

Lalu Krisani Study

In the month of April, I had gone to Delhi for studying the two subjects so that I could finish Class 12. In Delhi, I studied Mass communication and English. Kamla didi was teaching me Mass Communication and English. I used to go to learn Yoga with Dr Bijlani. After a while the subjects were divided



and Kamala didi taught me Mass Communication and in the afternoons, I used to go to study English to Deepika didi's house. After dinner, I used to again study Mass Communication with Pranjal bhaiya. In the month of November, I had gone to attend the Oneness camp held in Nainital and Ramgarh for 1 week. It was a wonderful camp where I met different people from different states. In the camp, we were exposed to different

types of programs and activities. It is my strongest wish that I get another chance to go for such a camp.

In Madhuban, I met people from my village who are working there. My friend Mohan and I used to play football with them. After the camp I came back to Delhi, stayed for 1 week in the Ashram and then returned back to Kechla. In Kechla, I was studying both the subjects myself. We celebrated Christmas in December and for that we had arranged a Christmas tree. We decorated the tree with lights and put small gifts under it in the traditional way. All the groups sang Christmas Carols and I also participated with the older children. I found the entire experience a bit overwhelming as I had never sung in front of an audience before. In the evening, our parents had been invited to see to see the programs.

Sports

On January 8th, we celebrated our Sports Day and the MIS students had come for a camp to Kechala. There were events like circus, pyramid, unicycle, skating, yoga, etc. I had taken charge of yoga and unicycle with the children. I was told to teach



Yoga because I had learnt it in Delhi. I love to do Yoga because it is very good for our health and keeps our body fit. Whenever we have these programs, we always invite our parents and also invite a chief guest from Koraput. It is a very enjoyable time for everyone. After the Sports Day, I started my studies again and began to prepare for my practical. In February, our school was going for a trip to Andamans. There were two groups: the younger children and the older children. I went with the younger lot because I had my exams next month.

TRIP TO ANDAMAN

On 20th February, in the afternoon, went to Paliba station to take a train to Shimachalam. We stayed overnight and in the morning; we went to visit the ancient temple of Narsimha. We had to climb 1100 steps to go to the temple and since I had not done any exercise for many days, I found it exhausting. We left for Vishakhapatnam where we had to take a ship for Port Blair. We saw mountains of coal on the jetty.



As we entered Port Blair, we saw many big ships and it was an exciting time for all of us. We met many new people on the ship who were also going to the Andamans with us. In the ship, I got a little bored because most of the time I felt sea sick could not go out. On the ship we used to sing songs together

and watch T.V. The food on the ship was quite tasty. We saw the control room of the ship which is called the Bridge. It was interesting to see how such a big ship is controlled and how it runs continuously without stopping. We also met the Captain of the ship.

We reached Andamans on February 24th. We stayed in a building near the Airport. On the first day, we went to see the Cellular Jail. When we went inside, we were surprised to meet people who had travelled with us on the ship. From the top of the Jail, we could see the Ross Island and the North Bay. In the evening, there was a Sound and Light show on Veer Sarvarkar. The next morning, we went to the Science Museum and saw 3-D film on aquatic animals. There were games based on science, which we all enjoyed playing. On the same day, we went to visit the Naval Museum. We saw coral reefs and many kinds of shells and fish; like cat fish, tiger fish rabbit fish, etc.



On February 28, we went to see the Gandhi Park and we went for boating there. There were many beautiful flowers in the Park but the lilies were the most beautiful. Many of my companions plucked the flowers. After boating the younger children enjoyed the jhoolas like the swings, seesaw, etc. I felt very



left out because they were not meant for an older kid like me. In the evening, we went to the Marine Park. There were many people in the park and we also had a good time.

It was Padma's birthday and we celebrated her birth day in the park.

The next day we went to the Radha Nagar beach. All of us had a great time. All the children went for a swim on the beach but unfortunately, I could not because I was not feeling well at that time. The lunch was delicious.

The next day, we went to visit the Ross Island. Currently it is called Subash Chandra Bose Island. We could not see much on this island as we spent very little time here. After this we went to see another Island called the North Bay. We had fun here as we could take part in many activities. Instructions were given to us and we were shown the places where the activities were being held. We took small boats to see corals and fishes near the shore. After that, the teachers went for scuba diving.



In the evening we returned to our hostel. We had also gone to see the Saw Mill which had been started by the British but is still operational.

We went to the Chidya tapu where we saw many animals and birds. There were animals and birds like boars, pigeons, parakeets, deer, etc.

I loved Andamans because the natural environment is just like Kechla. The vehicles and the people follow the rules and regulations. There are many trees similar to those found in our village like mango, tamarind, guava, and coconut.

On March 3, we left for Kechla, and the ship was waiting for us to take us to Vishakhapatnam. We were luckier than the older children because their ship did not return back and they had to take another ship and come back via Kolkata. It was a wonderful trip.

