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## Raman's ancestral village elated over Wi-Fi access

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For the residents of Purasakudi, the home of Nobel laureate Sir C.V. Raman, the past few days have passed in a haze.

They have been told their village will be Wi-Fi enabled soon and that they would be part of the information highway.

Some of the locals are excited that net connectivity through the Wi-Fi hotspots planned by Microsense, a Chennai-based internet and Wi-Fi solution provider, at Purasakudi and neighbouring Agaramangudi would put their village on the global map.

A short distance from Ayyampettai town, a few kilometers from Thanjavur, is Purasakudi and its neighbouring village Agaramangudi, where agriculture is the primary occupation. Although the ancestral village of Sir C.V. Raman has power, it lacks Net connectivity.

Situated amidst lush green fields, the village is all set for net connectivity thanks to the initiative of Microsense which will bridge the digital divide as a tribute to the two eminent Nobel laureates – Sir C.V. Raman and his nephew Dr. Subramanyam Chandrasekar. Villagers of Purasakudi say Sir C.V. Raman was born in the village and his family stayed in the *agraharam* where an ancient Siva temple is located.

A few years ago, relatives of the Nobel laureate had visited Purasakudi and interacted with the villagers, says 57-year-old P. Punniyamoorthy who was born in the village.

However, none of the relatives of both Nobel laureates reside either in Purasakudi or Agaramangudi now, says Mr. Punniamoorthy.

According to Mr. Punniamoorthy, Sir C.V. Raman spent his childhood at Purasakudi and regularly worshipped at the ancient Sri Kalahasthi Gnanambikai temple.

Many villagers are still unaware that they would soon have access to Wi-Fi at their village. Although many of them have smart phones, they still have to travel to Ayyampettai town, which is five kilometres away, to access the Internet.

The news that both Purasakudi and Agaramangudi are to be networked soon is a pleasant surprise to all of us, says 56-year-old S. Soundarajan, also hailing from Purasakudi.

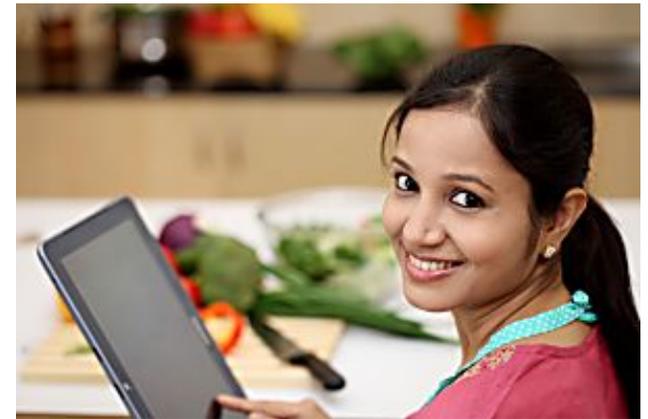
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