

**KRUGER FOUNDATION FOR CHILD AID,  
KARWAR  
AND  
KANARA WELFARE TRUST, ANKOLA**

**PROJECT CHANGE MAKERS  
FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**

**3-DAY ORIENTATION RETREAT**

**01<sup>st</sup> to 03<sup>rd</sup> of FEBRUARY 2010**

Subject of the Retreat:  
**ART OF LIVING**

Place:  
Janata Vidyalaya, Dandeli & Forest Resort, Kulgi

**A BRIEF REPORT**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Orientation Retreat

Camp held on 01<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010

Venue: Janata Vidyalaya, Dandeli & Forest Resort, Kulgi

### Day One - 01<sup>st</sup> February 2010, Monday

Participants started arriving at the sprawling campus of Janata Vidyalaya complex from 9.30 a.m. Registration of the participants was done. Journey tickets were collected, their signatures were obtained on the register, a copy of the camp schedule and identity card were provided to each participant. In all, 74 students participated in the camp. About 50 students could not attend the camp owing to their pre-occupation in the first P.U. Science Practical examinations. Participants were housed in the school premises.

The first session began at 12.30 p.m. with common prayer and *Sankalpa*. Shri Vishnu Naik gave the details of the camp. Prof. M.S.Habhu highlighted the object of the Orientation Retreat and expressed his hope that the participants could make use of the outcome of the camp in their future career. Shri Krishnanand Shetti gave details as regards the modalities of the camp. Prof. V.R.Vernekar sorted the participants into five groups for the discussion session.

1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. - Lunch was served.

**2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.**

The interaction started at 2.30 p.m. Each group was housed in a separate room where the participants had to discuss on the particular topic allotted to them. Following were the topics given to the different groups.

Group	Topic
01	We tend to conclude that every second man is bad
02	There is a vast difference between our being and projection
03	We seem to have lost our power of dreaming
04	There is a deficiency in ourselves in conveying our thoughts to others
05	Achieving the maximum in limited time is an art.

Each group selected its own leader before the commencement of the interaction. All the participants participated in the discussion. Different views on the topic came out from the individual participants which were consolidated by the group leader. The entire process took place under the guidance of a resource person.

**4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.** - Tea Break.**4.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.**

After the discussion session was over, all the participants gathered in a common hall. The group leaders initiated the programme by lighting the lamp. The leaders of the groups presented the consolidated view on the topic of their individual groups before the audience.

After the presentation of the group leaders, general discussions on all the topics began. The students came forth enthusiastically and expressed their view freely. The discussion was followed by the opinion of the resource persons. The programme came to an end at 6.15 p.m.

**7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.** - Supper.

### **Day Two - 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2010, Tuesday**

All the participants gathered in the common hall after completing their morning duties by 7.00 a.m. After common prayer, breakfast was served between 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.

### **8.30 a.m. onwards**

After the breakfast, the participants were taken to the Nature Interpretation Camp at the Forest Resort at Kulgi, 17 kms. from Dandeli, in two trips by a bus provided by the Forest Department. Dandeli is an industrial city, located amidst deep forest of the Western Ghats, belonging to Uttar Kannada District of Karnataka.

Two resource persons - Mr. Vinay and Miss Natasha, from Bangalore, conducted sessions on the following topics.

1. Flora and Fauna of Kulgi and Anashi Abhayaranya (protected forests)
2. Snake Diversity

Mr. Vinay dealt with the first topic supplemented by a presentation using LCD display. The session was followed by trekking into the forest. Both the resource persons gave details regarding the variety and nature of plants, trees and forest animals.

**1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.** - Lunch Break.

After lunch, Miss Natasha elaborated on “Snake Diversity” using LCD projector.

As a part of these sessions, group plays were conducted by the resource persons with a view to highlight the various aspects of the forest life.

**4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.** - Tea Break.

After the tea break, Shri S.P.Kamat, Chairman, Kruger Foundation, addressed the participants and interacted with the students on various aspects from human life to the structure of the Universe. The participants were back to the camping site by 7.30 p.m. It was decided to hold the last camp sometime in the month of April 2010.

**Day Three - 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2010, Wednesday****7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.** - Breakfast

The participants started their homeward journey after 8.30 a.m.

The total expenditure of the three day camp including accommodation, transportation, food, equipment and other expenses totaled to Rs.43222/- (Rupees Forty three thousand two hundred twenty two only).

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