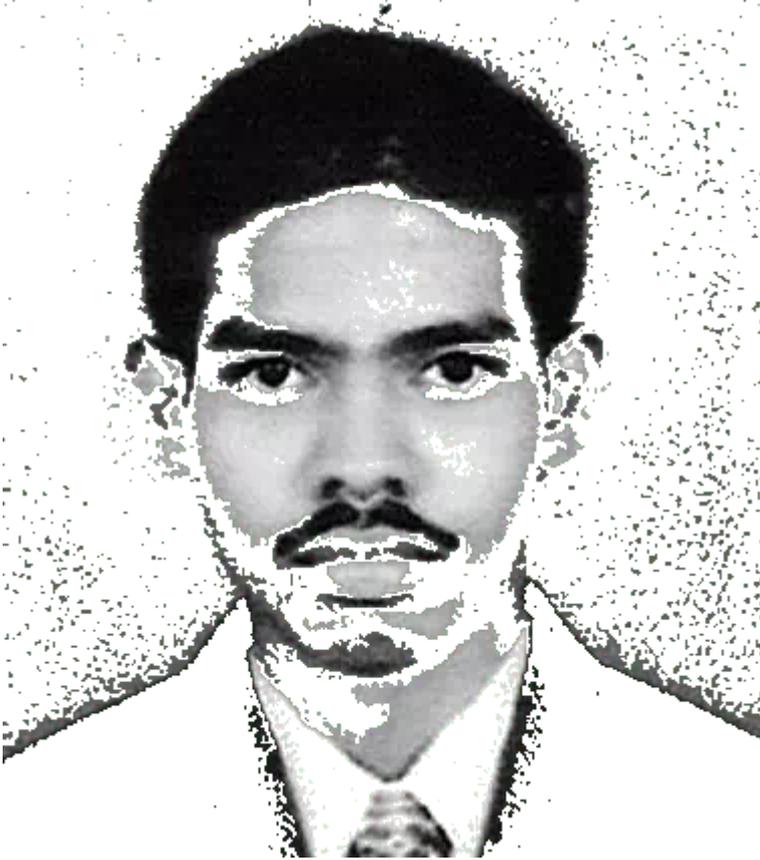


Gopala Sundara Raj-Farmer's Son secures 5th rank in 2011



Gopala Sundara Raj

Gopala Sundararaj, a farmer's son from Mavila Thoppu village near Keelakarai topped IAS Exam with 5th rank in 2011 and proved that poverty doesn't affect anyone's dream if they desire for it.

His parents has studied up to primary, so they wanted that their child gets his education in English medium in a sophisticated school but due to their weak financial conditions they were not able to complete their dream.

However, education in Tamil medium didn't affect success of Raj.

He completed his graduate from Agricultural College, Coimbatore and pursued a post graduate course at Delhi University and started preparation for Indian Administrative Services examination while in Ramanathapuram. However, he failed to attend the mains examination due to his father's ill health.

His uncle was a headmaster of a middle school and motivated him to take up the IAS examinations after his father's death.

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His sister completed graduation in MCA said “he is a calm and quiet person who likes to read books and newspapers. Our father should have been alive to see Sundararaj’s achievement.”

He wanted to become a doctor and serve the poor but financial condition did not support it.

Raj has given all credits to his family for his success.

He stated my family was my moral support and what I am right now is only because of my parent’s dedication.

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