

Blooming Buds

It was a scorching evening with a hot breeze in atmosphere, we were on a field visit to a slum area near the river Yammuna. Farming fields with different type of vegetation were cropped on the both sides and a narrow passage was leading us to interior of the slum where the slum dwellers exists. As we moved more deep inside the area, an eye catching creativity stopped us and we were both astonished and excited to see the a group of little ones with their self made kitchen model, which was skillfully placed near their thatched hut (jhuggi), in which every necessary things were kept.



We actually enlightened ourselves with the concept of urban and rural livelihood where we saw these young blooming buds exploring their creativity in terms of self made innovations. The scene was depicted as; Wood powder was used to separate the boundary of kitchen area. Plastic lids, broken cups and other waste material were representing utensils in a wonderful manner, with presentation of leaves and twinges as cooking material.

A furry toy was lying on the girls lap and she was surrounded with her two friends. The whole scenario was nicely depicting the role of mother and her responsibly which usually child imitates in this childhood stage. Somewhere it was also representing the reflection of early maturity and turning childhood in to grownup children. As most of the children were found as carers for their siblings and burden of responsibility was clearly visible in them.



The world doesn't look like what you think it looks like: It's so strange that just a few kilometers can make a place so different from our normal world. As we outreached deep inside, it got to experience what hell could be like. Dirty stagnant water, clogged drains, narrow lanes, cramped houses, heaps of garbage and strong stink welcomed us. This all was very overwhelming as we could feel many eyes staring at us with suspicion as well as some hope. Soon we realized that all of them are very friendly as they gathered around, sharing their grievances and how each & every single day for them is filled with much of struggle for small and basic things. While discussing the issues with the community the articulation of the young buds motivate us to bring these little stars to broom them up in terms of education and give birth to a new Kalam of India.

