

# VOCATION IN VACATION

Summer vacations, the word to which every student rejoices upon hearing. Solid relaxation of one or two months in which they have fun, travel, learn new things, improve their skills and most importantly opt to learn new skills. I started reading newspapers this summer, something towards which I had a black eye, but now I made it as a habit.

Once, as I was glancing through the newspaper, I saw about national skills network and the fact that they were providing an opportunity to discover skills and put in the form of an article and send it to them. Seeing this as an exciting yet an educational space to show my writing skills as well as discover more about people, I started researching about people who have a unique skill yet do a simple job.



With my mind in the world of different skills, I was strolling through the gentle breeze, in Lingampally, Hyderabad. I glanced upon the huge signboard warmly welcoming people. "Vijetha", it said as I recognised the multichain supermarket across the states Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. As my eyes paved their way towards it, I looked through the staff working there. They seemed as busy

as a bee and were like an ant working hard for the store to run smoothly, while the sun retired to bed bringing the customers to the store.

Then I contemplated that working in a big chain of supermarket is not a normal thing. You do need a lot of patience as you cannot lose



your temper with customers.

That is what

Venkatalakshmi, one of the many cashiers there shares with me. Despite of joining only a year ago, she says that she finds home when

working in Vijetha. The B.Com discontinue student is only predominantly satisfied with her job as it helps her economic status but she also feels a little discontented as she thinks she could have done more in her life. "Sometimes during mistransactions, customers often would lose their tempers and I had to sustain my emotions and control my words and sometimes my salary was cut" says Lakshmi, who had been given ten days of training before joining. But unlike Lakshmi, the inter pass Ramya and 10<sup>th</sup> pass Chandrakala have completely different opinion towards working in there. The friends are into stock filling department where they fill the racks with the fresh stocks of products whenever they arrive. The 1 year experienced Ramya and 6 months fresher have developed quite a bond with each other. They are totally happy for this job due to which they could even be a help to their family. Staying in hostels here and sending back home some money is valuable for them. And Venkat, who is a helper to the cashiers, certifies that he is elated and glad to be working with such a large supermarket for just his

inter study. He now has many friends in there with who he enjoys at the same time completes his work he has been trusted with.

These are few among the many staff in the Lingampally Vijetha



branch which is one among the many other branches of Vijetha and again one among the other supermarkets in India. They are contented with their work which they got due to their basic

education standard. This shows that even for people not having proper education have certain skills such as being a cashier would require one to know computer knowledge properly, a stock filler should remember where to store things accurately and a helper should be always ready to help with a smile and many more. Even with only a little bit of knowledge and facilities, these people are an asset for our country.

So this is how my vocation in vacation went. Therefore I encourage everybody to study well, improve your skills and most importantly don't waste your summer vacations. So play, enjoy and learn.

