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US honour for webmaster girl

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KOZHIKODE: Eight-year-old Sreelak-shmi Suresh is no ordinary girl. She could probably be the youngest webmaster girl in the world but the Association of American Webmasters, which enrolled her as a member, testifies that she is its youngest and the only member below 18.



Sreelakshmi Suresh shows the certificate from the Association of American Webmasters

And awards and accolades are pouring in for the website of Presentation High Secondary School in Kozhikode that the Class IV student hosts.

"We found your website to be very professional for a young lady of your age. You have a bright future ahead of you with web design," AAW Chief Executive Officer Donna Snyder notes in her membership approval letter.

The child prodigy is also proud of 17 other national and international awards that she has won including the Global Internet Directories Gold Award, the Golden Web Award, the AAW Merit Award and the Art Space's World Web Award of Excellence 2006-07.

Her website <http://www.presentationhss.com> provides information on the school and it allows parents to seek reports on their children.

Daughter of lawyer Suresh Menon and teacher Viju, Sreelakshmi's brush with the digital world began at the tender age of four. "When she was playing with Microsoft Paint, I advised her to do some thing different," says Menon. "I related her stories of even younger webmasters (all boys) to get her into this and she proved to be a quick learner."

She was into web designing for nearly two years.

"After studies I used to spend hours together before the terminal. Since my school was not having an official site I took it as a challenge to design one for my school," adds Sreelakshmi.

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The website has various links, including history, curriculum, admissions and promotions, faculty members, facilities provided, star pupils, headmistress, managers and PTA presidents. It provides a link to the web master as well where her photo and citations are displayed.

She has become an instant star in the school. "True, she's an inspiration for grown-ups as well. I must say our school is blessed to have such a talent," says headmistress Sister Roselit.



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