

## **Visit to Needy Illiterate Children Education on 26 Jan 2013 by Giri:**

I took ticket to Chilakaluripeta reached Mynampadu after Narsaraopeta at 5 AM and have been picked up by Vali (one of the senior most teachers of NICE). From the main road NICE is just 0.5km. Took a little rest after reaching, got up and got fresh only to see that entire place at NICE is already decorated for Republic day preparations.

My purpose of the visit was to talk to teachers and spend some time with them to build up on better relationships with students (not that they do not have that), and try to work on better teaching methodologies to include value based education in the existing curriculum. It was also coincidence that I was there on Republic day and made me one of the chief guests and they asked me to hoist the flag and do all formalities like giving speech (did not actually made it long and boring though!) and gave few gifts for few of the children who won in the competitions.

There were some entertainment programs like dances, skits and singing all done by children of NICE. There were some good performances. This went on till lunch time. After lunch I started spending some time with teachers for about 3 hours to talk about value based education. The teachers were so keen on knowing what I know and they realized the importance of the same. I also saw that most of the teachers are very interested and have good intention to help the needy and they seem to be very interested to continue to work and get associated with the school on long term basis. There were also about 20+ NICE alumni students, who are currently pursuing their higher education locally from Guntur, Narsaraopeta etc. I have also included them in my session and asked them to form an alumni association and keep visiting NICE to help the current students in whatever way they can.

Infra structurally, the new building and classes for girls are getting completed and are expected to be in use in two to three months (both the ground and 1st floor). The ground floor is already being used for classes to girls. The children are also involved in lot of cultural and social activities. They have organized HIV/AIDS awareness camps, health camps, tree plantations etc. I saw that few children carrying waste water collected from kitchen to be used for trees that they planted on the road side (way to NICE from main road). Local grown vegetables are also being used in kitchen like curry leaves etc. I think they can still do better and I am sure they will pick up on this as well. Next day I spent most of my time with teachers again talking to them on how to build their relationship with children and better teaching methodologies. I also spent some time with children and really had fun talking to them and spending time on puzzles, jokes and other informative talks. Overall, it was a very fruitful visit and I had good experience and the teachers, children also seem to be very satisfied with my visit. NICE is definitely going in a good pace and good development.

The photos that were clicked during my visit:

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