



**Symbiosis
Institute of Design**

**VISUAL REPORT
on study tour - Kass Plature
AY 2011 - 2012
Semester V**

**Schedule:-
28th September 2011**

**Subject:-
Advance Photography Module**





The Kaas Plateau also known as the “Kaas Pathar” is a plateau situated in the Western Ghat Sahyadri range, 22 kilometers from Satara city in Maharashtra state of India and is known for various types of wild flowers which bloom during August-September every year. The area of plateau is located at a height of 1200 mt and is approximately 1,000 hectare. The name Kaas originates from Kaasa tree (*Elaeocarpus glandulosus*), it has been declared as Biodiversity World Heritage Site by The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco). The place has more than 850 different species of flowers and other plants including Orchids, Karvy and carnivorous plants such as *Drosera Indica*. This falls under the Sahyadri Sub Cluster of Western Ghats, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Advance Photography Module has a component of a visit or outdoor Photography, to guide students in natural light photography. This section of the course deals with student taking camera and stands for shooting outdoor. They study lighting situation as top lighting (sun) and basic reflector to be used for the highlighting the face of the model or the subject as the case may be. Students learn macro photography as the flowers and fauna are very small and thus they had to shoot with close up kit. Student gets an idea of local available materials for props or use them for the shoot. They learn composition while understanding the limitation of the equipment available with them. Student of GD 3rd year enjoyed and has gone through experience of daylight shooting. This trip was for a day as we started early morning and reached college by late evening.



