

REPORT ON INDUSTRY VISIT TO AKSHAYA PATRA

Objective:

- To provide the students with an insight to the working of an organization like Akshaya Patra.
- To provide the students about the various technological challenges currently the food industry facing.
- To enhance student's knowledge on Management.

About Industrial Visit:

Department of MCA, New Horizon College of Engineering, as part of its consistent efforts to blend theoretical concepts with practical experiences, took students from the first semester to Akshaya Patra on 15th and 18th November 2019. As the number of students were limited due to space constraints at Akshaya Patra, we divided them into two batches and taken them on different days.

Akshaya Patra is a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Bengaluru, India. It strives to eliminate classroom hunger by implementing the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in government schools and government-aided schools. It also aims at countering malnutrition and supporting the right to education of socio-economically disadvantaged children.

Mr. Sunila incharge of Akshaya patra gave a introductory session on Akshaya Patra, what it stands for, its past and future projects, such as Feed the Future

The students were escorted to the kitchen where the mid-day meals were prepared. Unlike its other kitchens, this one was a one-floor operation with a considerable amount of manual intervention. There was large machinery with as much as 600 L capacity (for rice) and 1200 L capacity (for Sambar). All its other kitchens were automated up to 80%.

The students were enlightened to be able to peek into the activities of the kitchen, and the various practices followed by them inside the kitchen with regards to cleanliness, maintenance, quality checks, applying stickers before the food is loaded onto the delivery vehicles, and a full-fledged menu for the day where the organization is attempting to offer some variety along with nutrition. Students become more aware of industry practices and regulations during industry visits. Further, industrial visits broaden the outlook of students with exposure to different industries. . This was followed by a brief visit to the temple with a darshan of Lord Krishna. Later our students had lunch there only which was very tasty and delicious.

Outcome:

- Students understood about the working of Akshaya Patra.
- The students were able to understand about the various technological challenges currently the food industry facing.
- They understood the internal Management and opportunities at AKSHAYA PATRA.

