

‘EK BHARAT SHRESTHA BHARAT’

EVENT NAME : **KARMA DANCE** (A TRIBAL DANCE OF MADHYA PRADESH)
VENUE : JAWAHA NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA MOKOKCHUNG NAGALAND
DATE : 28-01-2018
STATE PAIR : **MADHYA PRADESH**

- **A BRIEF REPORT ABOUT EVENT** : Karma dance which is also popularly known as Karma Naach is performed by the tribes of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and other regions of the country. This tribal dance is performed during the autumnal festival of Karma Puja. The tribal group presents this folk dance in front of Karam tree that symbolises the Karam Devta. The members of the tribal group try to propitiate Karma Devta with the Karma tribal dance so that Karam, the God of Fate shower his blessings on them. The tribes believe that worshipping Karam Devta brings prosperity in their lives. Karma Devta is the reason behind their good and bad fate.

Men and women dance to the tunes of the instrument like Thumki, Chhalla, Payri and Jhumki. The drum locally known as ‘timki’ is used as the main musical instrument and the dancers dance enthusiastically on the beats of timki. The dancers move their feet in perfect rhythm and in to and fro style. The men leap forward during the dance, whereas the women in the group bend low near the ground. They form a circle and put their arms around the waist of the next the dancer and continue dancing in the rhythmic manner. The dancers wear the ethnic costume and jewelleryes.

- **REPORT OF THE EVENT** : As a part of ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’ programme our Vidyalaya has conducted the programme. Karma dance is performed in JNV Mokokchung, Nagaland by the girls students. Before the dance Principal inaugurated the programme by lightening of the lamp and CCA I/C briefed about the Karma dance. The participants of JNV Mokokchung, Nagaland have beautifully performed this Karma dance under the supervision of Music teacher. At last the Principal delivered a very dignified speech to the students about the objectives of ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’ Flagship programme of MHRD, Govt. of India. He said about the importance of cultural activities for national integration. In this programme all the students and staff members were present to give a full swing of the programme.

Encl: Photos enclosed regarding the Karma Dance.

PRINCIPAL
JNV MOKOKCHUNG, NAGALAND