

A VISIT TO : ASHA KIRAN NGO BALGRUHA

Group 1 went to an orphanage named ASHA KIRAN (ray of hope) it's a NGO located in Mhasala Nagpur Kamptee road .This hostel is only for girls and managed by Sonam Gaikwad .

As soon as we entered the NGO, some of the girls were already waiting for us at the entrance to greet us. Some of them even offered to pick the boxes. The girls were very excited and enthusiastic to meet us. We were very excited to interact with them but it seemed they were even more excited to interact with us.

As we entered the property we had an interaction with the manager and she told us everything about the NGO, their moto behind opening such a beautiful and social place .There were about 52 girls from various age groups starting from nursery to post graduate coming from different background, majority of them were homeless ,lived on roads and given shelter here whereas some of them lost there parents in covid and so came here .



To have a better interaction as an ice breaking activity we started with introducing ourselves and further asked them to introduce themselves. We told them about our purpose of being there which was to distribute clothes and they were happy to hear that. We went ahead with asking them about their hobbies and interest which got them excited. Further they came voluntarily to showcase their talents and that was the highlight of the day. That made them feel comfortable with us. They went ahead to tell us about their daily lives how their studies are going etc. They also showed us their rooms and welcomed us so well. We distributed food to each one of them and were entitled to witness their smiles.





Then we asked them to introduce themselves 1 by 1. We asked them to tell their names and their hobbies. We even encouraged them to come forward and perform. We were amazed to see how confident they were while performing, be it dancing or singing. Some of them even came forward by themselves to perform. They even performed group dances on different songs. After they were done with their performances we asked them if they can teach us a couple of steps, and they even agreed to it. Watching them perform with so much confidence was such a pleasure. We have promised them that we will come back once again once we are done with their exams.

They all also taught us how to dance and sing . They all were very sweet and filled with a lots of talent.

A volunteer from NGO told us about the daily schedule of the children's. For kindergarten students they had their own classroom setup in the NGO and students from class 4 to 10 goes to the near by school in Jaripatka for which they have provided bus service which picks them from NGO and drop them. Group of students were completing their education from Hindi medium and Marathi medium schools.

The daily routine of the girls starts from waking up around 6:00 AM. They finish their brushing, dusting and get ready for the school till 8:00AM . From 8:00 to 8:30 they do yoga and finish their breakfast till 9:30 and leave for their respective schools and come back to the Ngo till 4.They have their evening snacks and do recreational activities till 6.From 6 to 7:30 they revise and finish their homework. They have their dinner till 8:30 and till 10 they watch television and wash their clothes. By 10pm they all go to sleep.



After the donation drive was conducted , the collected clothes were divided in boxes according to the categories of clothes and the requirements of the places .We then contacted the NGO to find out the number of people who live there and their requirements. Later we took boxes of clothes collected in college along with snacks , chocolates and items of everyday use such as shampoo , soap and detergent.

The details of the carton:

Carton 1- 43 pieces

Carton 2- 32 pieces



The children we met there were so full of enthusiasm and love for life, just meeting them filled us with joy and happiness; we loved the time we spent with them.

We were overwhelmed by the response and were happy to serve them to our fullest. Experiences like these surely enhance our daily lives. Looking forward to more such drives which would magnify our experiences ahead. This was an initiative that triggered us to start something on a small scale for people who need it.



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