

**Summary:** *A living example of impossible-made-possible - Poosadurai's journey from a school dropout to a role model for dropouts. The son of a palmyrah worker and beedi roller, Poosadurai had the option to continue working as a labourer or return to his studies through the Non Formal Education Centre. That today he is in third year of B.Com nearing graduation, tells one about the choice he made.*

Name of the Child: Poosadurai

Age: 21 years

Class: X

Father's Name: Ramar

Mother's Name: Kalyani

Village: Pottal village of Cheranmahadevi Block

Occupation: Palmyrah Tapper

Present School: Ambai Arts College, Amasamudhram

Siblings: 3 brothers

Drop out year: - 2009



### **Reestablishing educational trust through NFE**

Poosadurai is living with his parents in Pottal village. His father is a palmyrah worker and mother is a beedi rolling worker. He has three brothers. He belongs to backward Community. [BC]. During 2009 he failed in two subjects in the 10<sup>th</sup> std. Govt. Public exam. As his parents did not have further resources for continuing his education he migrated to Coimbatore and began working in Steel Company. The NFE teacher came to know the status of Poosadurai in 2010 and motivated his parents to allow him to reappear for the Class X exam for the failed subjects. Finally, the parents accepted the teacher's request and brought Poosadurai from Coimbatore. With the help of NFE teacher and community organizer he began studying dedicatedly to catch up on lost time, and developed confidence in his studies. Finally he cleared the two subjects in 2010 Govt. Public Exam. Now, he is studying B.Com III year in a private college.

Now, he voluntarily teaching English words and grammar to the drop out children in the NFE centre and he is first person to participate whatever programmes [School annual day, village festival event] held in the village and nearby cities. He got the opportunity to validate the answers of science quiz programme organized by Tamil Nadu Science Forum. Poosadurai expressed his immense gratitude to INTERTVITA - NJT for moulding his talents **and NFE, INTERTVITA - NJT made a lamp burning in my life.**

Poosadurai is now a role model and the success story of the NFE. He regularly visits the NFE and spends time with children and also motivates them to continue their education. His experiences are a valuable asset to the NFE who in Poosadurai have a live example of impact that timely assistance and unflinching hard work can result in. When he visits, he also facilitates CRC meeting and guides the children in preparing for the public Govt. exams. **Poosadurai is beaming with joy for having colourfully passed B.Com degree exam in this year. What it makes his success story sweeter is that that he is rescued child worker.**

