Impressions Of Vandana -

The three days walk of 34 Chinna Shodha Yatra from Bhupalapally to Mutharam has changed our perspective towards life in a complete positive way. At first I thought it is about knowing villages and their innovations, but in the process it lead us to experience our inner selves and empathizing towards others. The bonding that formed among 40 strangers from different backgrounds and regions in one day is completely amazing and has made us realize that there is an inner connectivity among people when they all gather for one cause.

First day walk from Bhoopalapally to nearby villages was tiring and we were apprehensive whether we can walk the remaining three days. I also brought my two children 11 year son Pranav and 8 year daughter Manogna to the Yatra as I wanted to expose them to the real beauty of villages. The way the team supported all through the three days in engaging the kids and showered their love on them made me feel as if we are a family met after a gap of long time. En route talks by Brigadier gave us a new perspective towards life and motivated us to do more in whatever field we are working and also lead us to introspect ourselves to lead towards a positive living approach. The knowledge shared by coyatris like Mr Anji Reddy garu and others was opening new doors of learning for us in every aspect with a wide range of discussions covering from plants to Indian Army. On first day we interacted with school children at Kamalapur, felicitated Mrs. Chandramma who is above 100 year old and shared her knowledge with us.

On Second day conducted an ideation at another village. It was overwhelming to identify the innovativeness and enthusiasm of young students who correlated with the problems of parents and villages and gave ideas to solve the problems. Second day we also had a night walk under the star lit sky and a silent walk with only nature talking to us. The walk is one of the most memorable experiences of our life with nature around us, likeminded people and every one of us were trying to connect to world outside and within. It had been a sad and happy moment on the third day when we have to leave after concluding the programme, happy because we realized we had potential to achieve what we want with the walk being an evidence of our strength and sad to leave all our friends with whom we have been closely connected . All three days we interacted with villagers, experienced their warm hospitality, discovered the local innovators, enjoyed village beauty, and our own personal evolution. I express my heartfelt thanks to Brigadier Ganesham Sir, all coyatris, volunteers and every villager who made this most memorable event.

Looking forward to next CSY and Palle srujana.

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