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THE PERSPECTIVE OF AN ART TEACHER

Today we are in 21st century, although science has made so many inventions and we have developed, we still need good manners. In 1983, the school which has begun with only 45 students has now grown up to 3500 students.

At that time, Jogeshwari was not so developed area and it was not so easy to provide educational facilities. In the beginning the school had only four classrooms and there was no proper ground. Drainage was the major problem. After taking into consideration the increasing number of students our Hon. President Y. B. Chavan sir felt it necessary to build two to three classrooms every year. But according to MHADA and BMC authorities it was unauthorized construction they used to demolish it. In this critical condition also our sir did not lose his courage and he provided educational facilities to the students of slum area people. There was neither Govt. grant nor any financial help from anybody.

I joined this school on 13th June 1987 after completing art teacher diploma, my salary was only Rs.450/- per month then but I was totally satisfied with the experience, I was getting in this school. My other colleagues would leave the job because of insufficient salary but I remained firm with my job & founder. I had to teach nearly all subject besides drawing. One of the best qualities of our sir was that he always admired the newcomer for his good work. He had always given responsible work on my shoulder and that's why I am now confidently able to do any work. Hon. President late Y. B. Chavan sir always concentrated on all-round development of the student. He started celebrating various traditional festivals, as well as cultural activities in the school. I remember the first traditional programme in the school was Gurupournima Utsav. On this occasion Satyanarayan Mahapooja and Balbhojan for the student were organized. It was totally new experience for me. To inculcate the good habits among the students and to preserve our tradition like Aashadhi Ekadashi - Dindi, Gopalkala, Holi, Raksha Bandhan, Haldi kunku are the festivals which are celebrated in my school with much enthusiasm, for giving encouragement to the inborn qualities of the students. He also started annual day function in the school.

The school has its own land, playground, stage and thirty classrooms but the condition of the classrooms and the building is not good. On account of lack of finance we cannot construct new building for the school which is our eagerly dream. While facing all difficulties our founder late Y. B. Chavan sir died on 12th August, 2007.

I have 21 years of experience and the school is progressing in all the fields. S.S.C. result of this year is 97%. Our school has achieved more and more prizes from ward to the state level. Today, under the guidance of our Hon. Trustee Smt. Smitaji Chavan our school is progressing in various fields.

I, along with my Shramik family humbly request you to help us kindly for the better future of tomorrow.

Jai Hind! Jai Shramik.

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