

# Impressions of 31 Chinna ShodhaYatra

Namaste Tatagaru (Brigadier)

I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity of being a part of 31st Shodhayatra. I'm glad that I met you, and I'm truly inspired by you. Three days of ShodhaYatra were one of the most unforgettable and wonderful days of my Life. I understood the essence of the shodhayatra after completion of three days of the yatra.

1st day of Shodhayatra: When I visited the 'velugodu' village for the first time, it has a mesmerizing effect of wind. Climbing towards the Telugu Ganga project was an amazing experience. When we started walking, I started interacting with co-yatries, and each one of us has an interesting lifestyle. The Story of one of the innovators (Krishna garu) was very interesting and the stories of all the innovators were incredible. I wasn't sure how to interact with the villagers, therefore I observed co-yatries who started interacting with them. The very first day my Health was not really supportive, and i gave up in some situations. The evening walk till midnight 12 o clock was elegant and sharing impressions of everyone under the moonlight was also amusing. But the only regret i have is, I couldn't walk properly with everyone on the first day, i was sitting in the car and i felt like I'm missing some memorable moments.

2nd day of Shodhayatra: We started our day in a school and spending time with school children was good. And when we were walking towards the villages, slowly i started interacting with villagers, eventually, i started explaining to them about the shodhayatra in a way they can understand. I spoke wholeheartedly with many villagers, excepting few all others were very humble and it was very precious for me. And i also spent

time with children. Out of all co-yatries, i spent quality time with Likhil and he became very close. The walk all the way towards the bridge was really good. And I clicked a few pictures of the sceneries around us and I also liked the child-like activities of our volunteers. I must tell this, 'The Silent walk' in the evening was a Breathtaking experience, i was able to hear each and every sound around me, 20 minutes of it passed like 5 minutes, nature was healing my body. I also liked the impressions shared by everyone about the whole day spent and also about the silent walk.

3rd day of Shodhayatra: It was an energetic day because I had strongly decided to walk without missing any moment, as I couldn't walk for a few hours on the first and second day of yatra. And walking with you (Brigadier sir) was also energizing and the incidents you shared about your professional and personal life were heart touching. I was trying to become even more close with co-yatries. Most of them begin to be my friends. I spent quality time with almost everyone and I also clicked pictures with few of them. I liked it when we started sharing our impressions about the entire shodhayatra though i couldn't share it properly because I was running out of words.

The visit to Mahanandi temple was a breathtaking experience. And the conversation with you was one of the most memorable moments, I liked each and every positive response from you for the questions I asked. I felt like you have a solution for every problem under the sun.

Lastly, the three days spent were the pleasant moments of my whole life. I was able to enjoy each moment of it. And I can't thank you enough sir. I will try my best to bring volunteers from my side for the next Shodhayatra. And I would love to give my

services to 'Pallesrujana' NGO. 😊

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