

## **Success story of Sode Chinna Raju**

I am **Sode Chinna Raju** hailing from the tribal village Katukapalli where LITDS is situated. I studied up to 7<sup>th</sup> standard and dropped from schools due to our family problem. I was going every day to the forest and collected bamboos to make bamboo mats and to sell them in the market to make our living. I have been doing that job for more than three years. When Fr Peter Daniel came to LITDS he started the school for the drop-out children and child labour children. I noticed even 12 year old tribal children who never went to school were studying in LITDS. That made me to think and I gained courage to go and meet Fr Peter Daniel and to admit me in the school for the drop-outs. Thus I got admitted in the school and I never looked back. You will be surprised to know what I am doing today. I am the teacher of Mathematics in the same school where I studied. Once I completed my 10<sup>th</sup> standard I went to Loyola College, Kareem Nagar to do my intermediate and did my Bachelor's degree in Sacred Heart College, Thallampadu and did my bachelor's in Education in Darsi. Once I completed my studies I am teaching mathematics to the displaced tribal children in the school where I studied. I am very proud of myself for this achievement. I am very grateful to God almighty for showering his grace up on me and for making me somebody in the world. Because I believe "What I am is God's gift to me and what I become is my gift to God".

Yours sincerely

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