

In the world where Invention without necessity reach the people easily and invention in need is called as Innovation and left behind, there was a mission initiated by a man who puts in his heart and soul to bring out those Grassroot innovations to the people in need.

The man once served as **JAWAN** and now serving for **KISAN**.

We salute you Brig. Ganesham Sir for all the efforts you put in for a better Nation.



This being my third yatra, it was totally new every time because its new place and most of new yatris.

About the Journey

Distance: 55 Kilometres

Duration: 3 days

Route: Harimireddy pally to Lakshmana palle.

DAY-1

By the time we reached Anantapur I felt like I'm out of floods and into droughts then I realised that it's not really drought, Nature blessed us with comfortable weather suitable for walk, after all the walk was for Nature!

Our walk started from RDT office in Harimireddy Pally with an Inspiration.

That inspiration's name is **Nallamma**.



Nallamma is only female Auto driver in that region of Anantapur. Her choice and struggle for her family made her compulsive to choose this option. In spite of facing many insults and bad situations she stood strong.



Followed by the yummy breakfast at RDT office we started to Place where our Walk started.

Govt School in Harimireddy Palli



Knowledge sharing with Farmers and fun with the kids boosted up the Yatris to start the walk.

And the walk starts..



RDO, Mr. Rama Rao met us on the way and appreciated our Walk for cause and extended his support to us.



Then came my favourite part of the Walk and this happens almost every while in the walk, **the Stories of Innovators**. All these stories of Innovators are emerged from either the need or the urge to help others.

This time it was **Mr. Vijay Kumar**, an organic Farmer, a grassroots Innovator of a machine to chop the farm waste to small pieces that is easily degradable and used back as fertiliser to the Fields.



Apart from stories in the walk, many issues were discussed with their solutions like the problem of wild boars destroying the fields, Rock Mineralisation, Farm waste to Bio mass conversion. All these were good learnings.

Our next halt was Venkatamalle Village, there we interacted with Villagers and farmers, some success stories of Farmers and Innovators were shared to them by Brigadier to motivate them.

Here the story of **Mastan Saida** was discussed, an Inventor of a productive custom windmill with very cheap resources he had.



After Lunch at Venkatam palle, the walk with Nature continued.



Around the evening time we reached Mudinayini Palle.

At the time where Brig had his conversation with Villagers and Farmers, yatris continued to have fun with the kids of the village.



On the way to another village we met an amazing personality, a Herbal healer for animals.

Mr. Narasimhappa from Mudinayini palle. I would rather address him as **Dr. Narasimhappa**.



Narasimhappa inherited the knowledge of herbal healing from his father. He's the only person in and around many villages who can give a natural treatment for animals. That's not all, he is in a process of passing on this knowledge to the younger generations. He was a humorous speaker too.

Then we started to our final halt with the memories of the day 1. With the memories, some tea added the energy and flavour. I thought that was all with my day, but no, there was another success story of the hero **Mallesham**. Here is what TEDx had to say about him.



With the energy and inspiration our walk of Day 1 ended at Kodipalle. Dinner, reflections of co-yatris and tight sleep....

DAY-2

No wakeup call is better than Nature waking you up with birds chirping and light devotional music from the temple nearby.

After completing all morning formalities (of course in the old village way) , we met the school kids of Kodipalle.



Lesson learnt: *When you have a Problem, approach it like a kid, because kids don't give up so easily.*

Followed by fun it was Brig's turn to interact with kids and villagers to enlighten them with his thoughts and his collection of innovations.



After Breakfast, there was a long walk ahead, interaction with few villagers and the motivating stories of co-yatris on the way shortened the distance.



It was story time after some walk. The hero in this story was **Mr. Chandrasekhar. G.**

I feel very fortunate to meet him personally and visit his place of research in CSY8 at chittoor Dist.

Chandrasekhar is the innovator of **Srithailam**. His story inspires me everytime I hear it.

After a tea break we headed towards our next village. Bhattuvaani Palle was our next destination, there we met some more enthusiastic kids in a school.



One of the benefits of yatra is that we have the following location as lunch spot.



Well, the scenery was more tempting than food we had..

Mr. Panduranga, the innovator who made air-seal bike tube was the hero of our next story shared by Brig. This innovation brought out in CSY-9, my second yatra.



By the evening we reached Palvaay village, interaction with villagers happened by showcasing the innovations of their sort people to encourage them.



As the day getting darker, we enjoyed the walk and observed the silence of the Nature. At a spot we had an interesting debate about the marketing strategies of the products of Grassroot innovations.

After that dedate we headed towards the final destination for the day. Then started another interested part of the walk, it about the army life, daring exoeriences and great things about Indian military by Brig., with that discussion the walk seemed very short though it was 10km stretch.

With some tasty dinner at Yarrampalle school and a nice sleep, I called it a day.



DAY-3

Another beautiful morning in the village with mixed thoughts.

Had some interesting conversation with one the RDT Personnel Mrs. Devika about rural livelihood



While we walked across Papampalle village I got my best click (best for me), I will reveal it at the end and we had to hear about RDT in detail by **Mr. Eriswamy Reddy**, an key employee of RDT who walked with us for a distance and arranged help for us. Thanks to **Mr. Eriswamy Reddy**.



I remember the words Brig. Sir that 'Knowledge have no legs but we do. That's what is Shodha Yatra is about, We walk to the Knowledge'.

Well, those words came to real for me when I met this Farmer, **Mr. Rajanna**.



Rajanna is a farmer who own few acres of land where he farms Groundnut mostly as any other ordinary Farmer.

What made him extra-ordinary was the attachment he designed himself to extract bore motor and bore pipes. What impressed me was his confidence that he feels proud to say that 'Its my Technology'.

Most of all, that incident of conversation with Rajanna will remain with me forever. This guy is a Engineer and his necessity and nature were his Teachers.

I cannot justity that it's a unique one but it was new for me. So I leave it to Brig. Sir to take a call on this. Here are his details

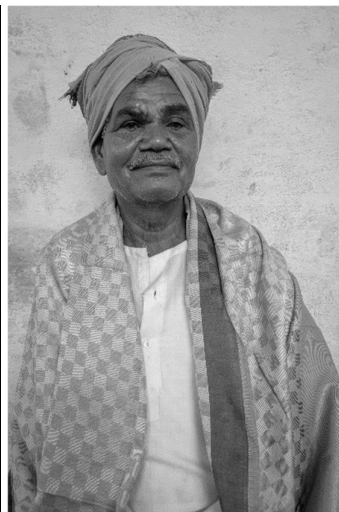
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By the time I reached the final point of the walk, i.e., Lakshmam Palle Village I observed Brig. explaining about an aged Herbal healer with an innocent looking old man sitting beside him.

Then I realised that this old man is the herbal healer.

Lesson learnt: *Being innocent to the knowledge gives wisdom.*



Don't go with looks again. This shy and innocent looking guy here is **Mr. Amarnath**. He just passed his class X from distance education have an ocean of knowledge within him.

Amarnath is an innovator of not one but he owns 4 great technologies of Farming and Engineering.



He designed a robotic arm that can be used as a prosthetic hand for the people with no hands that can be operated with legs.

Who taught him?

Even he couldn't answer that. But he told that one of his family members lost their hands and he couldn't resist seeing that, then came out this robotic arm from the restless nights spent on research and self-study.



After gaining the confidence from his first own design, he didn't stop there. Here is another design of the equipment the replaces a tree from one place to other from the roots.

For your information, he don't even know the words 'pneumatics and hydraulics', forget about their concepts. Here is it's his thought to Protect the nature was the concept behind this design.

For me Amarnath is no less than any graduate for premium Engineering Institutes.



Here are few other Farming technology concepts he designed.



That's my detailed impressions on 20th Chinna Shodha Yatra.

Some Special mentions

Thank you Raju for all the arrangements. Your story is also been an Inspiration for me.



Ramesh, I see a budding scientist in you. Don't lose this madness of learning from nature. All the best ☺

I understand I have least mentioned one important aspect of Yatra, **Peer learning**.

Dear Yatris, I'm not sure whether I've captured your pictures but I'm sure I have captured all the memories I spent with you. I'm inspired and motivated with most of your stories. Thanks for that and keep in touch ☺



Nature, you never disappointed me with your bless and bliss.



And Finally here is my Favorite click of the Yatra.



Thank you for this opportunity and accepting me for what I am

Abhilash Yerramilli