

Rendezvous

Vamshi Chand Reddy, President, NSUI AP Chapter

The Ode team had got a chance to meet Mr. Vamsi Chand Reddy, a vibrant and cheerful young Student Leader, who also is the President of the A.P chapter of the National Students Union of India popularly known as the NSUI. A few excerpts from our conversation with him.

The first question we had shot to him, over a cup of coffee, was “What made you choose to lead a student body, while you could comfortably relax in your air-conditioned cabin practicing medicine, like your fellow doctors?” It felt refreshing listening to his reply, where he said “As a doctor, I would be doing the same thing that the rest of the doctors do. But as a leader, I believe I can do stuff in a way that not every other leader can do!” This was the kind of response and the zeal that Ode was looking in young leaders and Bingo, we found Vamshi!

As many of us were not thoroughly aware of the responsibilities and duties of student unions, we asked him to throw some light on the same. He went on to explain us that the student unions were formed with the basic motive to make sure every student, irrespective of their caste or creed, is getting the same benefits to continue their education and lead a respectful life. He frankly admitted that, given the vastness of our state and the diverse population, sometimes it might not be possible for them to cater to a few students. But when it is brought to their notice, things are immediately put in place. With all modesty he says “India is a huge nation and the day when we will be able to reach every needy person, we as leaders will be the happiest persons more than the beneficiaries. Hope the day is not too far away!”

Talking about his ground visits, he reflects the thoughts of Dr. Kalam which are shared by every young Indian today. He says, as Dr. Kalam had preached, kids are reservoirs of knowledge in our country. That’s the reason, even during my visits to villages I try and interact with kids of local government schools and other schools and colleges in the vicinity. Sometimes I am shocked at their exposure to the globalised world and how adept they are at learning things with pace. **I can see thousands of Scientists, Academicians and young politicians taking shape here!**

While he stretches his muscles to relax over our chat, he gets a call from a student regarding some important issue. Without even the slightest mark of stress on his face, he gets up to meet him while he smiles at us and says “Another young Einstein in the making. All that’s needed is just a push of encouragement”.

- *Surya Adavi*