

National Public School, Kengeri, Bengaluru Report on Grade 7 Excursion



The students of Grade 7 visited 'Janapada Kala Darshana', in Ramanagar District, on 18 December, 2024. The site is a cultural museum that showcases the traditional folk art of Karnataka, offering a hands-on experience of the state's rural tradition, folk performances, and rural lifestyle.

A guided tour through the various exhibits of the museum introduced the students to several forms of folk art from Karnataka, such as Yakshagaana, Pooja Kunitha, and Veeragaase, which are deeply tied to the state's rural tradition and religious rituals. The guide explained the significance of these performances and their relevance to the different regions of Karnataka.

One of the most exciting part of the excursion was the live folk dance and music performance. The students witnessed a performance of the Veeragaase dance, where artists demonstrated their skilful moves in vibrant costumes. This was followed by a musical performance featuring traditional instruments that filled the air with rhythm and melody. The students were highly enthusiastic and even clapped along with the beat. They had the unique opportunity to interact with folk artists who were present at the venue.

The museum displayed a traditional village setup, replicating the rural life of Karnataka. The students saw typical houses, farming tools, and other everyday items used by villagers. They participated in workshops where they learnt to make channanpatna toys and pottery making and had lot of outdoor activities like treasure hunt, tug of war, Lagori etc.

Overall, the trip to Janapada Kala Darshana was both educational and enjoyable. It allowed students to connect with the culture of Karnataka in a meaningful way, making their learning experience richer and more memorable. The trip successfully met its objective of enhancing the students' understanding of Karnataka's folk culture and inspired them to appreciate the diversity and heritage of their state.