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SECOND TERM

INTRODUCTION



My name is Swati Jani and I am a student of Class 12 in Auro-Mira VidyaMandir appearing for the Class 12 examination of National Institute of Open Schooling.

I have cleared all the subjects except Painting. I will be appearing for my Painting examination on April 11, 2023. Presently, I am volunteering with the



smaller children. I take classes for 3 hours daily. I teach Victory and Bliss Groups at 8:30 AM and I supervise their exercise, running, jumping and different games. At 10:30 AM, I teach Mathematics to the Bliss Group and at present I am teaching them counting and addition. At



11:30 AM I have a class with the Peace Group and then take them for lunch and later on leave them home. Sometimes I also take gardening class at 2:30 PM with some of the groups in the absence of Rohit. I enjoy these gardening classes. On Wednesdays, I take a Puzzle Class at 2:30 PM with the Smile Group. I really enjoy taking classes with the younger children.

PAINTING



I will be finishing my examination on April 11, 2023. I was not able to take the Painting Examination in October 2022 because of the trip to South India. I appeared for my Practical exam on March 18, 2023. Although Tulsa did help me but most of the practical work I drew myself. I like to draw and

paint scenic views and still objects; but my favourite is shading. I enjoy painting with water colours and oil pastels. When I started to paint for my Practicals, I was very nervous as I had never practiced or painted in half imperial size paper before. But I made a very sincere attempt and with little help of others I succeeded too. During this preparation I learnt many new things like shading, stippling and how to use water colours and oil pastels.



SHRAMDAN

We do Shramdan daily from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM and for this we have been divided into six groups. I am a part of Group F and I do the cleaning of the main floors of the North and South block, the toilets of the North and South block, the water filter, and the staircase with Chandrika, my partner. Sometimes we also clean the spider webs. Our duties and responsibilities are on a rotation basis. I like to clean the hostel. We have grand

Shramdan once a month and for this we clean the hostels and the school building thoroughly for example the floor and the walls of the common areas and toilets.



GAMES



The games start at 4:00 PM after the classes and the tiffin time. I am in Group C and we play with the other groups as well. I play basketball, volleyball, football and some minor games. Though I like playing all the games but I find I am unable to play Frisbee and football properly especially when other children don't play with interest. Each Monday, I go to help in the

kitchen, so I cannot play then. Once a week, on Saturdays, it's my turn to play with the younger children. My timetable at games time is as follows:

- Monday: Help in the kitchen in making rotis.
- Tuesday: Go home at 3 pm.
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- Wednesday: Football
- Thursday: Frisbee
- Friday: Basketball
- Saturday: Games with the younger children of Group F.
- Sunday: Football.
- I also play a 2nd round of basketball with the seniors which has helped me in improving my game besides increasing speed and stamina.



Our Sports Day was held on February 4, 2023. I participated in making Pyramids with some of my friends and some younger children. Darshanadidi, Tulsa didi and JagatBhaiyaguidedand encouraged us. It was the third time that I had taken part in the Pyramids.



In the morning session of the Sports Day, we started with the March Past at 8:30 AM which was followed by Yoga by the younger children of the Smile, Perseverance and the Progress Groups. Later on, I took part in the Yogasanas done by some



older children. The formations in the Yogasanas were created by these children themselves and they managed to be ready in just two days. There were some corners where there were games for all to enjoy. I was in the Bliss



group and we made the children play some fun games like balancing the ball between the legs and hopping, eating competitions, balancing the ball on stomach with their partners and other such games. After the fun games, I had a basketball match which I enjoyed.

CELEBRATIONS



I love to celebrate festivals and enjoyed attending two days of Christmas festivities in December were really fulfilled. I especially enjoyed the Christmas Eve. One of my friends and I danced on the song, “All we need is a Christmas”. It was composed and presented in just one week.

On January 26, we had two functions: the Republic Day” and “Saraswati Puja”. The flag hoisting was done at 8:30 AM and all the students sang patriotic songs. At 10:30 AM, we went to celebrate Saraswati Puja in the common room where a group of small children sang Saraswati bhajans and Prasad was distributed.

I was not present on the Mother’s Birthday, on February 21 as I had gone for the Goa Trip.



On the occasion of Holi, on March 8, we played with natural colours. These colours were made by the girls of the Progress Group girls with the help of Ambikadidi. We really enjoyed Holi this year as we all played Holi and danced a lot

too. After this, the teachers had set up various stalls for the children like the Bolder stall, lassi stall, panipuri stall, jhalmudi stall, chaat stall and a stall for earrings and slippers. I had set up a bolder stall with Tulika, Manididi and Mamiji. I enjoyed this exercise a lot. I had panipuri, lassi and bolder as these are my favourite.



TRIPS

(SOUTH INDIA)

We started our trip to South India on November 2, 2022. As it was my first trip to South India to see all the exciting places. We reached Simhachalam on November 3 at night. In the

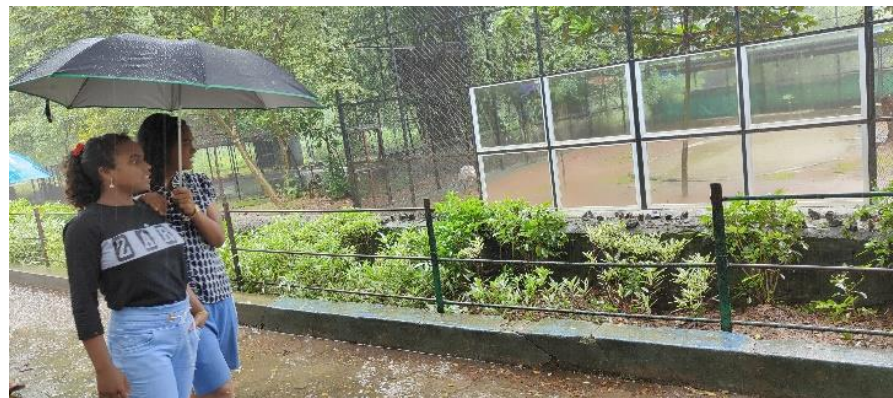
morning we went to visit the Vishnu Temple where we had to climb more than 1000 steps and I enjoyed this challenge. While descending, we came back running and it was a lot of fun.

On November 4, we started for Kanyakumari, reached on November 5 and went to see the Vivekananda rock



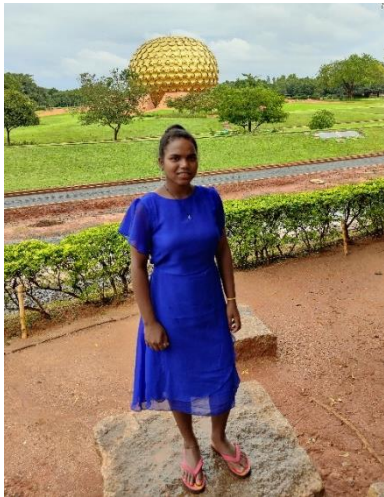
where Swami Vivekananda had gone to do swimming and meditation. After that we went to the Kumara Temple. We also visited the Gandhi Memorial, the Marine Aquarium, the Sunset Point, the Sunrise Point of Kanyakumari and the Vivekananda

Memorial, where we saw the full story of Ramayana. We also went to Eco Zoological Park. In this park, we saw different types of birds and animals with vibrant and



beautiful colours. I really enjoyed roaming around the Zoological Park. On November 9, we went to Madurai and stayed in the Aurobindo Eye Hospital. We visited the Meenakshi Temple. After visiting Madurai, we went to Rameswaram and stayed in a stage room. In Rameswaram we visited Dhanuskoti, Vivekananda Temple, Rameswaram Temple and went to see the floating stone and it is believed that Lord Ram and his monkey army had made a bridge out of these stones, and these stones were inscribed by Sri Ram's name. We then went to Ramthirthankar too. Next day we went to the A.P.J Abdul Kalam Memorial and learnt about his life story.

After this we went to Pondicherry and stayed in the Delhi



House. On our first day in Pondicherry, we went to do meditation in the Ashram and saw the beautiful Samadhi of SriAurobindo. We also went to see SriSmritiwhere handmade paper were made and saw the process of marbling. I had previous experience of marbling as I had done it when I was in school. On the 2nd day in



Pondicherry, we went to Mahabalipuram, and also went to the Zoo and the Crocodile Park and saw different types of crocodile. On the 3rd day we went to Auroville to see the MatriMandir. After that we went to the Botanical Garden and saw many types of plantations and a Bhaiya told us about the entire growth of plants from a seed to a grown plant- how they live, for how



many days and its uses. I liked the Botanical Garden as there were many types of flowers, cacti and trees that we saw for the first time. Then we went to eat lunch where cooking was done in Solar Cooker. After our lunch we went to the Savannah Museum and saw many types of instruments. We visited the Savitri Bhavan where the entire epic, the Savitri was presented on wall with pictures.

On the fourth day, we went to the Ashram Garden and once again were able to see different types of plants and flowers. Then we went to the Paradise Beach and had an enjoyable time in a houseboat and the Marina Beach.

GOA TRIP



We started our trip to Goa on February 13, 2023. In Goa we stayed in National Institute of Water Sports. I really enjoyed the trip. When we came to know



that we would be going for a trip to Goa, I was very excited as I had heard a lot about what an exciting place Goa was. The prime objective of the Goa trip was to learn the life saving techniques in water sports and kayaks.

On the first day in Goa, we had a theory class with Ranjit sir who is an ex-naval person and knew all about water sports with a lot of experience of water bodies spanning over many years. In the theory class, I learnt the life saving techniques, importance of CPR and how to save a drowning man with the help of two types of haggis: a rear haggis and a front haggis.



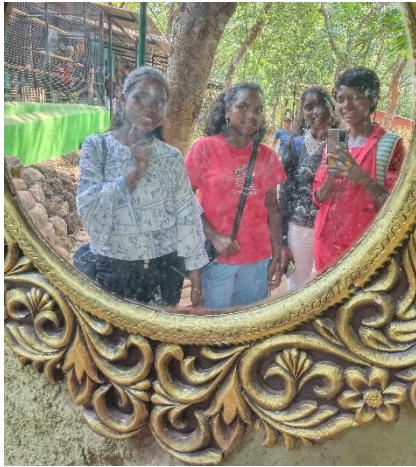


On the first day of my course in water, I had to pass a test of 100m in 3min. After this, we just sat on a jet ski but did not ride it independently. Still, I enjoyed the ride with the man who took me on the Jet Ski as he drove very fast. After the Jet Ski ride I went to practice and improve my freestyle swimming and speed with Ranjitsir and Meghraj sir who guided me and taught how to move my legs and hands fast while swimming. Then they taught me breaststroke that is very important for a lifesaver while saving somebody from drowning. I also learnt side stroke and backstroke also. We had a practical demonstration of how to save a person from drowning and what to do after taking him out. At first, we practiced saving with the rescue tube as it is very light and I did it with my partner. I picked up the basics after a few rounds of practice. We also had to take a test of all that we had learnt on February



21. I was very successful in the test of freestyle swimming as I was able to reach the 100M mark in just in 2m and 36 seconds. I was quite good in the test of front haggis and rear haggis, though I need some improvement in breaststroke because I felt a little tired by the end. After our life saving course we had the kayak course also. We started the kayak course after a break of one day when we saw some tourist spots of Goa. We visited the Aguada Fort jail, a museum and the Baga beach. We had a very adventurous time while enjoying water sports such as parasailing, banana boat ride and bumper ride but the best was Parasailing. We

also went to the other two beaches of Goa-the Anjuna Beach and the Marina Beach. Some children went for a swim with Pranjal Bhaiya but I was not one of them.



Then the next day, we started our kayak course. I was a quick learner. In this course, we learnt how to climb in a kayak, how to save ourselves when we fall from the kayak, how to save some one falling from a kayak, how to turn the kayak when it goes upside down



and how to go backward with kayak in a straight line and make figure of 8 and S. Though I enjoyed riding in a kayak but as I have a sea sickness problem I was not able to stay on kayak for longer time, In the kayak course too, we had a test where we had to go in the kayak and then come backward with it in straight line and make a figure of 8, besides other tests. I passed in all the tests of kayak except for one test that is, going backward with kayak in a straight line. On the last day, we went to visit some spots in South Goa, such as the Old Goa



Church, Mangeshi Temple, the Spice Garden, the Big Foot and the Science Museum. In



Mangeshi Temple we were not allowed to enter with short pants and I also had to wear a loongi so that I could go inside. In the Spice Garden, I saw different plants like vanilla, chocolate, black pepper, coffee plantation and others. In Big Foot, we saw the cultural model of a Goan village. We also visited the Immaculate Church and took some pictures outside. We went walking to the Carnival Place which was

near Mondvi hotel and really liked the Carnival Parade. The vehicles were decorated very nicely and we also saw the Goan dance and their culture. On February 28, we started for Kechla and reached Kechla on March 1.