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My Alike : A home away from home

It was a very stressful interview so far. I was bombarded with some seriously tough questions for which I did not have any answer. By the end of the interview I had given up on any chances of clearing the exam. I could make out from the faces of the interviewer that they were not satisfied. As I got up to leave, the Chairman of the panel, after reading my Detailed Application Form, suddenly asked with amusement, "You sing bhajans?" I said with a smile "Yes sir". He curiously asked me where did I learn it from. I said – at Sri Satya Sai Loka Seva Vidya Kendra. The chairman asked me to sit and the interview continued for another 15 minutes but this time it was all about bhajans and schooling. The mood of the interview hall had changed. I could see smiles of everybody's face. I got the result after a month and I had cleared the exam. This was my experience in UPSC interview for my post as Enforcement Officer, EPFO, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.

The above incident clearly shows how my stay in Alike played a role in the cracking this All India Exam. My association with Alike began when I was selected for class 8th in Vidya Kendra. Leaving the home (in Belgaum) far away, the first few months were tough. Homesickness was at its peak. However, as the days passed by and with the love and care shown by the teachers at Vidya Kendra, it made me feel comfortable and confident. I must admit that before coming to Alike I was definitely not so good at studies. I was low on ambition. But since I joined here, I could see that transformation happening within me. I began taking studies seriously. For this I must thank not only my teachers but also my fellow classmates who were very competitive. The times I spent in Hostel made me learn how to be a responsible person. It taught me how to share resources amongst fellow mates. It taught me the value of discipline. It made me learn the value of esprit-de-corps.

After 3 years of Studies, Games, Sports and Bhajans at Vidya Kendra, I now had the privilege to get admitted to PU College in Alike. It was here, that I had learnt what should be the purpose of my life. It was here that we were made to think big and were trained to achieve even bigger. The experienced staff at the college made sure that we come out with flying colours in the board exams and CET. The dedicated staff in the hostel made sure that we had an all round development. Most importantly, my stay at PU College made me come across few Tyagajeevis. Their affection towards the students was infinite. It was this care and affection which encouraged me and my other fellow classmates to always live up to their expectations.

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When the time had come to leave the institution, it was a very emotional moment for me. I was sad that that I had to leave this institution where I had spent some of the best times of my life. But at the same time I was confident and high on zeal that whatever is taught to me here, I can put them to practice out there. Since I have left Alike (2008), I have tried my best to follow all those values and principle taught to me. In fact, seeing me so changed, people in my neighbouring often ask me as in which school did I study. This is a matter of pride for me. In my personal life, I have made sure that I continue with the discipline which I had learned in Alike. Whether it is waking up early in the morning, going to the bed at the right time, time to refresh myself by sports, all these I must say is possible because of the discipline which I learnt at Alike.

Working in a social security organisation, the values such as compassion, love, affection and tolerance which I learnt in Alike, are my hallmark. The life of Tyagajeevis will always be a source of inspiration for me to work selflessly. But the ultimate thing which i always keep in my mind while working is, as Swami had told, "Hands that help are holier than the lips that pray". Thus, to conclude, each and every moment spent in Alike was so rich with memories. I will always be indebted to those Tyagajeevis for having me given a chance to learn in such a prestigious institution and in this world of uncertainty and chaos, having shown me the light success, happiness and peace.

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ANNUAL ALUMNI MEET
BALAKUTEERA HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, OPENING
15TH DEC 2019 | 8:30AM | ALIKE





Current Status of High School Building



Current status of new Swimming pool and Shramadana by II PUC Students.



It is widely known that physical exercise can help to maintain and improve physical & mental health. On this regard, our second puc students planned and organised a very useful and productive Shramaseva near new Swimming pool. The spirit of young students soon after returning from home made all our elders and teachers happy. This indicates that our Swimming pool will be ready soon to make all students happy.



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