

Date : 9/Dec/2016 to 11/Dec/2016.

Location: Repalle - Pallekuna, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

This is my second Chinna Shodha Yatra. Though Chinna Shodha Yatra - 21 starts from 9th Dec, for me it started from 8th Dec meeting Jathin and Akitha in Train.

Day -1, Dec 9th

Our first meeting with most of the yatris happened in Repalle railway station as most of them traveled to Repalle by Train. The short 15 min walk from Railway station to MCA hall Repalle made ourselves comfortable in recognizing everyone face.

Our Yatra started with introduction of yatris and giving brief about Chinna Shodha Yatra by Brig. Ganesham Sir.

The major takeaways that I can remember throughout my life are the **four Guru's and learning cycle which Brig Sir** has explained stating its importance and essence.

4 Guru's - **Nature, People (villagers), Co-yatris and Yourself.**

I personally thank **Dr.V.Prakasa Rao** garu for their hospitality at **MCA** hall Repalle. Their Social activities in Repalle are highly appreciable.

On our way we have met Aruna Kumari garu and Suryanarayana garu, who treats people bitten by snake. He has explained us very well that when snake bites a person, person should keep a stone on his head till he reaches the nearest medical facility which I came to know only after meeting this person.

Throughout the day, I have been interacting with the co-yatris, I should say that every Yatri is Unique in their area of expertise and every CSY is Unique in adding amazing experience to Life.



Tarun is one amazing person, whom after meeting saw person having amazing creative perspective of the world. Arun is another person, who took me to Germany through talk while we are walking as we both are from same field. Sanjana, from same domain as



mine took me in deep with higher education prospects. Anurag is the Creative Director for whatever shoot happened.

I should say about half dimple (Harish), full dimple (Naveen) who were my special part

throughout the WALK. Omkar and Guru are two amazing friends, who became the friendly part for me. I should mention Lokesh, who cracks silent jokes.



The time spent with the school children was so great. I was amazed hearing the beautiful answering they gave to us in their perspective. They were so active and very willing to learn new

things.

Participation in yatra along with ITI faculty and students is another great experience. Faculty participating along with their students in having real education with nature is highly appreciable. Since the faculty and students are from the same area, their participation was

helpful in having good insights. After having a conversation with them, I thought to self that their skills will solve some of the problems in the locality.

This yatra gave me a nice experience of being a rear-guard person during night walk. Day-1 was done sharing the impressions of every person of that day. This was the most amazing and beautiful time where the same places which everyone walked during Day-1 have seen with different perspectives. This time helped in understanding different takeaways from each Guy. The major takeaway for me from Day-1 was understanding first the problem sensitivity which is one major aspect of understanding the problem.

Lesson of the Day was **Understanding the problem correctly is half problem solved.**

Day-2 Dec 10th

The stay at pesarlanka high school was very pleasant. Since it was night by the time we reached the previous day, we were not able to see the complete school. It was a beautiful start seeing the school beauty early morning.

Day-2 was completely different from Day-1 in terms of view. Day-1 was full of paddy fields in all direction, where Day-2 it was all coconut trees, turmeric and banana plantation. It like a major shift from yellow view in day-1 to complete greenery view in day-2.

Dharmarao Garu, who cures snake bite is one great person whom we met in the afternoon. He has explained very well how he learnt the knowledge of curing snake bite and how it help people surrounding. The way he explained about choosing a person to impart his knowledge was really touching.

The halt we took in the evening, when Brig sir has explained us few stories were memorable. The story of Narasimha garu, a Grassroot Innovator was inspiring. The story of the student, daughter of IIT professor, who didn't undergo formal school education, yet has utmost knowledge gave me an insight to think about the education system.

PothuRaju Sir, Science Teacher in High School gave us a good detail about the students there and teaching methodology. He has contributed a lot for his student's upliftment.

As mentioned sharing impressions are best part of each day. But I felt sad that I missed seeing the wonderful innovators, students of Pothuraju sir. But during the impressions time I can feel the innovation and the greatness of students by words of co-Yatris impressions. I should thank Akhila akka and Omkar anna for that.

Day-3 Dec 11th

The night sleep at Velaturu was great. But it struck in mind that this is the last day of CSY-21, which left me with complex feelings.

Walk with Medha madam helped me in gaining good knowledge out of her experiences. For her it was 12th CSY. The story of Krishna garu and Noor garu at afternoon gave us good inspiration. The interaction with Vamsi and Eswar helped me in understanding things on macro level.

I spent some time with Raju anna, who is the person most involved in organizing the CSY. I understood the complexity with arranging things. I thought it as a great learning to know to organize things.

The detailed impressions of every person on third are major takeaways for everyone. Hearing to each one views made me feel great about the yatra.



Overall it's a great experience for me being a part of Palle Srujana journey. I hope I will joining for next CSY and learning more.

Thanks,

Rammohan Gunapati.