

Date: 17 – 19 December, 2021
 Tour: CSY-39, Tadwai to Eturu Nagaram
 Mode: By walk

Hi, greetings and wishes.

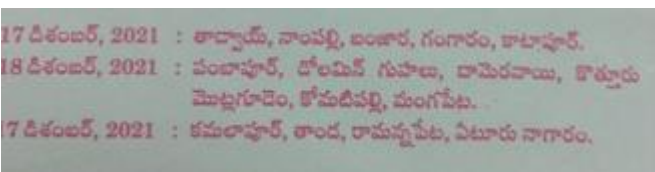
For three days you will either live for yourself or for someone else.

With this, I have successively and successfully completed participation in three Chinna Shodya Yatras as a volunteer in Palle Srujana.

Started with Brigadier, Sai, Srikanth, from Palle Srujana office, Hyderabad at 1:00 am on 17th and reached Tadwai 5:30 am. As usual excellent driving by Parasuram. Hevvvy cool climate. Met first yatri Balnarasaiah garu from Nalgonda. After reaching I took a nap till 7 am and then got ready. Then all of us walked a km into Tadwai village and had breakfast. It is initial pleasant walk in nice climate in new place.



Day-1, 17 Dec, 2021: After all yatries arrived as usual everyone briefly introduced themselves. Then started walking towards Nampalli. Kacha road, but wide, buses going here and then. I tried one hour walk bare foot with inspiration from Narasiah garu. This walk until Nampalli is awesome with white road and forest both side. I never walked so much through forest. Nampalli village very cute with just 11 houses. Peaceful hamlet (Janapdam). Untouched by undue development.



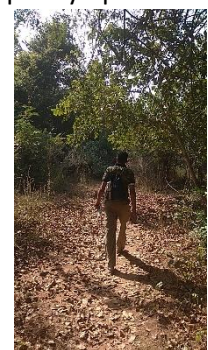
First day is most walking not met any villagers from my side. Because I was already in tour from 15 days and so first day tired early. Got to learn about few yatries. Stayed overnight at Katapur.

Day-2, 18 Dec, 2021: Second day is ultimate and best of the 3 days. First time bathed literally on road outside the school, with wram live bore water. Enjoyed the company of Deepak, Balnarsimlu garu in bath. After breakfast we continued the walk. As we walk also interacted with co-yatris one by one. The meeting with 105 years old Somamma is heart touching and paining. Old age is a curse in anyone's life if not blessed and streamlines properly. She is felicitated by Brigadier Ganesh Garu. I met 4 youngsters packing paddy into bags, and weighing bags. Spoke to them about our activities. Distributed Palle Srujana magazine to all of them and asked them to come up with innovations and finding innovations.



We went to Karthik's family fields. Her parents, grandparents and co-relatives workers are working in the field. They are drying the paddy under Sun light. First time I saw a huge pile of paddy so closely. Kartik's grandma is working with an innovative simple tool to mix paddy up down to dry well. We all spent good time there and admired the farmer's family. Whole day, infact all the three days we walked almost through forest areas from village to village. Under Karthik's guidance we walked through

deep forest and visited Domilan Caves. These are very low height to grown level caves farmed with heavy and big rock stones. These are believed as burials of ancient man. All the way through here is awesome and amazing walk through amazing trees and forest. After caves we walked to a location where everybody got stunned. Stunned by looking at the "VAGU" a stream of water flowing at just at your foot level. Wide water stream,



beautiful, admiring, amazing and just no words to explain the beauty of the nature there. We all jumped, screamed, played in the water like children. Everyone forgot their age, forgot what they are and just played with water and beauty.



After an Yummy lunch, we continued our walk. I met a farmer Dasaradh. Understood that he and his brother have 6 acres of land. They are exchanging farming paddy in this field. One year Dasaradh do farming and another year his brother. They have another 5 acres each separately growing mirchi. They both are doing farming with great understanding without any clashes. Dasaradh wanted to know about how to reduce investment on Fertilizers and farm labour cost. His mobile number is: 9490385194.



I also met another farmer Krishna and a group of farmers. They wanted to know about the harvesting machine which cuts crop to 2-3 inch height. I explained them about our organization and aims. His name is 9908858368.



Then came the much awaited, night walk and silent walk. The night walk under full moon, through forest is a unique experience. Moreover the Silence Walk. Previous CSY we walked on a full dark night silently. This time is walk under full white moon. Both sides covered by forest. Pin drop silence. Because it was past 9:30 pm and the jungle is sleeping. No birds' or animals' sounds. A 30 min walk followed by post walk impressions and tea is awesome. We reached Mangapet by night 11:30. It went with quite excitement and energy. Maximum of the walk. 25 km on a single day, best of my life.



Day-3, 19 Dec, 2021: Third day, woke up early at 5 am. Luckily finished nature calls immediately and started for a bath in river Godavari, just 1 km from our last night stay. Me and Deepak went together. As I arrived Godavari river, there is an astonishing view of the river. First time I saw, the earth and sky meeting together merged. There is a thick layer of snow over the water. Full white merged the whiteness of the sky and sky is not separable from the earth. Enjoyed the scenery quite for some time. We took bath under chilling weather but warm water. Enjoyed water and bath. We collected many stones. After returning from river we took breakfast. Then it is discussion among yattris about MSP (Minimum Sale Price) being fixed by governments on farming products and crops. The discussion is initiated by Brigadier sir. In my life I never thought about it. What is it, why is it, etc. Not thoroughly but at least now I got a concept understanding of what is MSP. Members expressed their opinions about MSP. Brigadier invited group to think on this issue and come up with any innovative ideas in the best interest of farmers. After we went to meet 95 years old Devyya garu, an Ayurveda doctor in Mangapet. Then we walked to Kamalapur. After lunch all members expressed their impressions about CSY39. After that at 5:30 pm members disbursed to their home towns. I reached home at 1:00 am night.



Regarding co-yattris I interacted with: All yattris touched heart. But few penetrated into. Ramakrishna is one who experimented quite with his career, his farming and who is trying hard to travel into his "self" and

“conscious.” Rohit is a one who started his career with Green Peace organization. Entire his career is with serving nature and eco. He hailed it from his father who was an eminent social worker for tribal people and fields. He finally decided that livelihood problem is to be addressed first before asking people to contribute for environmental and eco friendly matters. Bharathi garu had enormous vision and experience in alternative education. She is chairperson of District Child committee. Nitin Desai is leading a big ngo at the rank of a CEO. First time met these 3 people from social work field and felt matching to my work as an ngo. Amar completed btech and took a one year gap to start career. He saw how few parents suffered after they are left out by children working abroad. Hence he decided to not move to abroad and stay back in India and find career here. Deepak a vivid traveler. A unique way of life style. Balanarsaiah garu is great person. The story of his transformation from bus conductor to Ayurveda treatment specialist is quite inspiring. And many more...

Finally, in Ganesh sir’s words: “All that you do should have human connect.”

