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The Head, Mrs. Evangeline Rajkumari, Department of Sociology organized a Field Visit to Vidhana Soudha – Karnataka Legislative Assembly (Budget Session) I & II BA Sociology 30 Students & 1 Staff visited on 19th March 2025.

The visit to the Vidhana Soudha, the iconic legislative building of Karnataka, on the 19th of March, 2025, offered a unique opportunity to observe the legislative process during the state's Budget Session. The Budget Session is one of the most significant events in the legislative calendar, where the finance minister presents the state's budget, outlining the government's fiscal priorities and allocation plans for the coming year. This report highlights the proceedings of the day and the discussions that took place. The Budget Session at Vidhana Soudha on 19th March 2025 began with a formal presentation of the Karnataka State Budget. The session was attended by state legislators, government officials, and media representatives, with active participation from various political parties. The budget presentation by the finance minister was followed by a series of discussions and debates over the proposed fiscal measures and allocations.

Key Highlights of the Session:

- **Budget Presentation:** The Karnataka Finance Minister, presented the state budget for the financial year 2025-26, marking a critical moment in the session. The budget included significant allocations for crucial sectors such as infrastructure, agriculture, healthcare, education, and welfare programs.
- **Debates and Discussions:** After the budget presentation, lawmakers from different parties engaged in heated discussions, questioning the adequacy of the budget allocations and proposing amendments. The session witnessed active debates between the ruling party and the opposition.
- **Public Accounts and Reports:** In addition to the budget discussions, reports from various committees, including the Public Accounts Committee, were presented, which played a vital role in the overall discussion on financial oversight and expenditure.

The visit to the Vidhana Soudha on the 19th of March, 2025, was a valuable opportunity to observe the legislative process in action. The budget session, with its comprehensive debates and discussions, highlighted the government's priorities for the coming year, as well as the challenges it faces in managing fiscal health, ensuring inclusive development, and delivering on promises made to the electorate. While the session revealed the tensions between the ruling party and opposition on various issues, it also underscored the importance of dialogue and debate in shaping the state's financial future. It was clear that the budget would have far-reaching implications for the people of Karnataka, with significant emphasis on development, fiscal discipline, and social welfare.

The visit to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly during the Budget Session of 2025 offered an in-depth perspective on the state's governance and financial planning. It demonstrated the critical role of the Assembly in shaping the state's financial future, and highlighted the importance of constructive debate, transparency, and public engagement in the legislative process.





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