

## **Event Volunteering Report**

Name of Event: Dream Design Robotics Program

Date of Event: February 8, 2020

Location of Event: Vijayanagar Club, Bengaluru

Sponsoring Organisations: BEFC, TEACH FOR INDIA, Akshara Foundation

Event Organiser: Shelwyn James S, Ex-Christite, Fellow-Teach For India

### **Report**

On Saturday, 8 February, 2020 at Vijayanagara club, Bengaluru, the Dreams Design Robotics Programme was inaugurated by A.S Kiran Kumar, an Indian Space Scientist Scientist and former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation. The dream design robotics programme was organised by Teach for India faculty under the guidance of Dr. Gajanana Birur, NASA spacecraft engineer. The Sponsors of the event were Teach for India, Akshara Foundation and BEFC. The main organiser of the event was Mr. Shelwyn James S. The Robotics Program was initiated by Varun Govardhan(2017 TFI Fellow). The Dream Design Robotics Programme had fourteen teams from in and around Bengaluru to participate. This programme was mainly organised for the students from fifth to seventh grade from the Government schools to help them get a hand in robotics and has taught them the real world applications of what they learnt in class.

A.S. Kiran Kumar, an Indian Space Scientist and former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation, was the chief guest for the event. His beginning speech for sure will be present in the hearts and minds of the participants, event organisers as well as the volunteers. Dr. Gajanana Birur who is an engineer in NASA was also among the event organisers. The event was a workshop on robotics, where the students had to code their robots in such a way that it completes its travel in the maze. A volunteer was assigned to each team, such that the participants could reach out to them for any help.

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Nine students from CHRIST (Deemed to be University) from EMS course volunteered for the programme. Each volunteer was asked to be with each team to guide them throughout the programme. Also, we helped them with snacks and lunch during the event. The participants were allowed to reach out to the volunteers for any help. The activity taught us how important team work and integrity is essential to succeed in any task. We as Volunteers enjoyed working for the event and was given a chance to communicate with the Chief Guest as well as the event organisers. This experience will be worth remembering for each volunteer. Thereafter, there was a demo of a solar powered garbage picking robot. The programme ended that participants around 5:30 PM with Valedictory Ceremony. The students were happy to go back home with their trophies and with a new learning.

















