



Indians have passed the SSLC exam, don't be shocked « Indians » is their caste, « Indian » is their father and mother. "Indian" is the identity given by our society to this children to write their SSLC exam.

When you look at the school Application form, in the caste column they have filled it as "Indian". For this reason their caste, religion, parents columns are filled as 'Indians' when you want your children to be admitted to any school, a caste certificate is compulsory. For few of them caste column can be filled. When we look at orphan children, harassed, or children who are born from prostitutes they don't have any 'caste'.

3 years ago, in Mysore a question was raised about what to do for these children who want to be admitted to schools with SSLC exams, but whose applications are rejected because they don't have a caste certificate. Because of this, children have lost interest in their studies.

When the government came to know about this, it sent an order not to refuse any application if it is filled by the 'Indians' in the caste column. Children from Odanadi Trust, in Mysore filled their application with 'Indians' in caste column and entered the eight standard SSLC exam. Out of 8 of them, four scored well. Ravi scored 1st class; Ramesh, Mohana Kumari and Mangala scored 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

Ravi scored 108 in Kannada, 90 in S. Science, Mohana Kumari scored 322, Ramesh 260.

A student named Raja got I class in all subjects but in English he failed but he didn't lose his hope. He is preparing for the supplementary exam. Mani, Chaitra, Satyavatni are the remaining students 'Indians' still wanted to achieve in life. In puc Ravi, Ramesh has opted Arts, Mohana Kumaris has opted commerce.

When anyone ask about their caste, they are proud to say "I am 'Indian'".