

MY IMPRESSION ON CHINNA

SHODHA YATRA 58

Firstly, I had no idea about what Palle Srujana is, what Shodha yatra is, I just saw a random video regarding CSY in YouTube and felt like maybe I can enjoy it just like a random trip or weekend trip but later realized that I found something that I has really been missing in my life.

I'm not having a clear idea of where to start because everything that has happened feels like golden hours of my life not just golden hours, but I could say those 3 days were golden days for me.

I wasn't expecting people in villages to be that selflessness the way they showed love, respect & affection towards people whom they met for the first time. After meeting them they reminded me of a movie dialogue "manushulu manchollu ra manishi antene manchodu" in a world full of people having pride, rage, disrespect, selfishness towards others, they are literally diamonds. Comparing them with diamonds feels like diamonds can't match their value.

I was born and brought up in village still living but never felt the love & emotion that I had in those 3 days of journey with villagers.

FIRST DAY OF SHODHA YATRA where we interacted with school children was good. The way they expressed their inner thoughts, ideas which I never got. Encouraging them with this kind of "ignite" events could make them think better and help them think far beyond their thought process. The enthusiasm in children made me feel very happy. When they were asked to write about their problems which they are facing daily many of them wrote about random things, but a student wrote "anna ma nanna roju mestri paniki velthunnadu cement padi kaalu chethulu bobbalu vasthunnay" way he took his parents

problems as his own problem shows the level of maturity he has for his age. I asked him what you want to be in your life he replied “I’ll do anything to make my parents happy” with a smile, the innocence in his words, understanding parents hard work and maturity he had isn’t what people these days still lacking in many of them need to learn a lot from those children. Then we started walking on road passing through villages along the nature was good. Anji Reddy Garu really explained a lot about the plants which we randomly see in our daily life. I have seen almost all the plants from my childhood and knew some of them which were used for health benefits but after listening to Anji Reddy Garu explain in detail about them I really started sharing about the plants whenever I saw them randomly with my friends & family. There is a lot to learn from you, sir. “Vignyanam dachukunedhi kadhu naluguriki panchipettedhi” apt example for you Anji Reddy Garu.

LUNCH: While travelling from HYDERABAD-MADANAPALLE we had a discussion at night that we need to eat very well now we don’t know what they are going to provide us but you proved me wrong the food was too good felt like “amma chethi vantakam” enjoyed every bite of food along with the nature.

Forgot to address the elderly couple living with their family, he came and spoke with me very well, asked me to sit on the chair that he was sitting on and I refused to do it. He also asked me if I ate and was ready to offer me food. And later we had a great talk with them, asking them about the food they ate before and the food they are eating now, crops they cultivated, are they happy living in village. They are happy living with family all together. I would choose a life like him over a 9-5 boring, stressful, unsatisfied life.

Later, we walked through the villages interacted with the villagers, which helped me gain a lot of knowledge from them. Their livelihood is almost same, coming from the harvesting of tomatoes. They

cultivated paddy to eat rather than selling it, but their main problem was from the wild animals, and they are currently in drought due to lack of rainfall. We have discussed current issues which are going all over our country. On the same night we walked in complete darkness in an unknown place was a little bit thrilling. Akhila akka shared story about innovators, at the end of DAY 1 I felt a little excited about next day. Before sleeping a thought came into my mind was it me who walked for 10+ kms without even getting tired and still wanted to walk more. I lost the lazy guy in me that day and a new progressive guy awake.

SECOND DAY OF SHODHA YATRA I woke up around 5:30 in the morning and watched the sunrise over the mountains, fields, and grasslands. Interacted with the villagers who were plucking flowers in the field, asked them many questions regarding livelihood, food habits, etc. an elderly woman offered me to take flowers I couldn't refuse her affection, so I took them bought back to Hyderabad. I ate pongali for the first time, my heart wasn't satisfied still I tried to eat but my stomach went out of limit. The scenery while walking was so beautiful on the second day captured few pictures as memories. I loved trekking, me and my friends used to go and have a good time in the nature, but now everyone is busy with their personal life, it reminded me of those old days. Interacted with CO-YATRIS and had discussions on many topics which helped me think in every perspective. Every time I sat under a tree while listening to stories of innovators the only thing which was running in my mind is either, I should walk or I'll sleep there itself, it doesn't mean that I haven't listened to stories. It's time to describe about most memorable and beautiful part **"SILENT WALK UNDER MOON LIGHT"** it was such a beautiful thought, and we worked it out successfully. But I am a little disappointed that no wild animals have interrupted us in between. I never that this amount of energy has existed in me after walking for 20+ kms in 2 days, I didn't feel any pain in my body parts

I was in full energetic mood that I could have even walked after having my dinner. Had a good sleep in a short span of time, even while having 8 hours of sleep when I was at home, never felt that satisfactory.

THIRD DAY OF SHODHA YATRA day started as usual woke up around 5:30 AM, it was the last day of shodha yatra and the destination is just about 7-8 kms everyone are happy that it's going to end then suddenly everything started feeling off for me, A feeling which everyone have faced in their life **“first day of school where a child leaves his mother and completely enters a different place for the first time”**. Don't know why the last day ended very fast, wasn't feeling hungry, just wanted to bring back time. When we had final impressions for about 3 days, I couldn't express them clearly, I don't know why I can't even express things which were beautiful. While coming back to home my heart wasn't ready to leave the place which felt like **“mother's lap”**. I was missing something which I never carried from beginning. A feeling that started and ended there. Lost that energy, enthusiasm, happiness, everything at once, I'm ready to come again and join you guys, I found something which is so precious. Still, I'm unable to express my complete emotions in piece of paper. When it came about expressing my complete feelings I became an introvert. I haven't uploaded any photos not because I don't have them but because I want to make sure that I should carry the memories only with me forever, I'm so jealous even to share my memories with others. My impression will stay incomplete & only I'll have the complete version of it. There's a huge ocean of feelings and emotions in me about CSY-58. I thank God for bringing such great memorable days into my life. Finally, thank everyone for making this very memorable and beautiful. I will be part of palle srujana in future. Please forgive me if I have made any mistakes in writing the final impressions so simple. Thank you once again.

