



EVOLUTION at Vikalpa's AGVS

A reflective review of the Academic Session 2021-22



An year of Learning out of the Classroom

There must be hardly any school which dares to send their 10th grade students for a tour just a few months before their Board Examination. AGVS and its students dared to do it. The students of 10th grade along with 6 facilitators went for a 10 day field visit to explore and learn about the world outside them and through it, the world inside them. Right from booking the tickets for everyone, planning the entire tour, budgeting, convincing the parents and finally reaching back safely, everything was done by the students. They learnt so much that AGVS wishes to send the younger kids too for such long excursions right from 7th grade since traveling has an immense power to teach. The students could learn different aspects of science, geography, economics, languages, uneven topography, types of settlement and forests etc. during the tour. But for us, more important was that they learnt about themselves, they learnt adjustment, gratitude, decision making, learning how to choose out of the available options, valuing friendship, saving money, regionality and culture, communication skills, planning and how to face challenges upfront and not escape from them.

Our First Batch

For any school, its first batch is always extra special. The 8 students who will be passing out from the school are appearing for the board exams. And as it usually happens, the preparation for the exams started much later. However, what's interesting is this: after realizing that it is quite late to begin, the entire responsibility was jointly taken by the students and their facilitators. They together decided to sit individually with each student for 2 hours continuously to cover up, revise and solve doubts for every student individually, as that was the need of the hour. This happened for almost a month. Each pair of student-facilitators started their day at 8am after a delicious breakfast made by our cook Suraj Dada and ended their sessions at 7pm in the evening. They showed improvement in the preliminary examinations after such intense sessions. Their farewell will be soon announced. Even if they pass out of the school, they will always be Ours.



Great Bhet

A line can change a life! This is what most of us believe in. There is immense power in a single line said by a stranger who has led his/her life in a profound way. Such people whose lives are inspirational and who have proven as experts in their domains are invited by the

school on campus. These champions prove to be highly significant in triggering and kindling flame in the students. This year the Tahsildar of Saoner, Shri Pratap Waghmare, a farmer Shri Prasad Deshpande and a prolific speaker on Shivaji Maharaj, Shri Aditya Lohe were invited for Great Bhet. The students asked many questions and all the 3 speakers kindled a spark of enthusiasm and integrity in the students.



We must learn to take our responsibility Sir! - Vrushabh

When Vrushabh from 9th grade said this, it was a moment of pride for us. The entire 9th grade after a pause of almost 1.5 years, this class of 12 students decided to take the charge of themselves. They formed a student court, this is what they call it. They meet regularly since then to discuss various important issues and solve them jointly. They have all transformed a lot overtime. They take decisions, make mistakes, learn from them and they move ahead. Their collective energy was deeply felt by everyone in the school when they organized Shivaji Jayanti. They planned the entire event. They performed too. They used waste cooler tanks as drums and when they performed, it sounded amazingly magical; almost like how a professional dhol-tasha pathak would sound.



Mallakhamb

When one sees the small boys dressed in just a langot on the mallakhamb, the rise in confidence levels on the faces of the boys is equally visible. While they wait for their turn, they have doubts whether they will be able to make it, but when they climb on it because of the encouragement of their teacher, Prabal Dada and get back after all the moves on it, their face has a different glow altogether. The boys also could put up a great show in a few villages during Shivaji Jayanti. For the villagers in Kharduka, this Indian Traditional Sport was completely new. The entire village gathered to see the boys and was amazed to see the confidence each one had while performing.







Even during a procession in Saoner, the nearest Taluka place, the boys performed in the most exemplary way on a moving tractor trolley. There were more than 1000 people in Saoner on the roads just to see the boys performing on Mallakhamb.

Music & Dance

Usually what we see is this: Music and dance classes for the students. But AGVS feels that why shouldn't it be for teachers too. And this year when the teachers could come but the students couldn't, the teachers of AGVS enjoyed learning music and dance both from Shailesh Dada and Damini Tai, respectively. Shailesh Dada taught a few songs and a few ragas, while Damini Tai introduced the interested teachers a few dance forms but what was more important was that she showed dance, as a medium to find Self and also as a way of healing. The teachers agreed that both dance and music have the power to heal and change perspectives of looking at life as a whole entity and not in parts.



Parents Teacher Meetings in Villages

It is not easy for a parent who is a farmer, a farm laborer or a carpenter living in a village to miss a day at work to attend a 2 hour PTM in school. Hence, the dedicated team of facilitators went to each of the 19 villages from which the students are picked and dropped. The timings during every visit was usually 6 pm to 9 pm. The time at which every teacher used to reach her/his home was 9.30 or 10 pm. It is amazing to see how selfless they are but it is not at all easy. But still AGVS considers these meetings as extremely important because the parents and their beliefs, opinions, ideas and expectations must be known to the teachers. This helps them to make decisions for the children. The parents also become

aware of what the school has been planning and doing over the years. This space is not a space of complaints, but rather a space for exchange of ideas, challenges and needs.

Reflection & Facilitation

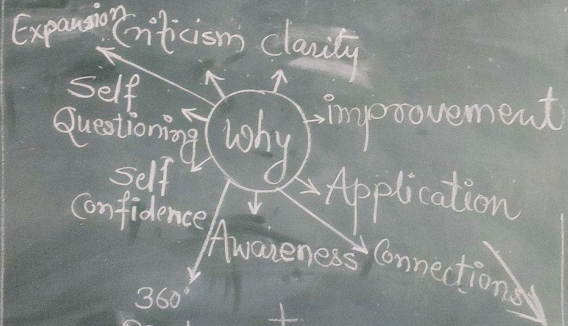
The process of reflection is a science as well as art. We could all realize this after a discussion and brainstorming session of almost 6 hours. We drew a figure of a mirror and analyzed the process scientifically too. So it was amazing to realize how someone has named the ray as an incident ray as one reflects on his/her past decisions or actions based on the incidents in his/her life. Also we realized one extremely significant thing that, for reflection to happen properly, the surface should be pure like a glass; so in our process of reflection of what we do as facilitators, before starting to reflect on anything we should check whether our surface that is our mind, brain, heart is free of beliefs, prejudices, opinions and judgements, only then the reflective exercise can happen in the most profound way.

Moving away from teaching and going towards facilitating is not an easy shift. But still we have chosen to SHIFT for the benefit of the most important people in the school: the children. Initially the students were not on the same page with us. Realizing that it would be difficult for them too to accept this unconventional way of learning, we decided to give children some time to check, discuss and decide. The students came up with such wonderful realizations and that day was the beginning of learning through facilitation. We are still in the process. We admit that at times, we do get back to our comfort zone of teaching as that's an easy option to cling to. But we have realized the worthlessness of the same in terms of time, effort and energy.

Life is only a Reflection of
what we allow ourselves to see.

How?

Writing
Self-Talk
Acts
Meditation





Aashirvachan

That wasn't a farewell, nor was it any formality. It was a celebration of the entire journey of the 10th grade students from their childhood till teenage. It was a moment of pride and love. It was also a ceremony where the elders gave blessings to the youngsters and the youngsters gave commitments to the elders. Dr. Bhimraya Metri, IIM Nagpur Director, was the Chief Guest for the function. His humility, simplicity and wisdom touched everyone who attended the ceremony. His words of wisdom were a big gift to the students passing out from the school.

The students who were passing out expressed their gratitude in the form of poems and speeches. Their parents too got emotional and expressed how proud they were feeling for the children for being a part of such a school which is like another home to the kids where virtues are given more importance than the marks. Everyone including the guests from Nagpur paid tribute to the motherland by placing diyas on the map of India drawn on the ground. It was a program which will have a mark in the hearts of everyone for the entire life.

This is the beauty AGVS is experiencing. Learning is happening but in a subtle yet impactful way. The process is more important than the destination. The student and the facilitator both are important and both are co-learning. AGVS is not worried about perfection, it is rather focusing on learning from the imperfections and witnessing the beauty of them.

AGVS is evolving; every year, every month, every day and every hour.

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