

Visit to a Handloom Weaving Factory, Anekal and Cleaning Activity at Muthyala Maduvu, Anekal

Date: 9th August 2025

Time: 7.30 am - 6 pm

Venue: Muthyala Maduvu (Pearl Valley), Anekal

Objective: The day hike at Anekal aimed at **two major activities**- a visit to a **handloom weaving factory**, Sudham Nagar, Anekal, which aimed to foster cultural and economic significance of the Karnataka's handloom industry, highlighting its role in preserving traditional crafts amidst modern challenges. It also aimed to educate them on sustainable livelihoods and government support for weavers.

The second activity included the visit to **Pearl valley** aiming at environmental **cleaning service** to promote Environmental awareness, teamwork, and appreciation for nature among students through litter reduction and responsible tourism practices.

Introduction:

The Ranger Unit of Jyoti Nivas College has organized an engaging Educational activity for Ranger students on 9th of August 2025 which included a visit to a traditional handloom weaving factory at Sudham Nagar Anekal. The visit highlighted the dedication of the weavers, most of whom are elderly and started working from a young age. The need to attract younger generations into the industry was strongly emphasized. Students gained first-hand appreciation for the physical demands and artistic value of handloom work.

Key Observations:

- Veteran weaver Rangadhama (born in 1963, with 40 years of experience after studying only till the 4th grade) demonstrated weaving techniques on Jacquard looms.
- Three people collaborate to produce one Saree over four days, working 10 hours daily (8 am – 8 pm) with a one-hour afternoon break.
- Designs are changed weekly, resulting in the creation of two sarees per week.
- Government interventions included housing support in 1976 and distribution of 1,000 handlooms in 1986.
- Weavers earn between ₹8,000 to ₹35,000 depending on the design complexity.
- Visuals of the weaving setups, such as the 'Guni maga' loom and final saree products, provided hands-on perspectives.

A total of 20 students and 4 staff members participated in this activity. Students were engaged with leadership and team bonding activities throughout the visit.

Outcome: The activity successfully enlightened participants on the cultural importance and socio-economic aspects of handloom weaving. It inspired respect for traditional artisans and encouraged discussions on preservation efforts. Students reflected on balancing tradition with innovation in India's textile sector, with potential motivation for involvement in crafts.

Later students went to Muthyala Maduvu also called as Pearl Valley, Anekal which 6 km away from the weaving factory, to promote Environmental awareness and cleaning service.

The purpose of this activity was to combine physical fitness, environmental responsibility, and team bonding. The students experienced the natural beauty of Pearl Valley while engaging in a meaningful cleaning initiative.

Key observations:

- Hiking through the scenic trails of Pearl Valley with guidance from staff members.
- Collecting and disposing of plastic waste and other garbage found along the pathways and near the water bodies.
- Promoting the idea of maintaining cleanliness in tourist spots and respecting natural ecosystems.
- Enjoying the serene environment, group discussions, and recreational moments amidst nature.
- The activity also included Ranger Prayer song and games.

Outcome: The day hike at Muthyala Maduvu (Pearl Valley), Anekal proved to be both enjoyable and educational. Students developed stronger teamwork, bonded over shared experiences, and felt a sense of pride in contributing to environmental conservation. The initiative reinforced the values of responsibility, leadership, and respect for nature.

Participation

The event was successfully conducted with active participation from around 20 Rangers of Jyoti Nivas College, along with Faculty Coordinators Dr. Pratima Bhat, Mrs. Ashwini M S, Dr. Vinay Raghvendra and Mr. Hemanth DN. The cooperation of the Koramangala Government School staff and principal also contributed to the smooth functioning of the program.

Conclusion

We express our heartfelt gratitude to our principal of Jyoti Nivas College, Sister Mary Louisa Sebastian, for granting us permission and the opportunity to participate in this meaningful activity. The visit not only inspired the school students but also enriched our learning experience.

Poster and Pics:





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