



National Public School, Kengeri, Bengaluru

Report on Excursion Grade 9-12



“To Travel is to Live.” - Hans Christian Andersen

The students of Grades 9-12 explored the intricacies of Karnataka's Culture through an excursion to Shravanabelagola, Belur, Halebedu and Chikmangalur. The primary objective of the excursion was to provide the students with a cultural and historical experience, enriching their understanding of Karnataka's heritage and architecture.

The exuberant moment started with a visit to Shravanabelagola which is famous for the Bahubali statue, a significant Jain pilgrimage site with 57-foot-tall monolithic statue of Lord Bahubali and explored the Vindhya Giri hills, known for ancient Jain temples and inscriptions. The students, through a guided tour, visited the Hoysaleswara Temple, in Halebidu, the gem of Hoysala architecture and the former capital of the Hoysalas, famous for its detailed carvings and sculptures depicting Hindu mythology; the Chennakesava Temple at Belur, renowned for its exquisite Hoysala architecture and learnt about the historical and cultural significance of Hoysala art and architecture of the Chennakesava Temple, marvelling at its intricate sculptures and craftsmanship. Chikmangalur, known for its picturesque landscapes and coffee plantations, provided a refreshing natural break during their Visit to a local coffee plantation to learn about coffee cultivation and processing. They enjoyed the serene environment and learnt about the local flora and fauna, spiced up with a camp fire to cherish in memory forever.

The excursion to Shravanabelagola, Belur, Halebidu, and Chikmangalur, enhanced the students' insights about Karnataka's rich history, particularly the Hoysala and Jain influence in architecture and culture. They appreciated the significance of religious sites and their impact on local and national culture. They also learnt about sustainable practices in coffee cultivation and their importance in the local economy. It fostered a sense of appreciation for natural landscapes and sustainable practices.

Overall, the excursion was a memorable and enriching experience for all, contributing significantly to their academic and personal growth.