

IMPRESSIONS ON 16Th CSY

Dt. 29-9-2015, Time: 17:48,

Before 143 hours i.e., 23rd September

I was in dilemma as Bhanu is missing, there'll be no one to share much personal problems, though my friend Poorna accepted, I don't have much trust on him as he accepts for everything I've initiated. It is confirmed after 2 hours when our reservations confirmed in a special train to VSKP.

After 24 hours i.e., Dt. 24-9-2015, Time: 20.00

Suddenly our retention bonus got announced, my brain is full of random thoughts about COD bonus, retention bonus, no. of shodha yatra participants and Poorna didn't come to station and **he was in search of his camera**. Finally he reached station, train arrived and we started our journey to my birth district i.e., East Godavari @21:37

Poorna's brother in law, Raju bava, also joined with us for yatra.

First day of Shodhayatra 25-9-2015:

We got fresh-up in rajamundry pay and use toilet in railway station, never imagined the situation like this would happen. @ 4:30 A.M.

@0530 we boarded bus to Gokavaram

@0700 we boarded bus to rampachodavarm, there we met raju anna and rajendra Prasad anna.

@0820 we had breakfast 3ldly & 2 bonda, with previous experiences in shodha yatra I was much concerned about food because I never know when I going to have my next meal. :P

@0900 we met Brigadier and team with whom we are going to stay for 3 more days in sacred shodha yatra. We didn't get a chance for intro there. We joined with the team to reach Sunnampadu where our knowledge yatra starts.

@0930 we reached Sunnampadu

Amazed to see a girl leading a group of students though teacher didn't come to school. ***Inner thought- a right direction can make her next Indira Gandhi***

Happy to see brigadier with the same energy levels like he had when I saw him first in 6th CSY in Adilabad, in fact is getting younger.

Unlearning Session:

I've introduced myself with my fresh designation i.e. Sr. Engineer. Everyone introduced themselves, but two persons really steeled my heart – Venkat, Entrepreneur, who accepted his defeat in a fresh group. ***Inner thought- Really need guts to accept failure in fresh group***. And the other I'll tell you down the track because even I've realized his greatness on the third day of Yatra. I can see maximum number fresh yatri.

Brigadier illustrated the whole purpose of yatra, about four gurus of yatra i.e. Nature, Villagers, Co-yatri, self-thru introspection.

Like every yatra, Brigadier expressed about Unlearning concept i.e., only after unlearning we can learn new things.



WE started walking into Sunnampadu village. There we met villagers and explained our purpose of yatra. I this third yatra of mine, with some old experiences, I can build trust in the minds of villagers so that I can get some knowledge from them. Accent of mine also might have helped coz even I'm from EG Dist.

They told about their crop i.e. cashew. They have lot of greenery there, I asked them why they aren't having any buffaloes. They told they've applied for loan in ITDA, but they didn't get any response till now.

Existing Problem:

Monkeys are playing monkey play in their home, with their crops.

Explanation by villagers:

Previously they were no monkeys. Some people brought them from city as they became troublesome in cities. They left in a midnight silently so that no one protests on them.

Analysis by Brigadier:

It is our greediness which made this activity. Because of us they are suffering now. We don't care for people around us really, we just show-off in social networking by sharing.

If present day engineers can do real time projects for real time problems. It'll be wonderful. Please make a note that it should not affect the life cycle of some species.

Root cause what I felt:

Previously there were more forests and I think monkey stay maximum in deep forests only.

Deforestation done and they've migrated to cities and adapted city culture.

They are attacking villagers for food. This means that they are not getting food they want in forests.

Solution can be:

Govt. or some NGO should take initiative by identifying a place first-like a reserved monkey forest, make a fence around it, It can attract tourists also and some fruit trees to be planted for monkeys, they'll be automatically attracted to the place.

In Sunnampadu we met an elderly person of around 70 years old, he planted 16+ species trees in his compound. There brigadier sir explained about turmeric farming in different areas.

One more problem they are facing is a weed, Gaali dhunka(Common name), which is extensively growing. Brigadier asked young engineer and scientists to do research to make positive use of it.

We started walking again on dirt road, on the way we have crossed many water creeks. Excellent feeling in cool water, naked legs ***excellent relief***

Rock mineralization:

On the way we've seen a rock, Brig asked can anyone say age of this rock, we just thrown some wild guess, we couldn't tell exactly as none of us are archeologist.

Brigadier's perspective: Rock is very old and it has many minerals consisting in it. So if we make it powder and spread it on field, it can give excellent strength to land, a different perspective which I never thought of.

One the way we had our lunch beside a beautiful creek. @14.40 ***Fry super undhi :P***

Reached Noorpudi, met villagers

Interesting to see some active persons. There we met mangamma garu who used to be a teacher for local children. She sings so well. ***smell of palm wine everywhere***

No one takes milk from cows, they just leave it their kids.

Interestingly even kids don't drink buffaloes/ cow's milk. Brigadier said only we social animals drink other animals milk, interestingly that's true.

My observations:

They are happy, they are self-sufficient.

Technology actually spoils, it is good to leave them like that. Nature is best teacher for them.

They prepared self defence weapons like bow and arrow.

We started walking again,

On the way interesting talk with pilli kalla srinivas anna, who is working in 108 service for nearby area, about local villagers and about animals in forest.

We reached Doramamidi @1830hrs

Had bath in the nearby creek. ***nice, feeling fresh.***

We had discussions with brigadier about dilemma.

Finally we got our dinner, which was prepared by local villager. Great dinner.

We had our day-end impressions, nice knowledge sharing by vengiah garu, its very much interesting that there 40 variants foods can be prepared with palm. Thati bellam he had brought is really tasty and yummy. Into sleep in school, interestingly no mosquitoes. Thank you god.

26-09-2015 2nd day of yatra

Woke-up @ 0500,

Interesting to see kids from vizag, anji reddy sir students already woke-up.

Made poorna awake and we are into the forest for nature calls :P

Raju bava also accompanied us.

What a bath in creek?? I couldn't explain the way I felt, Everyone should experience that.

After bath, we had discussion with brigadier sir and fayaz anna,

Interesting statement by FAYAZ

TOO MUCH INTELLECTIVNESS IS ALWAYS DANGEROUS

I felt that's true, from last two years I am in thoughts of a start-up. But thinking of pros and cons makes the idea into vain.

For example if we see pulla reddy gari model on double output with single motor-pump set, if go into technical reasons, no one dares to initiate the model.

In a way I felt previous generation is lucky without google, they had quality education and only source of books.

Now in our generation everyone has some knowledge in every aspect. Now everyone of is jack of all.

After discussions, we went into the village,

There in the walk way, is full of crops, beautiful engineering design, water from creek diverted into the crops, and water gives herbs to crops, no pesticides required. Organic farming..!

After that we met a engineer, a designer, skilled workmen. He said he can two ploughs from a log in 6 hours, that's really shocking, that really shocking in present day work-men. I felt that's the reason for delay in projects, present day work-men, quality in work-men decreasing day by day. He didn't study engineering but he optimized the design for two ploughs from single log.

Started walking again,

On the way I've observed that their houses are so isolated but they don't feel any insecurity. In cities though people's houses are much closed they feel so insecure.

Co- yatri priya enlightened me about the design of old houses

Less Heat absorption, more heat dissipation which helps in maintaining less temperatures in home.



hungry- oranges in the walk way helped me to control my appetite

On the way brigadier sir told inspiring innovators stories about mallsham garu inventor of ASU machine.

We had breakfast under tree, thanks to raju anna 😊😊 @1000hrs

Started walking again,

Walking, discussions, filled the way.., walking, walking and walking.

We reached tribal girls residential school, there we had our lunch, I sat beside fayaz anna, I'm choosy in eating. Fayaz anna felt bad about my future. I think I should change in this aspect.

Surroundings are very clean and neatly maintained. Very much disciplined too.

After lunch we had meeting with school girls, brigadier sir explained about IGNITE. Good response from girls. *** A kid smiling can relieve all your sorrows***

Walking again in greenery,

Brigadier sir told about JC bose science club and their innovations.

Walking again,

Started raining, we didn't stop our walk towards destiny, as we felt we are part of nature.

Rain stopped after an hour or so, I didn't remember exact time.

Slowly I interacted with almost everyone.

Everyone is eagerly waiting for phone signals.

Brigadier sir asked everyone to walk in solitude for 10mintues. I didn't get any thoughts, I just thought of surrounding people, I observed all college students are happy they are just happy and smiling, only aged people and persons with problems are walking in solitude. It is really happy to be younger always.

We reached rampa.

College students are busy with their families on mobile. ***Emotional moment***

A girl even cried talking with her parents. ***A Shodha yatra touches every corner of your heart***

By 2nd day ending everyone gets a brotherly feeling on co-yatri. ***Beauty of shodha yatra***

In this yatra I got 3more sisters, Hema, Priya and thriveni.

Hot discussions filled the day end,

I could see great zeal for a start-up in somnarayana anna, Anna I hope within near future you would be a successful entrepreneur.

Able to acquire very good knowledge on farming from Anjireddy sir.

This night is not so lucky, a situation came to wage a war against mosquitoes with Chandrasekhar sir's sri thailam.

27-9-2015 3rd and final day of yatra

Bath is planned in rampa water fall, woke-up early in the morning and first to reach waterfall with poorna and raju bava,

With daring poorna and raju bava we could explore biggest of all waterfall, wonderful and relaxed waterfall, every drop of water hitting and inviting me into true form of nature.

After breakfast we met SUNKARI VENKATA RATNAM GARU, probably only living person who has seen ALLURI SITARAMARAJU GARU, her memory is so sharp and she is telling all her past as if it has happened yesterday. She shared in her past about the way her marriage was conducted by raja, History of Rampa raja, on his name Rampachodavaram name is given to town. She is a history of the region.

She was felicitated by brigadier sir for sharing her knowledge with all of us.

Felt lucky to touch her feet



We started walking again with the group, hema educated me in commerce subject which I was personally facing in my plant *Difference b/w asset and inventory*

While interacting with sripaada student I came to know that their college strength is 800 members, that's a good number. While introducing himself anjireddy sir told that he started and college and he could get only 8 members of admissions in the first year, but now he is correspondent of a institution with 800 members of strength, that's huge and successful. He is the second person who is so low while introducing himself. A college is so lucky to have person like him as a correspondent.

The day was very tiresome. We reached a village, we are so thirsty and asked for water, villagers are so kind. Brigadier sir interacted with the villagers, I couldn't concentrate on the meet, a song sung by the villager is awesome. Village is very well maintained and sarpanch of the village seems to be simple and noble person.

We started walking again after our lunch.

After a 3-4 km walk, brigadier has decided to end –up yatra as its getting late for some persons who has to leave early. So time for final impressions.

We booked ape van to reach gokavaram. Even nature gave us send-off with its showers. Had a great discussion with vikas. Already a visionary person.

In the final impressions brigadiers instructed us to start shodha yatra in life. Every time I get inspired but it won't last for much time. This time I've planned differently, I don't want to waste even a single day idle. I'll be keeping on visiting visionaries so that my zeal won't come down.

I started writing Impressions 143hours after CSY start point and I've finished it writing after 148 hours from write-up start time. In this 148 hours I've visited Grassroots innovator Chandrasekhar garu, I'll share my tirupati visit impressions also with you. Meeting innovators is really pepping up zeal, I think I've found a medicine for my dis-order. :P

We may not meet again, these 3 days are really wonderful and it is so nice to be with you all. Hope someday we'll meet again for a noble cause my dear brothers and sisters.



..., Miss you all

- Kadali Vishnu Manoj.