



# JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA :: MEGDONG

UPPER SUBANSIRI DIST. :: ARUNACHAL PRADESH



**1. Event Name :**  
Bathukamma Dance, Telengana

**2. Venue :**  
JNV, Megdong, U. Subansiri Dist. Arunachal Pradesh

**3. Date :**  
09-02-2018

**4. State Pair :**  
Arunachal Pradesh – Telengana

**5. Brief about Event :**

Bathukamma is a colourful and vibrant festival of Telangana and celebrated by women, with flowers that grow exclusively in each region. This festival is a symbol of Telangana's cultural identity.

The festival begins a week before the grand 'Saddula Bathukamma' (the grand finale of the Bathukamma festival) which falls two days before Dussehra. The women folk normally get back to their parent's home from their in-laws and breathe the fresh air of freedom to celebrate the colors of flowers. For one complete week, they make small 'Bathukammas', play around them every evening and immerse them in a nearby water pond. On the last day, the men folk of the house go into the wild plains and gather the flowers like gunuka and tangedi. They bring home bagfuls of these flowers and the entire household sits down to make the big 'Bathukamma'. The flowers are carefully arranged row after row in a brass plate (called taambalam) in circular rows and in alternate colors. As evening approaches the women folk dress colourfully with the best of their attire and adorn lot of ornaments and place the Bathukamma in their courtyard. The women of neighborhood also gather in a large circle around it. They start singing songs by circling it repeatedly, building a beautiful human circle of unity, love, sisterhood.

Bathukamma celebrates the inherent relationship between earth, water and the human beings. During the entire preceding week, women make 'boddemma' (a deity of Gowri – mother Durga – made with earthly mud) along with Bathukamma and immerse it in the pond. This helps reinforce the ponds and helps it retain more water. The flowers used in Bathukamma have a great quality of purifying water and such flowers when immersed in abundance into the pond have the effect of cleansing the water and making the environment much better.

**6. Report of the Event :**

This programme was organized in Vidyalaya on 09-02-2018 at 07:00PM. To witness the programme villagers of Megdong were also invited. The participants were mainly from 7<sup>th</sup> Class made themselves ready with beautiful costumes reflecting the traditions of Telengana. 7<sup>th</sup> Class Girls collected flowers from each and every corner of Vidyalaya to prepare Bathukamma. Students from 9<sup>th</sup> Class highlighted the importance of Bathukamma Dance for the people of Telengana. They also explained how the celebration was closer to the nature and how the natural resources were used to conserve their available resources. The importance of Bathukamma was highlighted in both Hindi and English. They also made the students aware when this dance is performed in the state. The meaning of the song was also explained to the Students. It was followed by the colourful performance by the students which was appreciated by one and all.

**7. Photos/Images/Videos :**

Enclosed.