

## Extra Academic Activity (EAA) is an important component of UG curriculum at KIIT University with NSS: project Lipi

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We, constituting volunteers at NSS SCE: Project Lipi, visited MANNA WISDOM ORPHANAGE in Niladri Vihar, Bhubaneswar on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 5:00 pm.

The location of the orphanage is at most half an hour away from the KIIT University campus. The team of volunteers left for the location at around 4:30 pm on board a bus supplied by the University. This was the first project of new recruits for the academic session 2016-17. Needless to say, the energy on the bus was electric.

The orphanage constitutes of separate residential areas for female and male children and another apartment floor (henceforth, visitor's room) for teaching and recreational purposes.

The care-givers of the orphanage led us to the visitor's room where we were to conduct an hour-long session of educational and recreational activities. They were extremely helpful and kind.

The visitor's room is divided into cubicles. Children are taught separately according to their grade in these cubicles, one of the care-givers informed us. The room was well ventilated; however, the fact that it needed more fans was clear. We were informed that a benefactress had promised to donate a fan and that it would be done by Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September.

We divided ourselves into groups of six and grouped the children into different activities according to their interests.

One group consisted of children from grades IV to VII where topics ranging from general knowledge, patterns, geometry and basic arithmetic were discussed.

One group involved the children in physical education training; this also included dance.

Another group had the children participate in fun games.

Continuous feedback was taken from the children if any were at any kind of unease, and the answer was always a resounding No! Accompanied with a smile on their faces. The entire hour was spent with the volunteers being blessed by the laughter of the children and delight in their hearts. Every member of the team felt they are very well trained, well-behaved and well taken care of. Although, the desire to visit again was on every one's lips.

The volunteers returned to KIIT University on board the same bus that was provided by the University by 6:45 pm with an evening full of cherished memories.

# PICTURES:

