

My Impressions of the 58th Chinna Shodh Yatra

Three Days of Learning Beyond the Classroom it's the real education.

Namaskaram,

Jai Gau Mata!

I am Bapi Raju K. from Visakhapatnam. This is the first time I have participated in this CSY yatra.

First, I need to thank and bow Mr. Brigadian garu who is the founder of Palle Srujana and for his humble and priceless social service and already he had done it for our mother India in Military.



Being a human, Palle Srujana is a wonderful program to know and connect with Mother Nature directly. Just a hundred years ago, most of us lived in villages. Later on, villages slowly transformed into mandals and cities due to urbanization and globalization processes. As per Mother Nature, the actual beauty of creation and its prosperity always start and sustain in only villages (the Village of 64 Arts/Kalaalu) and not in cities. Most of the stories about innovations identified through Shodha Yatra by Palle Srujana are connected to these 64 arts at the village level.

COVID-19 is the best example where we left the so-called advanced and globalized lifestyle in cities and moved back to villages in our hour of need to save our lives during the

pandemic. Moreover, it only affected humans out of the 84 lakh living beings on the planet, which means Mother Nature is the most intelligent entity on this planet. I noticed this and studied it very clearly for one year in my hometown village. I wrote a quote in Telugu to express this difference:

"తొలకరి జల్లు మట్టిని తాకితే వచ్చే సువాసన వర్ణనాతీతం మరియు ఊహకందనిది. అది ప్రకృతి వైవిధ్యానికే మరియు సమస్త జీవజాతికీ పరమ రక్ష. తొలకరి జల్లు నగరంలో ఉన్న కాంక్రీట్ జంగిల్ ని తాకితే దాని ప్రతిధ్వని కార్పొరేట్ హాస్పిటల్ యొక్క తలుపు మాత్రమే తడుతుంది."



Here, I am not against advanced technology, advanced civilization and globalization. However, how well we are able to manage and sustain Mother Nature and the ecosystem along with these aspects is also very important for us and next future generations at any cost. I have written one more quote on this aspect:

"మన సమాజంలో అభివృద్ధి అలాగే ప్రకృతిలో పర్యావరణం, ఈ రెండింటి మధ్య సమతుల్యతని కాపాడడమే మన సుదీర్ఘ ప్రయోజనం అయి ఉండాలి. ఈ విధానాన్ని పాటించిన వాళ్లు మాత్రమే సత్యమైన ప్రకృతి మాత పరేమికులవుతారు."

I interacted with nearly 10 co-yatris during this 58th CSY. I couldn't connect with the remaining people due to time constraints, but I had a wonderful experience sharing knowledge with those I met. Especially when I communicated with sister Srivalli from Hyderabad, she is very interested and wholeheartedly connects with the village lifestyle and the agricultural sector, even though she is well-educated. This means these are auspicious signs in the present generation to rethink our strategy and go "back to the roots," building an everlasting base connected with Mother Nature. Natural farming, village self-sustainability and empowerment need to be introduced at the school level. It will be very progressive and sounds like a much better way to harvest the best fruits on these aspects for future

generations. We visited to school and spent a very happy movements with students and their ignited mind sets.



I want to speak about the villager's mindset and their priceless love and affection during this yatra. A few yatri took shelter for bathing and using the washrooms in villager's house. Meanwhile, those villagers didn't even check whether they had groceries left in their kitchen before serving us tea, milk, etc., because their hearts were already filled with priceless love.

For example, I went to drop one yatri on a bike to another remote location 8 km away. After dropping him, Google Maps didn't work for a few kilometers on my return journey due to a network issue. Even though I was a stranger to the villagers, they noticed my problem without opening my mouth. When I stopped the bike, before I could even share my problem, they guided me about the route very clearly and patiently. I have lived in a city for 12 years, when I am in a new place and ask for an address, people usually do not guide me and most are unable to even listen due to their time constraints. The conclusion here is that, indirectly

time generates money for both city and village people. However, most villagers work, think, and help anyone outside of the money concept an incredible pride owned by them. I am not pointing fingers at city people or villagers, this is just a practical example I faced in my life, that's it.



Anji Reddy garu, he coordinated the whole yatra and the team in an excellent way, explained about many numbers of medicinal plants and its uses in our daily life, here my suggestion is that, need to have some documentary on it and need to get transferred this knowledge through your family tree as well against to preserve this most valuable knowledge for our future generations. He has a broad scope of knowledge on many aspects and is the best mentor with excellent communication skills. He also mentioned that a certain percentage of city people need to come back to villages and if village people want to go to cities, they can go. On these two strategic aspects, migration will get balanced. It is the everlasting best idea and many times I think about it too and in the future, I will do it first for myself and later we can explain the importance of it to others.

Sister Akhila, I can say she is the best teacher I have ever seen in my life, with excellent communication skills, a hospitable nature, and great team-handling skills.

Naga Mohan garu, I learned excellent lessons from him regarding devotion, philosophy and personal relationship values and he is the best mentor for these aspects.

Muni Raju garu, he did the complete backend work to ensure good food, local travel guidance and local support from the village people and I know it is very difficult in remote areas.



I walked the entire three-day yatra barefoot. I learn how to do brush with guava leaf instead of tooth brush and tooth paste from Anji reddy garu. For me it works in an excellent way and I am doing it daily, normally I will use neem stick or ash, both technics are very good for our health. If everybody understands and follows these techniques in India then there will be no tooth brush, toothpaste companies at all.

Finally, this yatra took me 35 years back and evoked all the childhood memories connected with my village. So again, in my 40's, I enjoyed climbing trees and hills like anything. Since my childhood days, this is only the second time I have heartfully enjoyed a full moon day along with all co-yatris. The first time was in Kurma Gramam in Srikakulam. I have no words to say; it is the ultimate liberation to balance and find peace of mind in this incredible mother nature and I hope there is no calibration to measure those movements in our life's.



Thanks to one and all.

