

Big Help Post Internship Report

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My name is Saketh Renangi and I did my Big Help internship at Zilla Parishad High School in Uppal, Hyderabad. I volunteered in a 9th grade classroom at Zilla Parishad High School which had 42 students and there are 8 teachers in 9th grade. The school had very few facilities and some of the students are orphans and poor. Most of the students' parents work on daily wage.

Uppal is in the Ranga Reddy district and it is in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation. The weather is hot and humid because it is currently the rainy season. I am connected to this town because it is very close to my grandparent's home.

I learned many new things about the Indian education system such as that the teachers switch classes instead of the students. This has some advantages and some disadvantages. An advantage is that the students get to know each other better because they will be in the same class the whole year. A disadvantage is that the teacher will have to carry all their teaching materials with them to every class. Another difference is that there is one school from kindergarten all the way to 10th grade. Some students and teachers I met were Raja, Kalyan, Srikanth, and Mr. Sudhakar who is the principal.

During my 2 day workshop I shared my thoughts to students about the environment and taught about how to play soccer. My introductory speech lasted about 45 minutes and the activities lasted about 2 hours and 30 minutes. We talked about global warming and how to prevent it. I showed them a solar oven which could cook food when put out in the sun and I also showed them a solar car which got all its power from the sun. At the end I gave them all a quiz on environment and solar energy and gave the winner a prize. On the second day of the workshop I gifted them all pencils, quarters, nickels, dimes, and pennies. I taught them how to play soccer and we played that for an hour. I taught them the basic rules of the game and how to pass. They taught me how to play kabaddi

which is a fun sport and we played that for an hour. At the end we gave them all school bags and they were very happy.

Bighelp had an important role in this two day workshop as they gave me lots of information about this workshop. They gave me information about the school and gave me tips on what I should talk about. I felt very happy at the end, and learned lot of new things like the differences between US educations to Indian education. I also learned how to play kabaddi and hopefully students will make use of my teachings.

I would like to thank Bighelp for giving me this wonderful opportunity and I would also like to thank my mentor, Mythili aunty, for helping me put together this entire presentation. I would also like to thank Rekha aunty and Anita aunty for giving me tips on my speech. I would like to thank my parents for supporting me through the whole internship and I would also like to thank the principal, Sudhakar, for making sure everything went well. Lastly, I would like to thank the students of Zilla Parishad High School for treating me with respect and treating me like a friend.









