

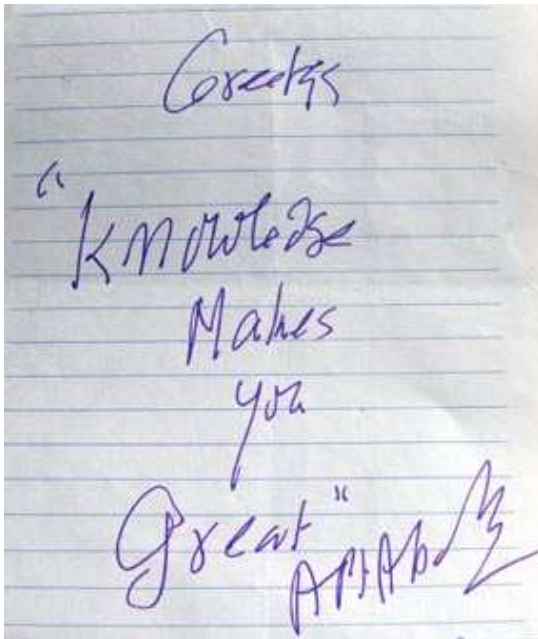
Testimonials :

1. **By Government officials : Please click on the link below :**

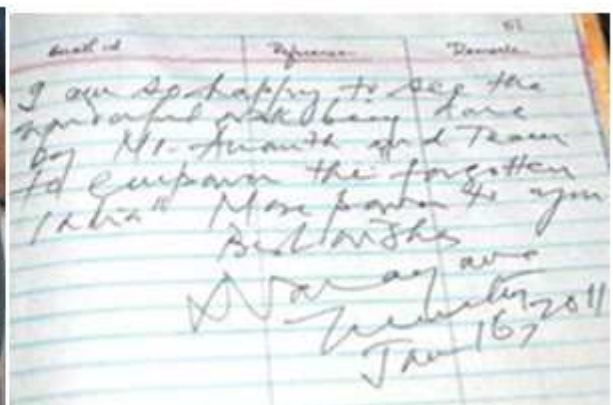
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2. **Impressions of the VIPs :**

Meeting Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam : Divyadeepa kids and volunteers met APJ Abdul Kalam, India's former president at Lalit Mahal Palace, Mysore on 24th August 2008. He interacted with us for over half an hour and gave us this message, "Greetings, "Knowledge makes you Great"



Dr. N.R. Narayana Murthy's visit to Kaliyuva Mane :



On 16th January 2011, Dr. N.R. Narayana Murthy Infosys founder visited our school. After taking a tour of Kaliyuva Mane, he addressed the children, volunteers and well-wishers of Divyadeepa. He was very happy and wrote this remark: "I'm so happy to see the wonderful work being done by Mr. Ananth and team to empower the forgotten India. More power to you. Best wishes"

Visit of Swami Nithyasthanandaji to Kaliyuva Mane on 26th November 2007



Swami Nithyasthanandaji, President of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysore visited Kaliyuva Mane and inaugurated the unique kids' bank. Earlier he had sent the following message to our souvenir. Extracts: *"For the all-round development of the children, a free atmosphere charged with love is required. The aim of 'Divyadeepa' happens to be this. In "Kaliyuva Mane", the real home atmosphere is built up. Sri M.R. Ananth Kumar and others who are running this school have found their happiness in the welfare of the children. Swami Vivekananda's teachings are brought to practice in this noble venture. I wish this organisation moves forward in the path of progress."*

Visit of Dr. R. Balasubramanyam of SVYM to Kaliyuva Mane on 15th August 2011



Dr. R. Balasubramanyam of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement was the guest of honour on the occasion of Independence day celebrations 2011. He is our well-wisher too.

Visit of Dr. G.S. Jayadev of Deenabandhu Trust to Kaliyuva Mane on 22nd July 2012



Dr. Jayadev, founder of Deenabandhu Trust, Chamarajanagar visited Kaliyuva Mane. After taking a tour of Kaliyuva Mane, he remarked, *"Kaliyuva Mane is a Kaliyuva Mane (Home for learning) for the visitors also. There is more to take from here than to give."*

Message of Sri Veerendra Heggade for the souvenir of Kaliyva Mane :



Extracts from the message of Dr. Veerendra Heggade of Dharmasthala to our souvenir : *“I am happy to learn about the progress and achievements of ‘Kaliyva Mane” – a school started by you for the benefit of opportunity deprived children. Along with education, you have taken up several creative activities which help to develop the personality of the children. I wish, children will make use of all the facilities available at the school and make their future bright. Let the grace of Lord Manjunatha Swami be always on you.”*

3. Some remarks from the visitors :

- (i) On 26th January 2011, Mr. H.R. Babu Sathyanarayana, well-known social activist, visited our school. His remarks, *“I am extremely happy to have been able to participate in 26th January function. It was a revelation that the children are learning in such a remote place and what is more impressive is the spirit of service of volunteers and the effort of Sri Ananth to start such a noble venture of giving education to children. It was also wonderful to see that children showing self-confidence and conducting programmes.”*
- (ii) Truly inspiring! A lot to learn!
- (iii) An inspiring model in education
- (iv) Wonderful exposure to children
- (v) Great environment, Noble cause.
- (vi) Great thing, Great Job, God bless!
- (vii) Impressive learning place
- (viii) It's really wonderful experience coming here.
- (ix) I got to know many things from these children that cannot be expressed.
- (x) It's just awesome
- (xi) Thousand thanks! Let this become an open temple!
- (xii) *“This institute is doing a wonderful job. I wish this lasts till the end of the earth”*
- (xiii) I'm taken up by this venture!
- (xiv) Impressed by the school!!! I want to be a part of our school, in future if possible or blessed. Very happy. Best wishes for your future endeavours.
- (xv) Beautiful place!

- (xvi) Spectacular
- (xvii) It's a great Idea. I like this system very much.
- (xviii) Superb
- (xix) Thought provoking!
- (xx) Lot of progress in short time.
- (xxi) Overwhelmed with the system
- (xxii) A remarkable place. Looking forward to contribute to my best.
- (xxiii) Great concept; I feel such schools or learning places should come all over India. This will help giving education to all.
- (xxiv) It is very nice to see the vibrant environment and all the progress made during the last two years. All the very best.
- (xxv) Interact with the kids, volunteer and do my bit to help them grow in terms of personality development and all round progress.
- (xxvi) A very good unique institution.
- (xxvii) Wonderful result and environment. Congratulations! Very impressive, innovative teaching-learning process. All the best!
- (xxviii) Very nice environment for kids to grow and learn. Great work by all the staff members.
- (xxix) Wornderful school! You are doing great work. Thank you so much for your hospitality!!
- (xxx) Learnt a lot. Inspired ideas, great innovative organisation.
- (xxxi) Wonderful result and environment. Congratulations! Very impressive. Innovative teaching-learning process. All the best.
- (xxxii) Innovative and creative. Your vision for the dropout kids is appreciable.
- (xxxiii) Bravo for your big work and your happiness! Thank you.
- (xxxiv) I am inspired to create the value you have Sir! Thanks.

4. Impressions of the Government school teachers :

- (i) You are running it very well. Our support will be there for you always. Let God's grace be always on you.
- (ii) Great thinking! Best wishes
- (iii) There is freshness in new thinking. Let this succeed.
- (iv) The Society has recognized, Government has to recognize this. Let the thinking remain always new.
- (v) Education here is different, thoughtful and relevant. It has unique thinking. There is enough to learn from this creative school.

- (vi) Very happy to learn many things about Kaliyuva Mane. When the Government has recognized many Private schools, it is unfortunate that the schools like 'Kaliyuva Mane' lack recognition and support from the Government.
– *SDMC member and SC & ST welfare committee member, Mysroe Tq.*

5. Foreign visitors :

- (i) I wish the best of luck to all of you who work on to make it possible for schools like Kaliyuva Mane to continue working. Giving opportunities to the underprivileged and promoting a different kind of school than the one provided by the government, Without teachers teaching with their fist, where positive things like love and curiosity rather than fear and punishment drive teaching, where children are taught to think by themselves. Slowly you are making the world a better place. Click on the link to read the article written by Max, a resident volunteer from Sweden.
<http://www.divyadeepatrust.org/docs/Experience%20of%20Max.pdf>
- (ii) You have something very special here which is not always easy to find, and we were fortunate enough to come across and be a part of it! We want to thank you for being who are and for giving us a chance to get to know you. We wish you every success and know you will achieve it! ---Pro India volunteers: Charli, Eileen, Stephanie from USA & Tanzania
- (iii) I had very positive feelings. Good luck with the amazing work. – a visitor from USA.

6. Media reports & weblinks :

- (i) <http://www.divyadeepatrust.org/media.php>
- (ii) Video : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqebJCAus40>
- (iii) PPT : <http://www.divyadeepatrust.org/docs/Divyadeepa.pdf>
- (iv) 2nd runner up in Mahindra's initiative, SPARK THE RISE
<http://rise.mahindra.com/living-rise/grand-finale-finalist-518-ananth-kumar-alternative-education-for-out-of-system-children/>