

Employee Learns about KLA's Commitment to Education Days after Beginning his New Job

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It was in July 2022 when my product app colleagues and I, who had all joined KLA only a week earlier, were working in our cubicles and our manager asked us if we wanted to visit a science exhibition. Initially, we thought very big tech companies would be exhibiting in a very sophisticated environment.

We boarded our office shuttle and reached the Ramakrishna Mission Centenary Primary School, Mylapore, Chennai, for kids from underprivileged backgrounds. We were thrilled and excited to see so many school kids presenting in this exhibition. It was like reaching into my memory and trying to look back into my childhood.



As we entered the auditorium, we split into three groups to visit the large number of students and see their science projects. In an era when our youth is distracted by social media and technology, it was nice to see these students using the same methods as we once did to move ahead and learn about science and math.

Then we started reviewing the projects:

- One team actually solved the complex “Tower of Hanoi Algorithm” without even knowing the actual name of the algorithm – and at a very good speed. Solving the algorithm is usually done through a computer program.
- Another team demonstrated an obstacle-avoider robot and line-follower robot.
- A student explained the lunar and solar eclipse phenomenon with a handmade model, and it actually depicted the sun, Earth and moon movements precisely.
- Another student demonstrated human eye perception-based illusion creation with a parrot and cage.
- A student presented an AC/DC motor model.

Most students were from middle and high school. We were actually a bit surprised and happy to see how these young kids understood and explained sophisticated concepts so beautifully. Their passion and curiosity to learn concepts of core physics and mathematics are really inspiring. It was also gratifying to watch teachers helping their students debug and troubleshoot problems.

We wrapped up the visit by touring the KLA Foundation-sponsored KLA Mobile Science Lab. Seeing the KLA logo on that van produced a proud vibe, and our group of new employees learned how corporate social responsibility can bring changes to society at the grassroots level.