

# IMPRESSIONS ON 14<sup>TH</sup> CSY

It all started with “This time I shouldn’t miss it”.

As 14 CSY yatra is being conducted nearer to our residing place I along with organizer, my colleague, Bhanu went to Kavali station to receive co-yatris. First to meet is Naresh bhayya, seeing his face I have never thought he would be so jovial :P. Later everyone joined one by one and we started with unlearning session like every yatra.

Concept of unlearning session and words by Brigadier is really nice. We can fetch something from this yatra only if we follow his regulations.



We started our walk from highway to Ulavapalla after we disembarked from APSRTC pallevelugu bus. As this is my second yatra, this time I don’t want to catch banner for the yatra and hidden myself from the job as it really takes of all the energy. Throughout the walk to village I have started mingling with co-yatris.

We have reached ulavapalla and there we interacted with villagers regarding their lifestyle and their farms, interesting that we have even discussed economics with some of the villagers. It surprised me by seeing their depth of knowledge in many social issues. I liked the way they showed their interest towards modern technology and innovations. After facilitating a elderly person in ullavapalla for sharing his bright knowledge to us regarding change in way farming from his generation to ours, we started our journey to singapeta.

In Singapeta we went to a school, like every time children surprised all of us with their ideas. The way they laugh make me forget all the external and internal pains. On the way to West Gogullapali we met an elderly person (around 95 years old), he surprised us with his verses. Hatsoff for his memory and activeness, with a deep soliloquy on our generation at the age of 95(If we are alive) started to west gogulapalli.



By the time we reached west gogulapalli its 9'O clock and many of us got tired except new joiners' from NIT Warangal. Our super hero brigadier sir and some of us interacted with villagers. Many of them showed interest in pollution free solar sprayer, which is a good omen for future India. Here mosquitoes would have hijacked many of us if Chandrasekhar sir's magical innovation sritailam wouldn't have been available for us.

Next day we met lakshman, a farmer, a noble person. He showed us his salt kotaris, aqua culture.

#### Observations at salt kotari:

1. Their technology of sealing salt packets without using electricity is very good.



2. Without studying and engineering subjects they are applying many engineering concepts like plant area management, risk management, step wise increasing of temperatures of water so that they can get step wise yield.

Brigadier sir motivated him regarding their problem, sitting on both the sides of roads. Lakshman with lot of confidence promised brig sir that he will change his villagers. His eyes are very true and he might really succeed in this great mission.

Started walking to purine, much awaited village as the sarpanch of this village, Mr. Rambabu garu, is one of main persons for organizing this yatra near kavali. We had lunch there by sharing a plate with bhanu. After having food we interacted with students there. Some interesting questions and opinions are expressed by children. One Girl easily differentiated a town and village by asking why do villages have trees? Why towns don't have? They want their village to be clean and they so courageous to ask their sarpanch directly regarding their problems, which is lacking in many of us including me.

We started walking to our next destination north mopur. On the way brig sir told about Mr. Mallesham garu. This is the second time I am listening to his biography. Goose bumps all the way. I feel like this one is the greatest grass root innovators' story I have ever heard. After listening for the first time itself in 6<sup>th</sup> csy I have become a fan of him. I have googled about him after that yatra. His story is really inspirational.

We reached north mopur. A meeting with farmers is planned in the itinerary. Surprisingly no farmer turned on because of the unavailability of chairs for meeting, which we have never observed in our previous visits. We got a good number once our organizers arranged some chairs. They showed interest in solar sprayers and watched all innovations videos and encouraged us by driving away a dipsomania affected person from there.

Next day we woke up so early and got ready by 8 o clock. But we should have to wait for our mahalakshmis :P of yatra to get ready. All of us except bhanu and raju anna doesn't know that the day gonna transform our lives until we were there.

In the early hours I along with brigadier, madhavi akka and shailendra anna had a small walk in the village of north mopur. During the walk we discussed requirement of young entrepreneurs for India and he told about his children, how he brought up and all. He just left the tree to grow for itself as it like. He didn't prune it to look it attractive externally. He is successful and happy, that's what we dream of all the time

On the way to ashramam we have been to a brick industry. Many times I have seen brick industries on both the sides of road, but never visited it. There we got to know how the raw material for brick is prepared and how the moulding and impingement of their brand name is

done. Some of our friends got hands on experience of moulding. Throughout the journey I like the way villagers responded, at times I got tired and I couldn't explain the purpose of our walk etc., Our walk started again and I discussed with some of the children from ashramam.

Our journey to heaven started again after a small break for motivational biographies of grass root innovators. These biographies broadened my perspective towards villagers.

#### Experiences at Child ashramam, gollapalem:

The welcome we got from children just rolled tears in my eyes.



We sat under a tree for his golden words. He told all the children to go inside ashramam so that they don't listen what we discuss and it may hurt them.

Highlights of his speech in his words:

- Like date of birth, date of death is also fixed. Whatever you do, you should do it in between.
- The children on railway platforms life is like a life of a butterfly. Slowly the child transforms. First he will be so good in clean clothes, then his clothes got removed, then fighting with someone, then getting addicted to drugs then after some days he will get arrested for some notorious crime. But if we go in deep he might not have done the crime. Some person has done the crime and might have cornered the child to jail.
- We shouldn't call anyone orphan. We all are children of god. (So he kept the name of his temple as child ashramam)

- Don't try to reform women or girl. You just provide environment for them, they will develop themselves
- Don't give him fish curry. Just teach them how to catch a fish
- All the rooms in the ashramam except three are constructed by children.
- I am just a catalyst for this process
- We love all religions. We don't promote any religion. We give one pair of dress for sankranthi, one for Christmas and one for ramzan.
- Here there are the systems of indian army, there are the systems of bharat scouts, there are the systems of joint family, systems of old gurukula.
- Without informing any print media we bring the child here.
- We must live for our country. We must die for our country. We must leave our life for our country.
- 42 children are in jobs (AE, SI, Jr. Scientist...), some people settled as tailors, some people settled as jcb drivers and some as chefs.
- If you do good things, society will join you for the good; don't get deviated by movies or serials.
- Pain if you feel attachment, happy if you don't feel it.

It's really alluring, peaceful place. I have never imagined that there would be a place like this in this real world. The system he has established is the child who is good in the subject will be promoted to next class for the same. This Idea is really awesome, I thought it would be only in dreams, but Sarath sir made it practical. He left all his children to their interest regarding their future.

He is creating a grand future INDIA with moral values and ethics. Its just like a social experiment , I feel that people in ashramam is more brighter compared to other schools. Biographies of many students here is really heart rending.

#### **About Co-Yatris :**



**Yaswant Anna:**

My heart full thanks to you anna for taking the responsibility of taking care of all our expenses. You made all of us free. We never thought of money and didn't get panic what is it gonna be for lunch / dinner. You made us live in the present moment and because of you we fetched maximum knowledge in yatra.



Shailendra anna:

I have never interacted with a person holding two patents for three days. You look so simple. You widened my knowledge in marketing. Thank you so much.



Naresh Bhayya:

Bhayya nu super :D. You added so many memories to this much memorable trip. Thanks for being anna. In your style, you're a megastar. Thanks for sharing your knowledge in environment with me. 😊

MRIM GUYS:



Sai and Praveen

You guys are real pleasure for team. You made maximum all of us laugh. You relieved us from too much knowledge sessions. Comparatively we interacted less hope we will meet soon again.

Phir milenge chalte chalte :D



Chaitanya:

You are the second person I have interacted. We discussed maximum about ourselves and you gave me some knowledge in funds given to MPs' etc., Nice meeting you my friend 😊



Raju Anna:

First of all thank you so much for your service anna. Anytime I feel little stressed your tea used to relieve like anything. I am not correct person to talk about your innovations. As I have already promised, we are going to set your automatic street lighting system in my villiage. We are going to meet again and again that's for sure.



Kranthi Anna:

You're next to brigadier sir anna. You felt so much responsibility on our team, you used to safeguard all of us from behind. Because of too much popularity of yours I couldn't interact with you more :P .



Madhavi akka:

Akka is a farmer, social reformer. You inspired many of us. Akka I want to visit your farms and villiage. I have to plan for it.



Medha Madam:



Medha madam, you inspired me a lot on my future plans of self-employment. You widened my knowledge on B.Arch. Your experience in sodha yatra helped us a lot in managing things in villages. Thanks for snack foods you have provided in between yatra. BTW, Ma'm you are a excellent singer 😊



Geetha :

From maximum of the team members I have acquired a lot of knowledge, but I couldn't share much of mine with 'em. But we have shared a lot about our jobs. Previously I used to wonder how our interests are coming as ads in web browser, but our discussion I got some clarity regarding the issue.

Bhavans collage of life sciences :



Akhila and gayathri:

Mahalakshmis of yatra :P and sweet sisters. Thanks for teaching me tutting classes akka :P

I should learn solving rubiks cube now. Your naughtiness made yatra more colorful. If I have ever hurt you, my apologies to you.

Gayathri (Perfect telugu ammai) you are so adorable. Areas of our lunch in purini and our impressions in day end were so clean because of you. Thank you so much.

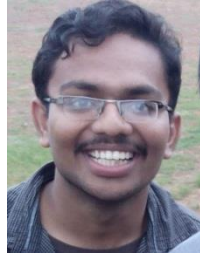
NITW guys:





Manikanta & Chaitanya:

I couldn't get much chance for interacting with you. Next time if we attend yatra, we shouldn't miss that time.



Sameer raja:

Hope you reach your goal of becoming IAS officer soon. Thanks for being a part of my dream trip ☺



Swetha:

Despite the demise of your classmate, you continued yatra. Hats off for your inner strengths

Mounica: Konchem :P. You competitively walked with us. Your words used to make me laugh like anything :D. You are so good to us. Sorry if I would have hurt you at any instant ☺



Pruthvi:

We could interact max. only on last day right? We just discussed on our careers. Some experiences with you made me realize that it's the people who give us worthy memories not the heavenly luxuries.



Sushmitha:

We discussed about comfort zones. You walked all the way ignoring your boils, that's really motivational. Hope we all meet in next or next but one or next but two yatra and make some more memories and widen our knowledge. Thank you.



**BRIGADIER:**

Of your all motivational phrases I liked "Listen to your inner soul" more. And it has impacted me a lot. Everything from you is inspirational, influential and your showing the way to be happy that's really awesome. You are like a walking library sir, the more time we spend with the more knowledge we acquire.

Title of this yatra is shodha yatra. Shodha means to search, but I felt like you need not search you just walk nature itself mingles with you and teaches you. And after discussing with you I realized that I am a part of nature.

Actions speak more than words. I will not give promises about next yatra. I'll make it and show you.

The way you have raised your children is really great and inspirational.

I bow down for your stamina Sir.



**Bhanu :**

Because of you I could make to this trip. Thank you so much ra.

WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR FRIENDS 😊

