission in Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Kalladaikurichi, which is at a distance of 10 kms. from his village. In IX std. he has chosen History and Accountancy group and attend the school and NFE centre regularly. Initially, he was struggle to understand the subjects but the continuation guidance / encouragement of NFE teacher and community organizer made him to get the confidence. During March 2015 Govt. Public exam he has passed the XII std. exam and got 773 marks. At present he is familiar in the village and role model for other drop out children. Now, he has joined B.A. History in a private College. Kaliraj, articulated that NFE made me to learn to read, learn to write English and triumph in maths.

