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Yi NATIONAL RETREAT

[CHANDRAGIRI & TIRUPATI]

[National Retreat is organised to bring together the Yi members from across chapters on a common platform, to create bonding amongst them, to create avenue for members to exchange ideas on Yi and to motivate the members towards better understanding of Yi for effective engagement towards nation building]

The Journey begins.....

The Retreat this year was a blend of learning sessions, out door activities, treks through the forest in the pleasant weather and above all the ideal platform for the members from various chapters to network and have fun.

The retreat started with lunch hosted by Amara Raja Batteries Ltd, where the members spent time knowing each other. Post lunch , members visited the manufacturing plant of



Amara Raja Batteries Ltd, India's leading Industrial and Automotive Battery company. The members were initially given presentation on Amara Raja group. The session was followed by a complete tour of the battery manufacturing plant. The Yi members were taken through the Oxide plant, grid casting area, plate's preparation, pasting, assembling, formation and finishing. The visit proved to be an extremely useful one which enabled the members to get first hand information on the products and the entire process of manufacturing batteries.

The visit ended with an interaction with Dr. Ramachandra N. Galla, Chairman, Amara Raja Batteries Ltd. Dr Galla in his welcome note said that it was a pleasure having the young Indians in their plant and briefed members on how he set up his company.

Dr Rahul Mirchandani, National Chairman Yi thanked Yi Chittoor chapter members and Amara Raja for hosting Yi members. Mr Praveen, Yi Chittoor Chapter Chairman gave the closing remarks.

Towards the end of the day members visited Srinivasa Mangapuram, the temple of Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swami. It is said the Lord Venkateswara, after his marriage with Sri Padmavathi Devi, stayed in this temple before going to Tirumala. Members had a good darshan of Lord Sri Kalyana Venkateshwara.

Following the visit to the temple was the light and sound show at the Chandragiri Fort. The day ended with dinner at the hotel.



The second day morning members went on a 6 km trek. Capt. K R Subramoniam, Director – Tours, Fulcrum Tours, coordinated the nature trail at Mamandur. The group saw tracks of wild boar, jackal, and civet. and participated in ice breaking sessions conducted at the forest. Each team tried to outwit the other and all thoroughly enjoyed the activities that kept the members enthused and engaged.

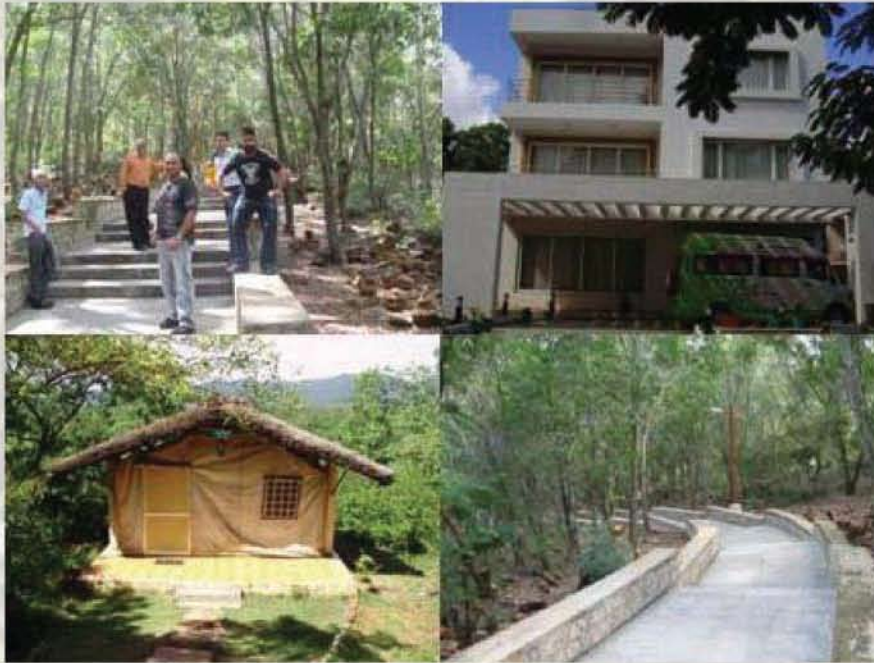
Back at camp, it was time for hot delicious food organized by Amara Raja. After lunch it was time again for yet another short trek through scenic, dense forest. This time members had to cross streams along the trek that got members to try their hand in building bridges to avoid getting wet in the water. The same day night the team travelled to Tirumala and checked into the Reliance guest house. Young Indians were the first group to inaugurate this guest house. Two of the members decided to tonsure Sravya's head and they went to kalyankatta (place where the head is tonsured).



At 3:30AM the following day was the much awaited Darshan that was planned for the members. Members were pleasantly surprised with them being allowed a 2 to 3 mins Darshan which is very unlikely at Tirumala Devasthanam. All the members were very happy and we all felt that the retreat was totally complete after the incredible Darshan.

After breakfast few members left for a trek and visit to Japali to visit the Anjeneya Temple.

After a kilometer's trek into the woods, the darshan of lord Anjaneya was really a memorable experience for members. It is said that Lord Rama with his consort Sita and brother Lakshmana stayed here along with Lord Hanuman. There is a perennial pond, called as Rama Kund, in the temple premises which was said to be the source of drinking water, during their stay here. There is a water source flowing to this place and it is not known where the water comes from.



Mr Rahul Chawla, Chairman Yi Events thanked all involved for their participation, which made the 6th National Retreat of Young Indians a very memorable one. The retreat was attended by 18 Yi members from various Yi chapters. All members congratulated the effort put in by the Yi Chittoor chapter members in making this retreat a success!!!