### JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, SONITPUR –ASSAM JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2018

# CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME -2018 REPORT

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awahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Sonitpur Assam organised the cultural exchange programme STATE PAIR-(ASSAM – MADHYA PRADESH) on dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 under "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat".

The programme was attended by all the students and the staff of the Vidyalaya. The migrated students of class IX from JNV Gwalior(MP) performed the "Gangour Folk Dance", i.e the famous dance of Nimar Region ,Madhya Pradesh. The Dance exhibits the cultural values and rituals of the state.



The Gangour Dance which is being performed during the 9 days of Gangour Festival in Madhya Pradesh to offer prayers to Goddess Ranu Bai & Lord Dhaniyar Survadev.

The first quarter of the cultural Exchange programme was successfully coordinated by Smt Meenakshi Patidar TGT(sci). By inaugurating the programme, Shri KM SASI the principal of the Vidyalaya highlighted the need for cultural integration for better National integration and appreciated the students & teachers for their Guidance & Support.

#### **BRIEF OF THE EVENT**

#### EVENT NAME-GANGOUR DANCE BY MIGRATED STUDENTS

Gangaur is a festival celebrated in the Indian state of Rajasthan and some parts of Gujarat, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh.

Gangaur is colourful and one of the most important festivals of people of Madhya Pradesh and is observed throughout the state with great fervour and devotion by womenfolk who worship Gauri, the wife of Lord Shiva during March-April. It is the celebration of spring, harvest and marital fidelity. Gana is a synonym for Lord Shiva and Gaur which stands for Gauri or Parvati who symbolizes Saubhagya (marital bliss). The unmarried women worship her for being blessed with a good husband, while married women do so for the welfare, health and long life of their husbands and for a happy married life.

The festival commences on the first day of chaitra, the day following Holi and continues for 16 days. For a newly-wedded girl, it is binding to observe the full course of 18 days of the festival that succeeds her marriage. Even unmarried girls fast for the full period of the 18 days and eat only one meal a day. Festivity consummates on 3rd day of Shukla Paksha of Chaitra Month.Fairs (Gangaur Melas) are held throughout the 18-day period. Numerous folklores are associated with Gangaur which makes this festival deeply ingrained into the hearts of Rajasthan, and parts of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana & Gujarat.



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