

Sharanya Manoharan Bharatnatyam



20-Year-old Sharanya Manoharan, is like any other young girl – with millions of dreams. However, what distinguishes her from others is that she lost her hearing powers at a very young age. Yet, not to give up on her dreams, Sharanya is today an accomplished Bharatnatyam dancer and has completed Grade II exam from London Music School for playing keyboard. Having won the ‘Gem of the School’ Personality Award twice, Sharanya is indeed not an average child!

Sharanya lost her sense of hearing when she was just 11 months old after she contracted Meningitis. Although she recovered from the infection, her mother was quick to realise that she was not responding to her calls, or reacting to different sounds around her.

Upon proper check-up, the doctors broke the news that Sharanya could not hear! Her family was heartbroken, but decided that they had to do something for their young child. They had to wait as Sharanya was too young to undergo any procedures. It was only when she turned three that her parents took her for a Cochlear Nucleus implant.

The Implant proved to be God-send for young Sharanya, whose life changed drastically after the procedure. The power of hearing made her more confident and she began exploring her talents and strengths. She was quick to pick up on her studies and began training for Bharatnatyam and keyboard. Assisted by scholarships since a young age, Sharanya began honing her skills even more.

Today she is an accomplished dancer and keyboard player and has given several live performances. Her indomitable will and the never-say-die attitude has won her accolades and praises from all over the world! She is indeed an inspiration to many who tend to give up due to their physical shortcomings!