Report

I was one of the 50 students who have visited the IIITDM Kurnool under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) initiative by the government. The objective of EBSB is to *celebrate* the Unity in Diversity of our Nation and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonds between the people of our Country and I can surely say that this visit helped me in every possible way to be familiar with the culture of Andhra Pradesh.

We started our journey on 22nd Dec and reached Kurnool on 23rd at about 2 PM. On the same day, there was an opening ceremony where faculties and Director of IIITDM Kurnool guided us about the EBSB scheme. They introduced us to the work culture and everything about college. After that, there were few cultural performances from their side to showcase their local culture. That culture was very new to us and we enjoyed ourselves a lot. We had a great time with those new people.

On the next day, one of the local students taught us their language which was Telugu and was very new to us. He was very much prepared from his side and we all tried our level best to learn Telugu but it is really difficult. I can really say Telugu is a beautiful language and I enjoyed it a lot. The next task was a culinary competition where we were supposed to make a good dish out of the ingredients provided. Everyone was very enthusiastic about the contest. We formed a team of 7 people and each team delivered their level best in preparing the dish. Next, there was Treasure hunt Competition where we were supposed to find a treasure hidden somewhere in the college campus with the help of some hints. It was fun playing that game. Then we watched the "Rang de Basanti" movie. It was a great experience.

On the third day, we visited the Rolapadu village which was about 40 km away from the college. The Rollapadu Sanctuary was a peaceful place where there were lots of different types of birds. Then we visited the museum present over there. Then we're taken to the Jungle Safari. In the afternoon we were taken to the Konda Reddy Fort where we clicked some amazing pictures. We learned a little about the history there.
On the fourth day, we visited the Rock Garden which was a beautiful place. We spent an amazing time clicking pictures there. We heard there that a part of the movie "Bahubali" was shot there. We were thrilled with the scenes there. It was an amazing experience. Then in the afternoon, we visited the historic Bala Brahmeswara Swamy Temple in Alampur. It was a beautiful place. Then we returned back to the hostel.

On the final day, we got to interact with some local students. We got a lot of inputs from them. Then there was a closing ceremony in the afternoon where many students shared their experiences. We were supposed to be in traditional attire on that day. The results of many competitions held during the five-day visit were declared. Director of IIITDM Kurnool then conclude the visit with his speech. Then finally we had a photo session. After that, we had a special dinner.

This was all about my visit to IIITDM Kurnool.