Dr. K. Sekar, Professor of Horticulture and EBSB convenor presented a talk in the Webinar on “UNITY IN DIVERSITY OF JAMMU, KASHMIR AND LADAKH” organized by the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Club of Annamalai University on 22nd June, 2020.

India is a unique nation, whose fabric has been woven by diverse linguistic, cultural and religious threads, held together into a composite national identity by a rich history of cultural evolution, coupled with a rousing freedom struggle that was built around the tenets of non-violence and justice. Hence to boost the spirit of mutual understanding between the paired states of Tamilnadu and Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh union territories this presentation was organized. Considering the restrictions on web platform, it was planned to address the students of each faculty separately.

The first session was made open to the students of Faculty of Agriculture, Annamalai University and was attended by UG and PG students of Agriculture and Horticulture.

During the presentation, a brief history starting from before independence, Instrument of Accession, Article 370 to the present Jammu and Kashmir reorganization bill 2019 was explained along with demographical and physio-geographical diversity.

The speaker highlighted the geographical and agro-climatic diversities existing in this region and nicely linked to the diversity of agri-horticultural crops grown in various zones. Diversity of fruits, vegetables, spices and flowers grown were shown with colourful pictures. In addition to this the diversity in fauna especially polar leopard, red fox, yalk, dzo, Bactrian camel and golden eagle were also highlighted.

Ethnic, cultural, linguistic and cuisine diversities were well presented and linked to the origin and benefits. The diversity in
dresses like, pheran, brukka, Taranga, goncha, perak and kuntop were also shown to the audience.

Diversities in gardens, land, water and air sports along with pilgrimage centres were also presented to appreciate the unity shown by the people living in diversified geographical conditions following diversified culture, language, cuisine, dress, tradition and worship.

The webinar concluded with the question and answer session. This webinar helped the participants from Tamilnadu to understand the diversities existing in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.