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**My Impressions of 32 CSY**

I have been associated with Palle Srujana for last 6 years. CSY 32 was my 4th Shodha Yatra. This was the first time I attended the yatra with a purpose in my mind. I wanted to especially observe Brigadier and understand how he has been scouting for innovations all these years. I wanted to see what drives and motivates him to be in this field.

I observed and made a note of how Brig talks to people builds a rapport and

It was fun to start a conversation with the villagers and they would often share their knowledge with us. I learned that the people in the rural value people over time. I wanted to speak to a man and asked him if he was busy. He responded by saying that he was going to the farm for work but asked me what I wanted from him?

I told him that I wanted to learn about the process of growing Maize. He smiled at me, held my hand and took me into his house. There was just one chair in the room and he asked me to sit on that. I refused to sit on the chair because I knew he would sit down on the ground. I asked him to sit on the chair and sat down on the ground. He refused to sit on the chair and sat beside me. He patiently explained to me the whole process of cultivating Maize from the beginning.

I feel there is so much knowledge in the grassroots. I gained knowledge from the co-yatris. Each one of us grasped something different from the same environment and its essential to learn from each other. Each one of us would share our experiences during the day before going to sleep and that would multiply the knowledge gained.

This shodh yatra I realised how small was my container and I only looked at it as a nature walk but now as I open up myself I realise there are a plethora of experiences around me and I can immerse myself into the ocean.

At the end of all of this, I conclude that I must restart my education at this age.

I recommend all the youth of the country to have at least one experience of Chiinna Shodha Yatra so we know how less do we know about this world.

Love,

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