**Impressions of 33 CSY**

Hello,

This was my first Yatra. I did not have any expectations. I just know that we will be walking through the villages and interact with the people, so I was prepared to walk and ready to explore.

First day of the Yatra was quite exciting, started off with introduction of co yatris. I was getting to know many new things which I never saw before like paddy fields, different species of plants with medicinal values, cattle house, Oil mill, sugarcane fields etc., I enjoyed watching the sunset and walking through forests and hills.

One major thing I have noticed is that people in the village were so receiving, one of the families were so concerned about us and started offering Guavas from their own tree and they made sure all of us got them(10-15 guavas).

Second day of the Yatra started off talking with new co yatris and small story by Brigadier. Then we started walking and went to a government school where we enjoyed playing with kids also go to talk to young girls who were residing near the school, they go to study and also wrap Bidis at home. We met grassroots innovator Chandrashekhar garu. He shared about his innovations and he said how to never give up. It was good seeing and listening to the innovator. In the evening, again I got to experience something never like before, We did silent walk which was the topper of the day, later we met a villager with his new idea/ innovation. Then before reaching the destination I enjoyed the night walk talking and watching the stars and fire flies.

Third day of the Yatra started off meeting another innovator Gurumurthy Chetty and Muniratnam Naidu garu. Their dedication for organic farming is commendable. It was so inspiring to see innovators with so much passion to work for the people.

Over all it was good experience 3 days very close to nature and strong people around.

**Highlights:**

* Stories of innovators by Brigadier
* Debate/Discussion on issues
* Impressions
* Food and Logistics arrangement
* Volunteers quick response

Thanks to Brigadier and Palle Srujana team.

Regards

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