

# Tamil Nadu and Jammu & Kashmir

**A** Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) contingent of 31 men and 19 women from Jammu & Kashmir visited Tamil Nadu and participated in many activities from 7.11.2017 to 18.11.2017. The NYKSangathan, Tamil Nadu, organised this programme in co-ordination with its counterpart in J&K. The contingent arrived in Chennai on 6th November, 2017 and was housed at Youth Hostel, Adayar, Chennai. His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, formally inaugurated the Youth Exchange Programme in a simple function organized at RajvBhavan on 7th November, 2017. Interaction sessions and local visits were held on 7th and 8th November, 2017. The participants also visited Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur and had discussions with the

Director. They also visited a village at Sriperumbudur and interacted with people. The J&K youth were given opportunities to learn a few Tamil words and experience Tamil Nadu food items. The youth were taken to Vivekananda Kendra and Temple at Kanyakumari on 10th November, 2017. The participants visited Aurobindo Ashram, Central University and other places in and around Puducherry from 11th to 13th November, 2017 and had the opportunity to meet and interact with Thiru. K. Lakshminarayanan MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to Chief Minister of Puducherry.

The valedictory of the Inter-State Youth Exchange programme under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat was held on 18th November, 2017 at Youth Hostel, Chennai. Dr.R.Palaniswamy,



the Commissioner of Technical Education and Nodal Officer, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Scheme, Tamil Nadu, invited youth from Jammu & Kashmir to share their experiences during their two week stay at Tamil Nadu. During their feedback, Ms. Priyanka Manhas informed that the State is very calm and people are very friendly and wanted to stay in Tamil Nadu for some more days. She recalled the meeting with the His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, and the visits at Kanyakumari and Puducherry. She also thanked the Tamil Nadu Nehru Yuva Kendra Officials and Youth for their support and guidance. Similarly, Mr. Mohamed Ejaz during his feedback informed that he was



going back to Jammu & Kashmir full of good memories of his visit to Tamil Nadu and wanted to stay on for some more days. The Commissioner of Technical Education & Nodal Officer Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat in his address highlighted the objective and mission of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Scheme and appreciated the efforts of Nehru Yuva Kendra, Tamil Nadu, for conducting this event successfully as per the schedule. The Commissioner appreciated the youth from Jammu & Kashmir for completing their visit meaningfully, with great involvement and requested them to carry the good memories, good practices and experiences to their place & share with their parents, relatives and friends. Thiru. Shekar Rao Perala, Vice Chairman, Nehru Yuva

Kendra Sangathan, Ministry of the dedicated involvement of Youth Affairs, New Delhi, in his youth and their keen interest to valedictory address appreciated learn many things in Tamil Nadu.

