

NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, BENGALURU

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL TRIP 2023-24 GRADE 7

"Field trip provides authentic, hands-on, experiential learning opportunities where students can connect what they learn in classroom, in a real-world context"

- Stephanie Smith Budhai

The students of Grade VII embarked on an exciting educational trip to "Janapada Loka", located in Ramanagara, near Bengaluru. Janapada Loka is a unique cultural village that showcases the rich and diverse folk traditions of Karnataka. The vibrant atmosphere captivated everyone. The entrance was adorned with traditional art and welcoming folk music, setting the tone for the adventure.

Traditional Crafts and Artifacts could be seen in the craft village, where local artisans demonstrated their skills in pottery, weaving, and painting. The students learnt about the significance of these crafts in Karnataka's heritage. One of the highlights of the visit was the folk performances through projector display. The students watched captivating dances, including the Dollu Kunitha, a high-energy drum dance, and the Yakshagana, a traditional theatre form. These performances gave a glimpse into the vibrant folk culture of Karnataka.

Exploring the movie served as an informative introduction to the concept of Janapada Loka. It provided insights into the origin of the cultural village and its role in preserving Karnataka's rich folk heritage. The students gained a deeper understanding of the mission and significance of the unique institution. The students explored the replica of traditional villages representing different parts of Karnataka. These villages showcased the unique architecture, lifestyle, and traditions of each region. It was fascinating to see the diversity within the state.

The visit to Janapada Loka was not just an educational trip; it was a cultural immersion. The students gained a deep insight of the rich folk tradition of Karnataka appreciated and understood the importance of preserving and celebrating these heritage treasures. This trip undoubtedly remained as a cherished memory for everyone, and all were grateful for the opportunity provided to explore the cultural tapestry of our state. This trip enabled the students to connect with the cultural roots of Karnataka. It instilled in them an appreciation for our state's rich heritage and the importance of preserving it.

The students expressed gratitude to the staff at Janapada Loka for their warm hospitality and for enlightening them about 'Janapada Loka' which broadened the horizons and left a lasting impression on the young minds.