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EsF Assembly participants had the chance to go out today for some exciting site visits. A comfortable bus and a packed lunch were organised to support the group tour around the Hyderabad region. The first stop was Pebble Creek Montessori School, which was founded in 2005 and extended to the elementary years in 2008. The school kindly allowed Assembly participants to walk into the classrooms and observe the children working. Staff were very gracious in making themselves available to answer questions. The school is now poised for expansion into the secondary years.

At the second stop, Assembly participants visited a traditional weaving group. The techniques involved in hand painting on natural fibre fabrics were explained. The artist who did the painting showed samples of his work and of the natural paints he used. Inside, Assembly participants were able to observe the painstaking work of traditional weaving in process. Those interested were able to purchase fabrics to take home.

After lunch, the group enjoyed a visit to a small Muslim Montessori centre for 3-6 children. The children sang some songs for Assembly participants and then offered a delicious afternoon tea. The final stop of the day was at the market run by Shilparamam Arts, Crafts and Cultural Society, which brought together handiwork from a number of rural areas. This was a great place to stop for souvenirs before returning to the resort in time for dinner.
