

India

Caregiver Name: Guru

Age at Implantation: 3 & 8 years

Child: Kalaiselvi

Age Today: 12 years



My Daughter's Success Story with a Cochlear Implant I am a proud mother, Guru from Vadodara, India, and I would like to share my daughter Kalaiselvi's inspiring journey with a cochlear implant. Our experience is not only a personal story of hope and perseverance but also a message for parents and communities to believe in the limitless potential of children with hearing impairment. When my daughter was one and a half years old, we discovered that she had significant hearing loss. Like many parents, we were overwhelmed with fear and uncertainty. Questions about her future, education, communication, and social life occupied our minds. The emotional impact was intense, but we decided that fear would not define our response. Instead, we chose acceptance, early intervention, and active involvement in her development.

At the age of three and a half, Kalaiselvi received her first cochlear implant. While the surgery was an important medical step, we soon realized that implantation alone was not enough. The real journey began after that—with therapy, continuous practice, patience, and consistent parental support. Alongside professional therapy sessions, I trained my daughter at home using art and music as learning tools. I strongly believe that children learn best when education is joyful, engaging, and stress-free.

Over time, we began to witness remarkable progress. Kalaiselvi developed a deep interest in Bharathanatyam, a classical Indian dance form that combines rhythm, expression, discipline, and body coordination. This art form played a significant role in improving her listening abilities, concentration, and self-confidence. Dance became not only a passion but also a powerful learning medium for her.

She also started learning the piano, which further strengthened her auditory perception and focus. Music helped her recognize sounds, improve timing, and develop patience. In addition, her love for art and craft, swimming enhanced her creativity, fine motor skills, and emotional expression. These creative activities became essential tools in her overall development.

Academically, Kalaiselvi made steady and impressive progress. She showed a strong aptitude for Mathematics and became proficient in reading and writing Hindi, Gujarati, English, and basic French. Today, she performs well in her studies and actively participates in school activities. Through consistent practice, encouragement, and a supportive learning environment, she developed independence, confidence, and a positive attitude toward challenges. At the age of 8, she received her second cochlear implant, which further enhanced her hearing and learning abilities. This additional support helped her communicate more effectively and strengthened her academic and social skills. Today, she interacts confidently, studies well, and enjoys a happy and fulfilling childhood—just like any other child.



As a parent, my journey has taught me that a cochlear implant is not merely a medical device. Its success depends greatly on early diagnosis, timely intervention, parental involvement, professional therapy, and emotional encouragement. When families, therapists, educators, and communities work together, children

with hearing impairment can reach their full potential. I share my daughter's story to inspire other parents who may be facing similar challenges. A child's disability should never be seen as a limitation but as a different path that requires understanding, patience, and belief. Kalaiselvi's journey has taught me one powerful lesson—one that I hope reaches many families through this platform: Disability does not define a child's ability.