EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT

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Activities performed by States/Union Territories under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

Gujarat – Chhattisgarh

Gujarat Tourism unveiled tourist’s much-awaited Gir Monsoon Festival 2018 with all-new attractions and celebration from September 1 to September 16, 2018 held at Bhalchel Village near Sasan Gir. To entertain the audience and to keep the energy vibrant for tourists, guests and dignitaries, there were varied performances by different groups of people including “Panthi” Dancers from the partner state Chhattisgarh, which was also one of the main attractions of the evening. The festival was indeed colourful, bright and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present there. The Gir Monsoon Festival is perfect to enjoy the vibrant environment and also the adventurous activities of the fest and see animals up close.

To celebrate the idea of India as a nation wherein different cultural units across varied geographies coalesce and interact with each other, our Hon’ble Prime Minister gave the idea of Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat. Under this scheme, Gujarat state is paired with the Chhattisgarh state to learn the cultural practices between the states. Chhattisgarh tribal folk troupe performed enthusiastically, during the Tarnetar fair. The people of Gujarat witnessed the Chhattisgarhi culture which was very entertaining and added a unique charm of the magnificent fair.

This year Gujarat celebrated Tarnetar Fair 2018 from 12th September to 15th September 2018. The fair is held on the grounds of the temple of Triniteshwar Mahadev, which means “the three-eyed God.” The Tarnetar fair was inaugurated by Shri Ganpatbhai Vasava, Minister of the Tribal Development, Tourism, Forest, Women and Child Welfare, on 12th September. Being the most important fair of Saurashtra, Tarnetar Fair was attended by more than 50,000 people. With its growing reputation, visitors from rest of India and many different parts of the world are also seen here.

Bastar Mahotsav was celebrated at Chitrakut, Jagdalpur in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh. Gujarat Tourism participated in the Bastar mahotsav from 18th to 20th September 2018. Artist from Gujarat showcased the cultural folk dance of Gujarat and it was entertaining for audience present during the event.
**Food Festival** was celebrated in the capital city Raipur at Marine Drive, Teli-bandha. An Exhibition stall was created on the theme of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” at the food festival. A cultural group participated during 3 days from 26th to 28th September 2018. It was a memorable experience for Raipur audience to witness the Gujarati folk dance.

**Jal Mahotsav** was celebrated at Gangrel in Dhamtari District of Chhattisgarh from 18th September to 23rd September 2018. As a part of celebration Gujarat Tourism installed an exhibition stall at Gangrel. Exhibition stall was on the theme of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”.

**Pola Festival** was celebrated at Maidiapar in Durg District of Chhattisgarh on September 9, 2018. Gujarat Tourism participated with a Cultural group which represented the Folk Culture of Gujarat. It was energetic and entertaining for the audience to witness such a performance.

**Literature Festival** was celebrated at Sirpur in Mahasamand district of Chhattisgarh on 23rd September 2018. Literary persons from Gujarat state participated in the Literature Festival and shared the knowledge of their language. It was joyful experience for the participants during the event.

**Chakradhar Samaroh** was celebrated at Raigarh in Chhattisgarh State on 17th September 2018. Gujarati folk artists performed at the event and entertained the audience with their performance.
Paryatan Parv was celebrated at various locations of Gujarat from 16th to 27th September, 2018. Inauguration of Paryatan Parv celebration was witnessed at Gir Monsoon Festival on 16th September 2018. The theme of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat was displayed through exhibition stall at Bharuch, Mehsana Morbi, Navsari and Gir Monsoon Festival.

Union Territories of Chandigarh & Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Silvassa Book Festival 2018 was organized from 30th September to 7th October, 2018 in collaboration with the National Book Trust, New Delhi, where an open book fair was held and also workshops were conducted by renowned lecturers, writers, poets for the school students in daytime and in evening various cultural programmes were organized by the Department like Jashne-e-Aman; Standup comedy; Hindi Kavi Sammelan, Cultural Fiesta, Mehfil-e-Mushaira, Classical Euphoria and Gujarati Drama in which Padma Bhushan awardee Teejanbani and her team, Padma Shree awardee Surendra Dubey, Shri Arun Jemini, Shri Munnavar Rana, Dr. Rahat Indori, Sh Ehsan Qureshi, etc. had performed.
Under the initiative of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat- Students, teachers and officials from the Union Territory of Chandigarh were also invited to participate and showcase their culture in this festival. Students performed folk dances of Chandigarh namely Bhangra, Giddha and Gatka. Teachers, students visited government schools and interacted with the higher officials of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

Under the initiative of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli organized a two day Festival of Documentary Films on 27th & 28th October 2018. The short films made by the Films Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India were showcased for sharing the knowledge of culture, traditions and practices of UT Chandigarh.

**Uttar Pradesh: Meghalaya & Arunachal Pradesh**

The Cultural teams of Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya performed during the three days **Tawang Festival 2018** to keep up the spirit of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” programme, which was launched on 31st December 2015 on the occasion of birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

To showcase the engagement matrix between States and UTs, the cultural team of Uttar Pradesh performed their famous “Bundeli Rai” dance and shared a piece of their culture and the cultural team of Meghalaya performed their famous “Chad Pliang or Plate Dance” which is performed by the “Jaintia” Community of Meghalaya to please their God for his abundance blessings. Both the teams had 15 participants each and accordingly the participants also had an opportunity to witness and perform during the three days mega event. The participation during the festival had given them and opportunity to witness a beautiful and unique culture of Arunachal Pradesh and mesmerizing scenic beauty of Tawang as well.

A cultural team of Arunachal Pradesh participated in the India **International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018** at Shillong, Meghalaya from 14th to 17th November, 2018.

The cultural team showcased a popular dance of Bugun tribe of Arunachal Pradesh in a joint effort to upheld the theme
of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat by joining Meghalaya Government during the 3rd Edition of India International Cherry Festival 2018, a three days cultural extravaganza held every year at Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya. A signature event of the India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018 had been organized by the Department of Forest and Environment, Govt. of Meghalaya, Institute of Bio Resources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). This calendar event celebrates the unique autumn flowering of Himalayan Cherry Blossoms by participations of musicians, music concerts, cultural display, golf tournament etc.

This year a cultural team from Arunachal Pradesh was also sent to participate in the festival as a joint effort to uplift the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat with the partner state Meghalaya. As such, Arunachal Cultural team presented the Bung Tribal dance called “Gasyo-Syo” which mean “Lets dance” during the festival, so as to give the glimpse of cultural richness of Arunachal Pradesh to the visitor of the festival.

Jharkhand and Goa

The Cultural team of Jharkhand performed in Cultural evening in Goa on 24th November, 2018. Three dance groups (Nagpuri, Chhau and Paika) performed during the International Film Festival of India 2018 held in Goa.

Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep

Andaman and Nicobar Administration deputed a 25 member Contingent of the Directorate of Education comprising of Teachers, NSS and Scout Students and a Football team from Hut Bay to Lakshadweep from 28th October, 2018 to 6th November, 2018. The group intercalated with their counterparts in Lakshadweep besides playing a friendly football match in Androth and Kavaratti Island. They also
participated in cleanliness drive. Earlier they were given a warm welcome on their arrival at Kochi and Androth & Kavaratti. After completion of successful trip, the team returned to Port Blair on 6th November, 2018.

This visit was fruitful in strengthening the existing emotional bonding between the people of A&N Islands and Lakshadweep by promoting and showcasing the rich heritage and culture, tourism etc., allowing artists of both UTs to understand and appreciate the cultural diversity of each other.

Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi organized ‘Sanjari’ - a monthly concert of folk songs of different states of India. This special folk music concert was organized under “Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat” scheme. Accordingly, a group of eminent singers from Car Nicobar had been selected to perform in this programme in New Delhi held on 31st October 2018 in co-ordination with Kala Kendra – a Society under Department of Art & Culture, A & N Administration to promote cultural activities in these Islands. The group performed with Lakshadweep artists and appreciated each other’s creative expressions and folk culture.

Activities performed by Ministries/ Departments under Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Department of Youth Affairs

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Kerala organized the Inter State Youth Exchange programme under Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat programme at Institute of Land and Disaster Management, Trivendrum from 12th October to 27th October, 2018. The participants got an opportunity to interact with Shri P. Sathasivam, Hon’ble Governor of Kerala at Raj Bahvan. Shri Shashi Tharoor, Hon’ble Member of Parliament interacted with the participants in the session “A Walk with Shashi Tharoor”. A session on IT industry in Kerala and role of youth in startup was held at Techno Park. Recorded speech of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India on Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat and National integration was shown to the participants. Socio-cultural aspects of Kerala State were discussed in details. The participants were taken to Block Panchayat to learn the working of Panchayat and various schemes viz., MGNREGA, Anganwadi, Forest Management, etc. The core programme of the camp included Group Discussion, Experience Sharing, Debates, Games and Sports, visit to Grass Root level Democratic Institutions viz., SGHs, Schools, Public Health Centres, Anganwadi Centres and Panchayat Office. The participants were taken to hydroelectricity project and water management system, All India Radio and Vivekananda Rock meditation centre at Kanyakumari. The academic session conducted cultural presentation of both the States. A total of 100 participants (53 from Kerala and 47 from Himachal Pradesh) participated in the programme.
Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan organised 11 number of Inter State Youth Exchange programme in 11 pairing States under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat with participation of 1106 youth during the month of November 2018.

The programmes were organised in the paired states of Assam and Rajasthan at Guwahati; Chhattisgarh and Gujarat at Raipur; Jammu & Kashmir and Tamil Nadu at Jammu; Punjab and Andhra Pradesh at Taran Tarn; Himachal Pradesh and Kerala at Kullu; Maharashtra and Odisha at Mumbai; Jharkhand and Goa at Giridih; Sikkim and Delhi at Gangtok; Manipur and Madhya Pradesh at Imphal; Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh at Shillong; Puducherry and Andaman & Diu at Puducherry; Tripura and Bihar at Agartala and Andhra Pradesh and Punjab at Guntur.

The programmes included lecture session, group discussion, language learning of both the states, debate competition on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Essay writing competition on contemporary social and economical issues, field visits to historical and important places and institutes of National Importance, Poster Making competition, Plantation and Swachhta Programme, Cultural presentation, Padyatra Programme Commemorating 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Interactive Sessions with Governor, Ministers, MP, MLAs and other dignitaries, Sports and games, cuisines of paired states, Session on disaster management and motivational topics, Fashion show on the theme of traditional costumes, Declamation Contest on Patriotism and Nation Building, Session on experience sharing, Sharing of best practices of paired states and Session on flagship schemes of Govt. of India etc.

Department of Youth Affairs has requested different states to organize several programmes during the Padyatra Campaign of 150 Kilometers for Creating Awareness Generation of Government Programme alongwith Mahatma Gandhi’s teachings commemorating 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi during 2nd October, 2018 to 30th January, 2019. National Integration Padyatra alongwith EBSB Programmes in paired states will be organized in 28 States.

The programme will cover 28 States (14 paired states). 150 Kms will be covered in each state making a total of 4200 kms in all the states. In each state, 100 youths from the host state and 50 youths from the participating state will participate in the Padyatra programme. During this Padyatra campaign, the following Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat activities will be covered:

➢ Yoga, Sports and Swachhtta Activities
➢ Discussion on Sankalp se Siddhi for New India, Social Issues etc.
➢ Essay & Debate Competition on Unity in Diversity.
➢ Sharing of Best Practices and experiences.
➢ Awareness and Educational Session on Positivity.
➢ Language Learning of each other State (Paired States).
➢ Cultural Presentation.
➢ Culinary Festival.
➢ Screening of Films of Partner States.
Department of Sports

Department of Sports organised several sports activities with the participants from various states. “Handball” competition matches (1st Stage) were conducted under the aegis of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” programme at Lucknow and Indore in the month of October 2018. The matches were conducted in the category of Boys U-21 and Girls U-21.

Participant Team (Boys U-21)

The matches were conducted between the paired teams of Jammu Kashmir & Tamil Nadu Vs Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh & Meghalaya. The competition was held at Lucknow from 20th to 24th Oct 2018. Match was won by the paired team of Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh & Meghalaya.

Participant Team (Girls U-21)

The matches were conducted between the paired teams of Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland & Manipur Vs Andaman Nicobar & Lakshadweep. The competition was held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 23rd to 27th Oct 2018. Match was won by the paired team of Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland and Manipur. A total of 110 Players and Technical Officials participated in the competition at both the venues. Spectators and media took keen interest in the activity and appreciated the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme. All the participants including the visiting dignitaries expressed their gratitude to the Hon’ble Prime Minister for the concept of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat which encouraged the youth of diverse culture and paired States to forge better understanding and strengthen the National Integration. The events were witnessed by more than 1500 persons.

The event was covered extensively in the print and electronic media which had a very positive impact relating to the concept of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat through the Sports activities all over the State. As per the feedback from the players and management excellent facilities both for stay and food were provided to them. The players from all the participating paired States/UTs were extremely happy to be together for better understanding of culture, food habits and other related issues and this opportunity has made them the friend forever.

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Doordarshan

Various centers of Doordarshan telecast several programme on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

Doordarshan Kendra, Bhubaneswar telecast programmes on Samparkara Setu, Nrutya Sangitare Ekatara Swara and Sankalapara Nua Bharat.

Doordarshan Kendra, Puducherry telecast Documentary on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat- Puducherry Architecture and discussion on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat – Costumes and Jewellery.
Doordarshan Kendra, Uttar Pradesh telecast several programmes on Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya and a programme “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat- Bharat Ke Shreshtha Chitrkar”.

Doordarshan Kendra, Varanasi telecast several documentaries, TV report and Travelpogue.

Doordarshan Kendra, Vijaywada telecast a programme on Architecture of Andhra Pradesh. It also telecast the programme of Doordarshan Kendra Jalandhar on Architecture of Punjab.

Doordarshan Kendra, Chennai telecast a short AV on Tour operations of Jammu & Kashmir. It covered the Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme, organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan on Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and telecast on DD Podhigai Channel.


Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore telecast several programmes on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat- Ondu Vishleshane, History of Uttarakhanda- Yamuna Ghati Ke Shu-mer, Costume & Jewellery of Tonsh Ghati Uttarakhand (Vastrabhushan), Costume & Jewellery of Uttarakhanda (Vastrabhushan), Lifestyle of Karnataka, Paintings and fine arts of Uttarakhanda.

Doordarshan Kendra Patna telecast several programmes on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat such as “Costume and Jewellery”, “Vividhata Mein Ekta”, “Sawan Vishesh”, “Cultural Programme at Kendriya Vidyalaya”, Life Style”, Cultural programme at Kendriya Vidyalaya, “Cuisine”, “Kaushal Vikas Evam Yuva”. Chitra Evam Kala”.

Doordarshan Kendra, Ranchi telecast the programme “Jharkhand ke Dharohar and Jharkhand ke Shilpkala aur Chitrakala”.

Doordarshan Kendra, Jammu telecast a programme “Multi-lingual Mushaiara” consisting of visiting poets from Tamil Nadu and Jammu & Kashmir.

Doordarshan Kendra, Shimla telecast several programmes such as Short promo on Costumes & Jewellery, Cuisine Show (Cookery Show) and Constume & Jewellery of Himachal Pradesh, Short Promo on Life Style, Short Promo on Painting & Fine Arts, Arjuna Nritham and Rachiyamma.

Doordarshan Kendra, Thiruvananthapuram telecast several programmes on its partner States Himachal Pradesh such as “EBSB programme from Shimla “Shahi Rang Shimla Ke”, “Quickie on Himachal Pradesh” and other verities of programmes on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

Doordarshan Kendra, Puducherry telecast the programme Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat – “Yosithean Nesithean on per-
forming arts in Puducherry. It also telecast programmes on paintings and fine arts of Uttarakhand, Bhadraaj Mandir Yatra and programme on Janunsar ki Diwali.

**Doordarshan Kendra, Jaipur** telecast several programmes on its partner States Assam such as - Shared Culture of Rajasthan and Assam, Common life style of Rajasthan and Assam.

**Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow** telecast several programmes on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat such as short films on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, a special programme on the top painters of India, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel etc.

**Doordarshan Kendra, Hissar** telecast programmes on discussions on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

**Doordarshan Kendra, Goa** telecast programmes on its partner State Jharkhand in Hindi. The programmes included Tribal folk of Jharkhand, programme on Jharkhand Murtikala, Folk song of Jharkhand, Jharkhand ki Akhandata and Paintings and Fine Arts of Jharkhand.

**All India Radio**

Various centers of All India Radio in the States/Union Territories broadcast programmes on their partner States under Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat programme.

1. **AIR, Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh (Paired State Punjab)**
   
   It broadcast several programmes such as RJ driven show on Tourist destinations in Punjab, Quiz on Punjab on Yuva Laya and Talk on Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat: Punjab.

2. **AIR, Delhi (Paired State Sikkim)**

   It broadcast programmes on National Park Kanchenjunga, Buddhism in Sikkim, Sikkim ke Sitare, Sikkim Diary etc.

3. **AIR, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh (Paired State Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya)**

   It broadcast programme on folk songs of Khasi and Nyshi tribes of Meghalaya.

4. **AIR, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh (Paired State Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya)**

   It broadcast various programmes on Talks on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

5. **AIR, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (Paired State Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya)**

   It broadcast programmes on Culture of Arunachal Pradesh, Folk dance of Arunachal Pradesh, Climate and Agriculture of Arunachal Pradesh, Important tourist places of Meghalaya, etc.

6. **AIR, Najibabad, Uttar Pradesh (Paired state Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya)**

   It broadcast talks on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and on Art, Culture and Festivals of North Eastern India.

7. **AIR, Jalandhar, Punjab (Paired State Andhra Pradesh)**

   It broadcast a programme of talk on “Andhra Pradesh se aakar Punjab mein ba- sey".
8. **AIR, Haasan, Karnataka (Paired State Uttarakhand)**

   It broadcast programmes on series on Central Govt. Schemes, Talk on “Ek Barat Shreshtha Bharat”, Points on Cultural diversity of India, Linking States of India with one another through exchange of Culture Programmes and Literacy work, forecasting National Integration and Communal Harmony etc.

9. **AIR, Dehradun, Uttarakhand (Paired State Karnataka)**

   It broadcast several programmes such as Educational Institutions of Karnataka, Temples of Karnataka and Talk on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

10. **AIR, Kolkata, West Bengal**

    It broadcast OB based programmes in Hindi on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat on Rajasthani Food, Rajasthani Festivals and Rajasthani Dance. It also broadcast a programme “Baat Swad Ki” on Rajasthani delicacies and Phone in programme on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat titled “Samyata Apnari”.

11. **AIR, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (Paired State Punjab)**

    It broadcast programs of Talk on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Punjabi Food items and also a programme on Punjabi Folk songs.

12. **AIR, Patna, Bihar (Paired State Tripura and Mizoram)**

    It broadcast programmes on the Unique Culture of Tripura and Mizoram and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat in the field of Art and Culture.

    Several other centers of All India Radio broadcast programmes on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.

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**Ministry of Railways**

Ministry of Railways has taken various steps to spread the awareness of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme. **North-Eastern Frontier Railway** displayed the posters / logo of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat at 226 Concourses, 207 Waiting Rooms, 80 Retiring Rooms, at 916 places in Platforms of different stations, at 215 PRS/UTS, at 117 Booking Offices, at 36 Book stalls, Catering stalls etc., at 15 Lobbies, at 142 Offices and at 40 other locations.

60 seconds clip on EBSB are being displayed in three trains and EBSB logo are being displayed LED displays at 89 Stations under North Eastern Frontier Railways.

Westerns Railways has displayed the posters / logo of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat at 40 Concourses, at 49 Waiting Rooms, at 47 Retiring Rooms, at 95 places at Platforms of different stations, at 30 PRS/UTS, at 41 Booking Offices, at 30 Book stalls, Catering stalls etc.; at 18 Lobbies, at 17 Offices and at 02 other locations.

60 seconds clip on EBSB are being
displayed in two trains and 68 Stations. EBSB logo is also being displayed LED displays at 16 Stations. EBSB logo is being displayed on food trays in 7 stations.

Ministry of Tourism

Institute of Hotel Management, Hajipur organized a Cultural Festival and Food Festival on cuisines of Mizoram and Tripura titled ‘Gateway to North East’ on 10th October 2018. Famous and authentic food of both the States were prepared by the students & faculty of the Institute. All the service team members were wearing traditional dress of Tripura & Mizoram to add value to the audience. Student chefs prepared variety of dishes from Tripura & Mizoram like Guntok, Chakhui, Butwi, Aafish, Mosoden, Wasung, Aa Karan, Chaukhui, Wookhan, War Serjak, Momos, Tokhan Bai, Vaipa Oen, Vacha Oen, Vacha Rif, Chow chow Noodles, Kan Bai, Nagha Khao Sui, Rongpu Takene, Singzu, etc. and famous desserts like Til Pitha, Sanggum Kheer and varieties of products from bakery were presented.

Students of IHM, Hajipur displayed the culture of Tripura & Mizoram and performed traditional dances of North East and the main attraction was traditional bamboo dance, which was performed with perfection by the students. A power point presentation on Food & Culture of Tripura & Mizoram was also made on the occasion. The event was widely covered by local media on the occasion.

IHM, Hajipur will organize Jharkhand Food Festival under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat on 14th November, 2018.i.e the Foundation Day of Jharkhand.

As a part of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program, Institute of Hotel Management, Chennai, Tamil Nadu had organized ‘Regional Food Display’ on 27th September 2018. The students serving the food were dressed in appropriate costume of different regions of India. The food counters were decorated depicting the theme of EBSB.

The Institute of Hotel Management, Hyderabad, Telangana in association with Institute of Hotel Management Gurdaspur had organized a Food Festival. Punjabi cuisine was prepared and served in traditional attire to the tune of Bhangra Dance and Punjabi folk Music.

Institute of Hotel Management, Bhubaneswar, Odisha had organized a Maharashtrian Cuisine Festival in their campus on 10th October, 2018 to popularize the food of Maharashtra. The Maharashtrian culture and customs were showcased by the students of IHM Bhubaneswar.

Institute of Hotel Management, Goa organized a theme lunch titled “Jharkhand” on 16th October, 2018. Keeping the Art and Culture of Jharkhand in mind, the ambience and décor of the theme lunch depicted these elements. The Indian Elephant, Jharkhand’s State animal has a special significance. Hence the replica of the elephants used at the entrance to welcome the guests. The walls of the Restaurant were adorned with Sohari art. The highlight of the event was a floral Rangoli, a huge tree blossoming with colorful flowers and a peacock overlooking it. The Slogan “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” was displayed everywhere.

A structure depicting one of the festivals celebrated in Jharkhand was made by decorating a wooden frame with colored paper and flowers. Some masks of Saraike-
la (Jharkhand) were also made and hung on the windows. Colorful pots, monuments and the other architectural landmarks were made and displayed. Various flower arrangements displayed at the venue like floating flower arrangements, hanging arrangements and some leaf artwork added a special touch. The sports achievements were also incorporated in the décor. The bar counter was named Captain Cool, a popular description of M.S. Dhoni.

The presence of various localities in the region makes Jharkhand cuisine a vivid experience. The cuisine served for the theme lunch authentically included delectable items. The veg starters included Nim-ki with Ool Chutney, Litti Chokha, Kela Ki Tikari. The non-veg appetizers were Sekua, Murgha, Khanissi Kebab and Anda Chop.

The mouth-watering display of main course dishes like Ghughani, Aloo Dum, Marmasala Machhali, Murgha and Meat, a spicy mutton gravy, captivated the guests. “The Desserts” offered varieties like the Kala Jamun-Karaia, Kaddu Kheer, Makhana Kheer and the famous ‘Patal ki Mithai”.

The main attraction to entertain in the guests was a traditional dance and a video was also shown on Jharkhand- A Culturally Rich Destination. The service team dressed in attire to match up to the ethnicity of Jharkhand region set the tone for the event.

Institute of Hotel Management, Kolkata organized Rajasthani Food Festival on 6th October, 2018 to showcase the art, culture and food of Rajasthan. Rajasthani cuisine was served with the students dressed up in Rajasthani costume. The Food Festival was a successful event with different colorful activities. Various cultural programmes such as Puppet shows, Mehendi Stalls, Rajasthani Musical Show, Ghoomar performance and Bhawani Dance performance were organized. All the pass outs of the Institute, various executives of the hotel industry, celebrities from film industry, alumni of the Institute and the parents of the students were invited.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India celebrated “Paryatan Parv” from 16th to 27th November, 2018 at National Level. The Delhi leg of the Parv was organized for the above mentioned period at Rajpath lawns between Rafi Marg and Janpath. The idea of Paryatan Parv was to propagate the message of “Dekho Apna Desh”, with the objective to encourage Indians to visit various tourist destinations of the country and also to spread the message of “Tourism for All”.

The Paryatan Parv also propagated the concept of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, whose mission is to preserve and promote the diversifying development of cultural expression of all the States of India for the understanding and celebration of the whole Indian Culture. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat logo was widely used during the Parv and was widely showcased at the Crafts Stalls, Food Court Areas, Themed Tourism Pavilions, VIP Lounge and also at the main Cultural State.

The students of Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research located at Thiruvananthapuram, Berhampur, Kolkata, Tirupati and IISER, Mohali also participated in this programme enthusiastically.

Ministry of Culture

Ministry of Culture organized several programmes under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.
Narmada Natya Mahotsav 2018 at Jabalpur: North Central Zone Cultural Centre in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company Limited organized five days long duration theatre festival at Tarang Auditorium, Rampur, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh from 20th to 24th September, 2018. In total five different plays were staged showcasing vivid cultural practices along with depiction of contemporary Indian society. Plays namely Baap re Baap, Rasik Sampadak, Haasy Chudamani, Amaran Anshan and Ajab Raja Teen Dacaoit were staged during this festival and in the end they strongly communicated the message of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” among the audience. This event fetched lots of applause from the audience.

Swatchta Ki Jyoti 2018 at Varanasi: A two day national level cultural festival was organized by North Central Zone Cultural Centre in collaboration with Ayodhya Shodh Sansthan, Faizabad at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ghat, Varanasi from 02nd to 03rd October, 2018. During this event about 100 artists from different parts of the country performed and showcased the vibrant culture of India. A blissful presentation of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” was significantly witnessed by thousands of individuals as audience.

Atulya Bharat 2018 at Patna, Bihar: Atulya Bharat, Patna proved to be a major event based on the theme of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” which was organized from 08th to 12th Oct, 2018 in which more than 250 tribal and folk artists performed on the stage to showcase their art forms. In addition to this there were artisans in the craft fair organized on this occasion where they sold and displayed the handicraft which they had brought along with themselves. Further, one painting camp was organized in which folk as well as contemporary artists from the state of Bihar participated and displayed their art work. This event was one of its kind and such a huge folk and tribal cultural festivals were never organized in past by ZCC’s at State level.

Lokotsav 2018 at Motihari (East Champaran), Bihar: To celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and to communicate the message of communal harmony among the masses, Lokotsav 2018 was organized from 25th to 29th October, 2018 in the Motihari district (East Champaran) of Bihar. This event featured performing tribal and folk art forms as folk is one of the prominent factors which united and binds every individual into one thread. The event was very successful in meeting its objectives and communicate a clear and strong message of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”.

Activities performed by Higher Educational Institutes of Department of Higher Education under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode:

Diwali is India’s Festival of Light, a time when people come together to celebrate good conquering evil, light conquering dark. On 7th November, 2018, Indian
Institute of Management, Kozhikkode celebrated a special Diwali in its Campus which involved lamp lightning and Aarti. Everyone was dressed up in ethnic wear.

Students from the partnering state Himachal Pradesh sang aarti of Goddess Lakshmi, who is a symbol of success and prosperity. The entire campus was lit with diyas. This was specifically a treat to watch by the students on foreign exchange from Europe who first time witnessed the celebration of this festival of lights.

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore

It organized Hindi Quiz Competition and Online Quiz series in September, 2018.

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras organised musical event for the two States of Haryana and Telangana. The programme took place at Students Activities Centre on 30th September, 2018. The event lasted for about 2 hours. There was footfall of almost 200 people. Many people from both the States turned up. Deepavali was also celebrated all over the institute. The students came together at the SAC to design Rangolis and light lamps.

To bring together the vast cultural diversity, the Institute conducted the first ever Ethnic Day with regional food stalls, banners depicting Indian art and photo sessions with Professors in the academic zone. The Inter-Hostel Dance Competition was also organized, which saw classical and folk segments by students. IIT, Madras has students trained in variety of Indian classical and traditional music forms with a number of events on campus to showcase their talent. Students from the States of Telangana & Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka performed a Hindustani-Carnatic Jugalbandi, as part of a Vietnam-India-Pakistan live music streaming collaboration.

Indian Institute of Technology, (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad

Indian Institute of Technology, (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad organized an event by students from Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Delhi and Sikkim to show their cultures and tradition on 29th September 2018. There was a Skit performance representing U.P. culture and traditions. This was accompanied by a Hindi poetry on the rich cultural heritage of Uttar Pradesh. Duet & Group songs and some local dance forms of the states were presented. A comic act was also performed, which left the crowd in giggles and laughter.

Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar

Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar organized 13th Event of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat at IIT, Bhubaneswar on 2nd October, 2018 to showcase the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of the paired states of Gujarat and Chhattisgarh, for enabling people to understand
and appreciate the diversity of the country, thus fostering a sense of common identity. As the event was held on the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, all audience took the Sanitation Pledge for the cleanliness drive in view of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Informative videos were displayed based on the music, dance, handicrafts, literature, festivals, painting, sports, sculpture, flora, fauna, etc. of the paired States in order to enable audiences learn about different cultural units across varied geographies and to imbibe the innate chord of binding and brotherhood. Students, staffs, faculty and their family members enthusiastically participated in the cultural events with an integrative content relating to the paired states.

Spot Quiz competition was organized with questions based on the information on the two paired states with active participation of the audience. A photo gallery was displayed at the venue, which showcased the culture, customs and traditions, art forms, handicrafts, cuisines of either state to impress upon the discerning audience about the inter-connectedness between the constituents of various cultures and traditions, which is so vital for the spirit of nation building.

Atal Bihar Vajpayee- Indian Institute of Technology and Management, Gwalior

Atal Bihar Vajpayee- Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior organized Quiz Competition under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat on 30th September, 2018. It also organized Presentation Competition on 5th September, 2018. The theme of the competition was “Role of Youth in the development of Tourism in Nagaland, Manipur and Madhya Pradesh”. Technical and Management Session was also held under the programme Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat on 15th September, 2018 and a Video Conferencing Session was also held on 27th September, 2018.

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

The eighth edition of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme was held on October 9, 2018 in Seminar Hall of IIT, Delhi. This time the performances were from the states of Manipur, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
The event started with a poem by a student from Rewa, Madhya Pradesh who recited a poem in local Bagheli language to portray linguistic treasure of the state. The next performance was from the state of Uttar Pradesh. The performance included Dohas of Kabir sung along with background music fromtabla and guitar.

The next state which performed was Manipur, a hidden gem in northeast India. It was not only a visual spectacle, but also layers of culturally rich traditions and artforms were seen in the performances. It started with a few words about Manipur followed by Maibi jagoi dance. Maibi-jagoi which literally means “priestesses’s dance”, was an outstanding performance and delighted each and every one present there. The next performance was the Dashavatfar dance. It was a rendition of Jayadeva Kavi’s Geet Govinda in the form of a Manipuri Classical Dance narrating the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu, the preserver. The dance sketches stories of each incarnation’s acts of subduing the evil and hence promoting peace and harmony as it unfolds in different era. The last Manipuri performance was a song, which was composed keeping in mind the different communities and tribes of Manipur. It spoke of a dream to see all the tribes unified and see a peaceful and united Manipur.

The next performing state was the state of Meghalaya. Firstly, Garo song was performed by Garo tribe, Tibeto-Burman ethnic group and then a Khasi Song from Khasi tribes of Meghalaya which depicted diverse culture of the State. The event concluded with a brief talk on ‘The Culture of Meghalaya’, which gave the audience a brief picture on the cultural layers of the state. The Nagaland performance consisted of a song portraying the love between a child and his mother, and how he has to leave his homeland and his mother. It captured the love between a mother and her child perfectly. Background music was provided through guitar. Last but not the least, there was a brief talk on the culture of Arunachal Pradesh which depicted the Buddhist way of life being integrated by the modern lifestyle in the state, and how it is slowly developing to become an economically strong state. The event was covered by Doordarshan.

**Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, Uttarakhand**

On the auspicious occasion of Teacher’s Day, NSS IIT Roorkee organised a Video Screening event in the Chemical Department of IIT Roorkee. This event was organised for the students belonging to nearby slum and village areas. A video highlighting the cultural contrasts of the Indian states of Bihar, Tripura and Mizoram was screened before the students which were followed by a small interactive discussion session with the students on the same. Students celebrated the day by conducting a number
The students of the Primary School were shown maps of the two Union Territories of Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli along with the various monuments and tourists places of the same. Apart from that, students were also shown the images of some of the famous personalities from the region and were asked to identify the personalities. The activity helped the students to know more about the two UTs. A Quiz competition was organised in the Secondary School for the students on the theme of the two Union Territories. A total of 30 students attended the quiz. Various aspects like famous monuments, administrative structure and famous personalities were covered in the quiz.

Students also conducted a number of events in the Secondary school of village Meerpur in Bahadarabad Block of Haridwar District. A “Know my state” workshop was conducted by the members of the team. The students were introduced to the two Union Territories of Puducherry and Daman & Diu. The history, culture, famous monuments and famous personalities of the two UTs were introduced to the students. The event witnessed a widespread participation by the students.

A Quiz competition was organised for the students on the theme of the two Union Territories. A total of 40 students attended the quiz. Various aspects like famous monuments, administrative structure and famous personalities were covered in the quiz.

A number of events were conducted in the Secondary school of village Puranpur in Bahadarabad Block of Haridwar District. The students were shown maps of the two
Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands along with the various monuments and tourists places of the same. Apart from that, students were also shown the images of some of the famous personalities from the region and were asked to identify the personalities.

A Quiz competition was organised for the students on the theme of the two Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. A total of 25 students attended the quiz. Various aspects like famous monuments, administrative structure and famous personalities were covered in the quiz.

**Indian Institute of Technology, Palakkad**

It organized a cultural gathering involving the paired States of Kerala-Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh-Arunachal Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh on 7th November, 2018. Students of Kerala showcased about the culture of Arunachal Pradesh & Meghalaya, and also had a cultural programme lined up for the audience. The students from Arunachal Pradesh made a presentation about the heritage of Uttar Pradesh. The programme was covered by All India Radio.

The programmes on Kerala – Himachal Pradesh included Poetry on Himachal Pradesh, presentation on Diwali celebration in Himachal Pradesh and performance of Nati Folk dance. The programme on Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya contained presentation on Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya, presentation on Uttar Pradesh, performance of Qawwali and Song performance on river Ganga.

**National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur**

National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur organized several programmes on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat to celebrate the integration of Himachal Pradesh and Kerala cultures.
National Institute of Technology, Raipur

NIT, Raipur organized Essay writing competition exploring different themes related to Gujarat in both Hindi and English. The event was conducted on 4th September, 2018 by the Literary Committee of NIT, Raipur. Students were very enthusiastic and keen towards the event and an active participation was observed. It also organized a beautiful musical evening “Subharambh” based on Gujarati folk songs on 29th September, 2018 by the club “Raga” of NIT Raipur. In the event, a number of Gujarati folk singing based melodious performance were delivered by the students showcasing their musical talents as an honour to the Gujarati culture which brought the audience on their toes. The concert ended with songs life “Chogada Tara”, “Pankhida” that were met with huge echoes of applause and appreciations.
National Institute of Technology, Raipur organized 13th event “Grand Garba Eve” on 11th October, 2018 by dance “Nrityam” of NIT, Raipur. The event started with puja of Maa Durga, which was followed by the performances of Nrityam and faculty group Jhankar. The main segment of the evening was Garba Eve and the people were grooving with high energy and made the evening memorable. Faculty members also took part in Garba and took great pleasure.

National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh

National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh organized a series of programmes under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat which included Essay writing Competition and Ziro Musical Festival in the month of September and October 2018. It also celebrated Birth of anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on 11th November, 2018. This day was celebrated as “National Education Day”. The day started with Social service and Community Development Programme by the students.

National Institute of Technology, Nagaland

National Institute of Technology, Nagaland conducted Open Cultural Quiz competition on 5th October, 2018 with special emphasis on cultural heritage of Manipur and Madhya Pradesh. Few other colleges in and around Dimapur also joined the event. The response to the event was quite encouraging. It also arranged one cultural visit to Manipur by their student during third week of October so that they had an idea about the cultural heritage of Manipur and that had helped strengthening cultural integration between the two States.

National Institute of Technology, Delhi

NIT Delhi organized Blog Writing Competition as a part of the “Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat” campaign where students had the liberty to choose any topic that could be re-
lated to the campaign. The program began with an introductory talk about the campaign Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat. The students were distributed one blank sheet each for the competition and they were given 20 minutes to complete their offline blog by putting up the best efforts they can using creative writing skills. A total of 34 students participated the event. In continuation of the event, the students engaged in a healthy discussion by talking about the various topics selected by the students after the competition was concluded. The event ended with the students giving their feedback about the event and how much this had helped them learn a lot.

**Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur**

A wonderful profoundly melodious Assamese Film Show was conducted by the Film and Photography Club of MNIT, Jaipur on 4th October 2018. The beauty of every aspect of Assam, from its origin to its culture and heritage, tourism and everything was magnificently presented in the programme. The presentation was followed by a quick exciting Quiz round. The crowd actively participated in Quiz and the prizes were simultaneously handed over to the winners. Overall it was a fun entertaining event and the crowd showed a good response when asked if they wanted to go see the scenic beauty of Assam.

![Image of students and faculty members at an event](image)

It also organized the Elocution competition on 5th September, 2018 which was organized by Literary Society. All the students were invited to participate with full enthusiasm in the same. The topic for the elocution was “SWOT analysis- Emerging Assam Rajasthan partnership.” Large number of students participated for the same.

**Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad**

Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad screened a documentary showcasing elements of “Ek Bharat Shreshthta Bharat” emanating from Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya on October 6, 2018 under Ek Bharat Shreshthta Bharat programme. It also observed “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” on October 31, 2018 in the honour of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Firstly, a workshop on “Unity in Diversity” with special focus on tie-up of Uttar Pradesh with Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya was conducted. Various facets of Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh including rituals, traditions, and tourist destinations were explained in an interactive mode. Various other competitions, viz. Mono Act, Singing, and Dance on the theme of Unity in Diversity were conducted where students showcased their skills.
Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur

Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur observed “Vigilance Awareness Week” during 29th November, 2018 to 3rd November, 2018. Integrity pledge was taken by around 500 students of VNIT. Some students, staff and faculty members visited to nearby schools and participated in various activities in these schools. Different competitions viz. Elocution, Debate, Essay writing, Poster making were conducted with the participation of 300 students of Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur. The students also visited one Gramsabha, Gram panchayat and illustrated them how to stop the corruption. They also visited old age home and orphans home for understanding the various financial activities.

National Institute of Technology, Manipur

National Institute of Technology, Manipur organized a programme entitled “Madhya Pradesh craft fare exhibition” on 7th September, 2018 to showcase the rich craft and tradition of Madhya Pradesh to the people of the Institute hailing from various parts of the country as far as Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan. The event witnessed a large number of crowds, including the students, faculties & staffs.
National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya

National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya organized a workshop on Festivals related to Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya on 5th September, 2018 under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme. AIR and Door Darshan (DD) covered the event. On the same day i.e. 5th September 2018, another workshop on drama related to Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya was organized. Around seven (07) candidates participated in this workshop. The candidates presented a dance-drama related to the culture of Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya in front of the students and faculty members of NIT Meghalaya.

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

The Institute organised a programme covering the pairing states of Punjab-Andhra Pradesh, Haryana-Telangana, Uttar Pradesh-Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh-Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Gujarat-Chhattisgarh, Uttarkhand-Karnataka, Goa-Jharkhand, Bihar-Mizoram, Lakshadweep-Andaman & Nicobar, Delhi-Sikkim and Rajasthan-Assam on 28th October 2018. The programme was covered by Doordharshan and AIR.
programme contained Kodava: (Karnataka), Bathakamma song: (Telangana), Arunachal song: (Arunachal Pradesh), Rajasthani Dance: (Rajasthan), Hariyandi Dance: (Haryana), Punjabi: (Punjab), Garba dance: (Gujarat), Kuchupidi: (Seemandhra) and Ramleela Drama: (Uttar Pradesh).

Along with cultural programmes, there was also a photography exhibition with close to 30 photos showcasing states’ heritage, culture, cuisine and people of Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, Goa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Mizoram and Assam. The programme was participated by 52 students and was witnessed by above 400 audiences.

**Central University of Tamil Nadu**

Tamil Nadu has been paired with Jammu & Kashmir. Central University of Tamil Nadu students of J&K domicile along-with students of Tamil and English department translated two poems of the famous Tamil poet Bharathiar into the two major languages of Jammu & Kashmir - Dogri and Kashmiri.

**Mizoram University**

Mizoram University organized Group Discussion among students on the topic of India between Tradition and Modernity on 8th October, 2018.

**Central University, Haryana**

It organized several activities/events to showcase culture of Telangana state under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme. The programme contained One word or Sentence in the language of the paired state. The University displayed the various quotes and statements in language of paired state (Telangana) in the main corridor and notice boards of the university from time to time.

A Literary Festival, to learn the poetic diversity of state of Telangana was been organized on 27th September 2018. The students of Haryana and Telangana participated in the event. During the fest, the students familiar with Hindi and Telugu language were invited to participate and to present their poetry recitation.

**Tezpur University, Assam**

Tezpur University organized an elaborate programme that displayed Rajasthani culture, culinary practices, jewellery and traditional attire, showcase of monuments in banners. Beautiful rendition of Rajasthani popular folk song “Keseriya balam aao ni padharo mare desh” was made by the students of Tezpur University. Two Rajasthani dances were performed. Lecture about the Rajasthani Culture and Heritage was organized, which gave valuable information on the monuments and places of national importance in Rajasthan, material culture, variety of music, dance, and instruments of Rajasthan. Stalls of Rajasthani food, traditional jewellery, traditional attire stalls were installed. The food stalls served ‘Piyazi Kachori’ Dal Bati Churma, Dal Puri, Dal ka Halwa etc. Everyone assembled could grab the appetizing flavor of Rajasthan. In the same spirit people also bought Rajasthani attire and jewellery from the stalls. Students of “Nrityangan Dance Society”, Tezpur University performed various popular dance numbers like Ghoomar, Kal-
belya etc facilitating the cultural heritage of Rajasthan to be sensed in Assam.

A Workshop cum Training Programme on “Traditional Agricultural Practices and Forecasting Rajasthan among the Farmers of Assam” was organized during 22nd to 23rd September, 2018 under “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB)” programme. Farmers from neighbouring villages, along with the students and faculty members of Tezpur University attended the workshop. The Resource persons delivered their talk focusing on various agricultural activities/operations of Rajasthan. They also presented several issues related with agriculture (more particularly the irrigation and drought) and conventional means used to solve these problems. On 23rd September 2018, student volunteers went to the nearby villages and interacted with local farmers about the weather forecasting method and agriculture in Rajasthan.

University of Allahabad

The University of Allahabad celebrated the second phase of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” from September 1st to October 31st, 2018. It organized “Fresh and Crazy Fresher’s 2018” on 18th September, 2018. The students belonging to Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir participated in the competitions. Evaluation of competition was done by experts and prizes were distributed to the contestants. On 2nd October, 2018 the students of the University belonging to the Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir visited Shilp Mela (cultural meet) organized in the city. The students were informed about the cultural diversity of India. There were shown different form of folk dances. The students also learned about the diversity in the food of India.

English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad

The English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad is engaged in collecting proverbs from different Indian language and translating them into English to make students and understand and appreciate the striking similarities and differences in the way our diverse cultures and sub-cultures have been interpreting life. Students have contributed these proverbs and helped translate them. The booklet of proverbs which bears testimony to India’s unity amidst its diversity is being printed for circulation.

Tripura University

Tripura University organized several events under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. A 39 member team from Central University of South Bihar (CUSB) reached Agartala on 27th September 2018 for a 7-day visit. A series of programmes and events were arranged for the period involving both the universities such as Cultural Programme, Street Drama, song, dance, folk dance of Eastern India by CUSB Team, Exposure visit to Matabari, Nirmahal & surroundings, Agartala-Ujjyoanti Palace and Akhwada Border; activities on surgical strikes by CUSB visitors and NSS Volunteers, Swaychhata Programmes inside the University Campus, Rural visit to the adopted villages of Tripura University, Foundation Day programme in the presence of the Hon’ble Governor of Tripura, Traditional show, traditional song & recitation by CUSB visitors & NSS volunteers.

The Cultural programme staged by the CUSB students along with students of Tripura University contained Ganesh Van-dana, Classical Solo song, Bangala Group Song, Folk Group Dance, Odiya Solo Song,
North Eastern Hill University, Shillong

North Eastern Hill University, Shillong organized Kathakali dance performance by Guru Nandakumaran Nair, a famous exponent of Kathakali dance and Senior Kathakel artist accredited to ICCR, Government of India on 7th October, 2018 in the Old guest House auditorium, NEHU, Shillong, which was largely attended by all. This programme had a very high impact and was deeply appreciated by the University fraternity. Further, the University is also planned to have an academic and cultural programme with Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar and Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi in the month of November 2018.
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<td>The school organized programmes such as Kid’S Carnival, Eid Celebration, Movie on Guru Teg Bahadur, Child Right Day, Heritage Week, Career Counseling For Std IX and X. etc.</td>
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<td>P.O. Nigahi, Dist-Singrauli (Mp)</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Pre Primary Wing Dance Presentation, Special Assembly dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. etc.</td>
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<td>Mayor World School, Jalandhar</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Visit to Emporium at Delhi and Food Festival.</td>
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<td>C R Sr Sec School, Dharchana</td>
<td>The school organized programme of Debate competition.</td>
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<td>Boson International School, Malanwasa Ujjain</td>
<td>The school organized programme of ‘Know Your Nation’ Competition.</td>
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<td>Oxbridge School, Mander</td>
<td>The school organized programme of Speech Competition on the topic ‘Necessity of Unified India’.</td>
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<td>OPG World School, New Delhi</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Annual Cultural Show, Children’s Day Celebration. etc.</td>
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<td>Boson International School, Madhya Pradesh</td>
<td>The school organized programme of ‘Know Your Nation’ Competition.</td>
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<td>The Lexicon International School, Kalyaninagar</td>
<td>The school organized Diwali Mela.</td>
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<td>Bhavans Vivekananda VidyaMandir, Thiruvananthapuram</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Deeapavali Celebration, Creating Greeting Cards and Decorating Lamps.</td>
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<td>Erudite Academy, Assam</td>
<td>The school organized programme of Dance Competition based on folk and patriotic themes.</td>
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<td>The Espee Global School, Roorkee</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Display Board Competition on ‘Food Habits of people of different states of India’.</td>
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<td>Aggarsain International Public School, Samana</td>
<td>The school organized Diwali Celebration.</td>
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<td>GyanVihar Co-EduEng Med School, Jaipur</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Art Activity: Inter House Worli Painting(Std IV-V)(Folk Art), Pottery Designing (Std VI-VII) (Rangeela Rajasthan),Face Painting(Std VIII-IX), Movie Show - Humari Beti Humara Abhimaan. etc.</td>
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<td>India International School, Mansarovar, Jaipur</td>
<td>The school organized programme of International Schools Association-Youth Leadership Encounter 2018 (Closing Ceremony Based On Bemisaal Bharat)</td>
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<td>Swami Vivekanand Academy, Pune</td>
<td>The school organized programme of Run for Unity.</td>
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<td>The Asian School, Bahrain, Tubli</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Diwali Celebration, Rangoli Competition, Children’s Day Celebration &amp; Constitution Day.</td>
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<td>Somerville School, Greater Noida, UP</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Project on the Culture, Cuisine, Customs, Flora and Fauna of four different states- Jammu And Kashmir; Rajasthan, Sikkim and Kerala.</td>
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<td>Rainbow World School, Greater Noida, UP</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Rangoli Competition and Sports Meet.</td>
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<td>Vidyasagar School, BichholiMardana, Indore</td>
<td>The school organized programme of Annual Exhibition.</td>
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<td>Delhi Public School, Noida, UP</td>
<td>The school organized programme on Founder’s Day.</td>
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<td>Nirja Sahay DAV Public School, Ranchi (Jharkhand)</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Essay Writing and Skit.</td>
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<td>Foundation Academy, Patna, Bihar</td>
<td>The school organized programme of Debate Competition.</td>
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<td>Blossoms School, Odisha</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Children’s Day, Fancy Dress related to Odisha and Maharashtra Culture.</td>
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<td>BharathiyaVidhyapeedam School, Adat, Thrissur</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as “Deep Jalao-Deep Jalao” and Fancy Dress Competition.</td>
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<td>Nehru Memorial Public School, Kollam, Kerala</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Visiting places of historical importance at Kerala, Mysore and Bengaluru.</td>
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<td>Hoshiarpur Road, Rama Mandi</td>
<td>The school organized programme based on Collage.</td>
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<td>SreenarayanaVidyani-kethan Senior Secondary School, Thiruvathra, Chavakkad</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Bhaghavath Chanting, Quiz Competition, Drawing Competition related to Puranas, Essay Competition, Samskrithi bodh Pariyojana Competition and Food Fest.</td>
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<td>BagariaBalVidya Niketan, Sikar (Rajasthan)</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as World Science Day Celebration, Poster Designing, Inter House Group Dance Competition and National Constitution Day.</td>
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<td>Arbor International School, Hyderabad, Telangana</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Diwali And Children’s Day.</td>
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<td>Global Indian International School, Chinchwad, Pune, Maharashtra</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Guru Nanak Jayanti Celebration and Id-e-Milad Special Assembly.</td>
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<td>Vision India Public School, Srinivasapur</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Essay Writing Competition, Elocution &amp; Showcase wearing of Traditional Attire of the different states.</td>
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<td>Dayasadan Agarwal Vidyalaya, Chennai</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Diwali Celebration, Children’s Day Celebration with prize distribution and Sports Day.</td>
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<td>Nath Valley School Aurangabad, Maharashtra</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as House Assembly on Festivals of Odisha.</td>
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<td>St. Michael'S School Muri, Ranchi (Jharkhand)</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Quiz Programme, Deep Sajao &amp; Deep Jalao, Kabaddi Competition, Science and Art &amp; Craft Exhibition.</td>
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<td>Delhi Public School Surat, Gujarat</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Green Deepavali, Poster Making, Special Assembly on Patriotism, Essay on Maulana Azad, Eid-Milad &amp; Sikhism Assembly. etc</td>
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<td>Lokseva E School, Pune</td>
<td>The school organized a programme of Special Event Lok-mun-Parliament Debate Activity</td>
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<td>Freedom International School Nandolgada, Odisha</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Childrens’ Day Celebration &amp; Fancy Dress Competition, Collage Making Competition, Mehendi Art Competition, Cricket Match, News Reading Competition (English, Hindi &amp; Odia). etc</td>
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<td>Oasis Public School Sangrur, Punjab</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Fun Fair, Diya Decorating Competition, Gift Wrapping Workshop. etc</td>
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<td>St. Michael Sr. Sec. School, New Delhi</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Diwali Celebration, Children’s Day. etc</td>
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<td>Krishna Sudarshan Public School, Patna, Bihar</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Deepotsav, Mehendi, Folk Dance, Making of TikaThali, Drama on Indian Epics, Folk Songs, Art of making traditional boats. etc</td>
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<td>Private International English School</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as celebration of Diwali and Ethnic Day.</td>
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<td>D.A.V. Police Public School, Gurugram.</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as NukkadNatak Competition and Rangoli Making Competition.</td>
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<td>Krishna International School, Tamil Nadu</td>
<td>The school organized programme of Fashion Show.</td>
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<td>Delhi Public School, Fazilka, Punjab</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Interhouse Football Competition, Hindi Vocabulary Competition, Card Making Competition, Diya Decoration Competition and Inter Class Rangoli Making Competition.</td>
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<td>JeevanJyoti Public School, Sahajpura, Bihar</td>
<td>The school organized programme of Quiz Competition.</td>
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<td>Assisi Vidyaniketan Public School, Kerala</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Charts - integrating salient features of Indian States, Speech in English / Hindi / Malayalam on Children’s Day- Role of Nehru &amp; Sardar Vallabhai Patel in promoting National Unity.</td>
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<td>Holy Spirit Public School, Poonjar, Kerala</td>
<td>The school organized programme of Speech Competition.</td>
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<td>The S D Vidya School, Ambala Cantt, HR</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Conducting Ppt Sessions on culture of the partner state.</td>
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<td>Amrita Vidyalayam, Kozhikode, Kerala</td>
<td>The school organized programmes such as Exchange Programme for Writers And Poets in the form of Literary Festivals.</td>
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<td>Delhi Public School, Udaipur, Rajasthan</td>
<td>The school organized programme on Inter Class Dance Competition - Traditional Dance.</td>
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<td>Umme Khadija English Medium School, Maharashtra</td>
<td>The school organized programme on Bhasha Sangam.</td>
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<td>Mahanadi Academy, Dhamtari (C.G.)</td>
<td>The school organized programme on Cleanliness.</td>
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Activities performed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan organized a three day Rashtriya Ekta Shivir under EK Bharat Shreshth Bharat programme. The very concept of National Integration Camp is unique in many ways. The 25 regions of KVS cover 25 Indian States and 25 Countries altogether in terms of the cultural heritage- Dance, Music, Song, and Socio-Economic progress. This mega-event is a broad platform for the students to display their creativity, originality, artistic skills, etc. It gives them an opportunity to know about the culture, tradition, art and architecture of not only the other states of India but of the various countries of the world. In the process of satiating the thirst for information, they overcome many challenges and linguistic and geographical barriers and awaken a strong sense of national pride and widen their horizons with a better cosmopolitan outlook.

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, the three-day KVS Rashtriya Ekta Shivir -Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat was inaugurated on 31st October 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan Lawns. The following competitions were conducted during KVS “Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat-2018”:

- National Integration Camp: Group Song, Group Dance (State & International), Theatre, On the Spot Painting, Solo Singing, Solo Classical Dance and Display of Artefacts
- LitFest: Debate (Hindi & English), Quiz, Sanskrit Shloka Recitation, Hindi Kavya Paath, English Elocution, Creative writing, Spell-Bee

This year 1600 students with 175 escorts came together to be the part of this mega event at Vigyan Bhawan Lawns, New Delhi. The unique feature of this event was that the students of one part of the nation exhibited the cultural diversity of the other part of the country and the world.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Jabalpur

It organized a cluster level programme Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat on 15th September, 2018. 281 participants and 27 Escorts from Kendriya Vidalayas of KVS Jabalpur cluster-B participated in different events of this camp. Swachhata Pakhwada was inau-
gurated. All the participants of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat took the Cleanliness Pledge and pledged to make our country clean. On the first day, solo Dance, Group Dance, Elocution, Debate, Recitation, Quiz and Skit were organized. On second day Solo Song, Group Song, Spell Bee, Creative Writing (Hindi & English), Sanskrit Shlok path etc. were organized in Vidyalaya. Overall this two day National Integration Camp- 2018 was a great success which brought desirable changes in the behavior of students along with the message of Unity in Diversity communicated to the society through the students of KVS.

**Activities performed by Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**

**Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Pailapool, Cachar, Assam**

The school made arrangements for the display of Traditional Artefacts of Fatehpur District (Uttar Pradesh) to the students of the Cachar District of Assam so as to familiarize them with the Art and Craft of Fatehpur District, fostering the spirit of National Integration and Unity amongst them. The students were shown PowerPoint presentation of the various artifacts that are a part of the culture of the largest state of the country, namely, Uttar Pradesh. The state is known and famous for its stone craft, pottery of Meerut, Khurja and Hapur, Chikankari of Lucknow, Zari or Zardosi embroidery in Varanasi, Hand Printing of Farrukhabad, Carpet weaving of Bhadohi city and Firozabad’s colorful glass bangles.

**Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh**

The school organized an exhibition of the different tools used by the people of Uttarakhand, Paudi Garwal, to show the close relation between the students of JNV Tawang and Paudi Garhwal. In this event, 7 students participated and total no. of audience was 240.

**Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Sarol, Chamba**

It conducted a Declamation competition on 16th October, 2018. Students from different houses participated in this programme.

**Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Rakhiwara Santa, Madhya Pradesh**

A painting competition and slogan writing competition was organized for class VI to X under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat on 8th September, 2018. The students participated on mass level and shown their excellent performance on the given topic.

**Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Nalbari, Shillong**

The school gave an introduction of Madhubani Painting to the students in the smart room through computer. In the Google Madhubani Painting was searched and some images were shown to the participants. A description was stated on originality, characteristic, technique of Madhubani Painting and the materials required for it. Total 20 students were participated in the activity. The activity was conducted for 7 days w.e.f. 19th September to 25th September, 2018.

**Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Nafra, West Kameng**

The school organized an event named Khandro Drowa Zam Song with the paired State Arunachal Pradesh on 30th September, 2018. The event was partici-
Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Marigaon, Assam

JNV, Marigaon, Assam organized 4th Quarter activity on 27th September, 2018. There was display and painting of Traditional Artefacts of Kannauj, Uttar Pradesh. The traditional artefacts were displayed and the students were encouraged to make painting of the items as well. One of the special feature of the event was that the migrated students of JNV, Kannauj had also participated in the programme and studied Assamese Folk Art (Puthi Chitra Bhagawat) and painted the folk art. Moreover, all the students had prepared several paintings related to the topic “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”. All the paintings have been kept in display in the vidyalaya.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Karimnagar

JNV, Karimnagar organized several programmes on Essay Writing, Story Writing, Hand Writing, Drawing, Hindi Book Exhibition, Patriotic Song etc.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Chamarajnagar, Karnataka

A Spot Art competition on the topic of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat was conducted on 12th October, 2018 with the participation of junior class students. A painting competition was conducted in Vidyalaya on 12th October, 2018. 20 students participated house wise. It was a competition for the junior class (6th to 8th Class). The children made beautiful paintings on the theme “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Trivandrum

Two Hindi dramas were presented by the students of JNV Trivandrum as part of Ek Bharath Srestha Bharath Abhiyan.

The first drama “Ahimsa Ki or Ek Kadam” was presented on 10th September 2018. It acquires its unique relevance from its larger milieu as it presented Gandhian values in today’s society and other social issues. The second drama ‘Maa Bhi Padh Aayi’ was presented on 3rd October 2018. It focused on the principle ‘food is for cells, not me’, which can go a long way in reducing the number of both diseased minds and bodies.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dharward

JNV, Dharward organized Fashion Show at in its Vidyalaya on 05th September, 2018 with students wearing attire of people of different States. 18 girl students participated in the show.
Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh

It organized Exhibition of Traditional Artefact of Idu-Mishmi tribes of Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh for Mini Migrated Students of Anjao and West Kameng District on 17th September, 2018 under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat celebration. In this Exhibition various artefact of Idu-Mishmi tribes like Dao, Idu dress, Mekhla, Idu hat, Weapons, Jackets, Tokri, ornaments etc were displayed and explained by the students to the spectators from school and local community.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Sarol, Chamba

JNV Sarol, Chamba organized a Declamation competition on 16th October, 2018. Students from different houses participated in this programme.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kottayam

JNV, Kottayam organized an activity for the preparation of the directory of the persons of the States of Kerala and Uttar Pradesh. They were divided to the places, caste, house name, profession, institutions, parents and grandparents name etc. The activity provided an opportunity to the children to understand the diverse culture of India. The contributions of some well-known personalities were also discussed in the groups.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Korahalli, Mundargi, Karnataka

It organized an Essay competition and versification on the topic “Letter to my mother land”. Students were allowed to choose any one scheduled language of India. World limit for essay competition was 500 to 1000 words. All the children were encouraged to take part in the competition. A Fancy dress competition was also organized.

Activities performed by Sainik Schools under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.

Sainik School Kunjpura, Karnal

Sainik School Kunjpura, Karnal organized Boxing Championship 2018-19 from 09 to 12 Oct 2018. A total of 54 pugilists from different houses competed in this event. The School also organised Swimming competition under the banner of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” from 04 to 05 Oct 2018. Twelve events like Free Style 50 m, Free Style 100 m, Back Stroke 50 m, Breast Stroke 25 m were organised.

Sainik School, Nalanda

The players of Sainik School, Nalanda Basketball team participated in CBSE Cluster Under-19 Basketball tournament 2018-19 held at Chinmaya Vidya Mandir TELCO Colony, Jamshedpur from 22 to 25 Sep 2018 as a part of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Sports event. In addition to it, the school also conducted an Inter School Volleyball match and a 15 km long Walkathon under this program besides participating in Inter Zonal and CBSE cluster tournaments in hockey, basketball and athletics.
Sainik School, Purulia

To propagate the theme of unity in diversity, Sainik School, Purulia used the medium of sports and NCC to enhance the interaction amongst the cadets and celebrate the vibrant spirit of nationalism. An inter school football match was hosted by the school in which the cadets participated with gusto. 51 Bengal Battalion of NCC conducted range firing exercise in which 110 cadets of the school participated.

A motivational trip to 5 Wing Air Force Station, Kalaikunda was organised on 07 Oct 2018 in which 74 cadets of the school got an opportunity to view the display of various aircraft and helicopters at the Air Force Station and also participated in the Mini Marathon.

Sainik School, Chittorgarh

The cadets of Sainik School, Chittorgarh participated in varied sporting events. Inter- Zonal Hockey Championship for this year was organized in the school from 17 to 20 Sep 2018.

Sainik School, Goalpara

Upholding the spirit of unity in diversity, Sainik School, Goalpara organised a series of Sports and Adventure activities from 29 Sep to 18 Oct 2018 which included inter-school basketball and volleyball matches, half marathon and cycling cum trekking events. A large number of cadets of the school actively participated in these events.

Sainik School, Rewari

12 Cadets of Sainik School, Rewari participated in various adventure, sports and cultural activities organised at their partner state Sainik School at Kalikiri, Andhra Pradesh from 08 to 12 Oct 2018.

Sainik School, Satara

Inculcating values of unity and brotherhood amongst the cadets, Sainik School Satara conducted befitting activities under this campaign which began with a Cross Country run on 13 Oct 2018. 600 cadets of the school participated in this event. It was followed by Swimming Competition and a hike to Kurneshwar on 14 Oct 2018. Besides, the school teams also participated in Inter Zonal Hockey and Volleyball tournaments as well.

Sainik School, Rewa

Sainik School, Rewa organised Inter School Badminton Tournament (Under-19) Doubles on 16 Oct 2018 in which four schools participated. The event facilitated positive interaction and exchange of ideas amongst cadets and staff of the participating schools.

Sainik School, Sujanpur Tira

Sainik School, Sujanpur Tira continued the celebration of the uniqueness of Ek Bharat by organising various events including sand model briefing to all the cadets to familiarize them with the topography of the area, rope-climbing and rapelling, river crossing, artificial wall climbing and trekking by the cadets up to 9500 ft in the mountains.
Sainik School, Bijapur

Sainik School, Bijapur took part in Inter Zonal Volleyball Championship at SS Tilaiyafrom 23 to 27 Aug 2018 and also went on to participate in the Inter Zonal Hockey Championship at SS Chittorgarh from 17 to 20 Sept 2018.

Sainik School, Nagrota

Sainik School Nagrota organised Jammu Sahodaya Schools Athletic Championship from 10 to 12 Oct 2018 in which 16 schools affiliated to CBSE from Jammu region participated in both boys and girls categories. Various track and field events were conducted which brought over 300 athletes under one umbrella and facilitated active interaction among one another instilling a strong sense of unity and togetherness.

Sainik School, Punglwa

Cadets of Sainik School, Punglwa participated in an adventure course at Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. The Cadets participated in the 235th adventure course, the course constituted participants from all over India. The participants climbed a height of 3180 metres (Sandakphu). The adventure course included various activities like rappelling, X-country, cooking competition, trekking, suspension traverse, commando rappelling, rafting, obstacles course and also climbed the peak Sandakphu (height 3180 metres).

Sainik School Amaravathinagar

Sainik School, Amaravathinagar organised various Sports and Adventure activities as part of Phase III schedule of events under this programme which included Athletics Championship from 15 to 16 Oct 2018 and Adventure Sports such as Horse Riding, Steeple Chase on 16 Oct 2018.