What is the role of the arts in a government school in Karnataka?

Bhavan, Bangalore to offer arts workshops to school teachers and trainees across the state of Karnataka.

The workshops will encompass music, dance, puppetry, theatre, visual arts workshops for school teachers and teacher trainees.

The arts are usually relegated to a corner of the classroom, so to speak. It isn't enough of it. Only when teachers are exposed to the possibilities of weaving together various forms of the arts into their lesson plans can they really "see" and "understand" the power of the arts to change the teaching and learning processes.

The workshops in the context of a larger research project which focuses on the arts as a means of integrating the larger contexts of one's practice. It is a joint initiative between IFA and the Goethe-Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan, Bangalore.

Knitting together various forms of the arts into one's experience and his/her understanding of what it means to be a teacher, isn't an easy task. It demands that the child pick up a range of experiences that they could draw from rather than replicate them in the classroom. In our earlier workshops, many facilitators used participative methodologies to explore possible strategies to tackle them.

The experts will tell you that so-called 'learning' is more intuitive acts of understanding than a cher demanding that the child pick up x number of skills.