

### Report on ASHAKIRANA – The Ray of Hope

The NSS Unit of MVJCE, proudly presented “ASHAKIRANA – The Ray of Hope”, by organizing a cultural fest in Karunashraya, Marathahalli, Kundalahalli Gate Bangalore on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 from 4.00PM to 5:30PM. The aim of the visit was to break the monotony of their daily life and to entertain them with the Cultural program. About 250 students and few faculties members of MVJ college of Engineering, as a part of NSS activity visited “Karunashraya – An abode of Compassion”, which is a charitable trust by the Indian Cancer Society (Karnataka Chapter) and Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar with an aim of providing free professional palliative care for advanced stage cancer patients who are beyond cure. In which about 60 to 70 patients of all age groups right from 4 year old kid to aged people were residing.

We boarded our college bus from campus and reached destination around 2:30 pm, the program was scheduled at 4 pm, so we had a lot of time to learn about the place.

To start with, an orientation program about karunashraya was given by Mr. Georjo pius, PRO, assistant manager, karunashraya. He addressed us before we were allowed to meet the patients. He explained us about the palliative care and what real hands behind karunashraya’s success are, is that the supporting staff and nurses each of them dealing with these critical patients with a smile on their face. He then further explained palliative care by telling they try to “add life to days and not days to life”, which motivated our students to lead a healthy life style.

About 4:15 pm we proceeded to the stage to perform, the cultural team did extremely well they performed few skits, dance and played instruments, which made all of them smile. Later snacks were distributed to all. The staffs were happy with our program and they wish to have us again. We left the premises at 6:30 pm.

### Photos of cultural program.





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Signature of the Principal with Seal

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