The Institute for Excellence in Higher education, Bhopal, M.P. and Maharaja Bodhchandra College, Imphal, Manipur jointly organized an online interactive learning session through Google Meet on 26th July, 2020 with 39 students from both the institutes. Dr. W. Jibanlata Devi, Assistant Professor (History), Dr. Joyti Khumanthem, Assistant Professor (Economics), Dr. Th. Nishikanta Singh, Assistant Professor (History), Dr. Indira Rajkumari (Head, English Department), Dr. L. Bedana, Assistant Professor (English), Dr. Prosper Malangmei, Assistant Professor (Political Science), Dr. L. Dwijendra Singh, Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics of MB College along with Dr. R. K. Shrivastava, Coordinator, EBSB and Dr. Anita Deshpandey, Professor, (Political Science) of IEHE participated in the programme.

The students of both the institutes participated in three live sessions which were based on learning of Manipuri language, different forms of dance and folk songs followed by one Manipuri dance performed by a student of MB College, Imphal.

Dr. R. K. Srivastava, Nodal Officer, EBSB, Institute for Excellence in Higher Education, Bhopal delivered the inaugural welcome address and started the programme. The first session was conducted by Dr. W. Jibanlata Devi on learning the Manipuri language. She explained the basics of language and illustrated in a very simple and effective manner. Her approach was purely learner centric and that’s why students of IEHE thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience from a very effective illustrator. The session was concluded with the question-answers. In the second session Dr. Joyti Khumanthem, explored the folk songs of Manipur state with their history, origin, significance, occasion, lyrics and meanings in a very interesting way. She also recites one Lullaby song which was followed by Angela, the student of MB College. Third session was based on different forms of the folk dances of the Manipur state and it was beautifully explained.

One of the students of M. B. college, presented a traditional Manipuri dance. All the group members enjoyed a lot the dance performance. Such live interactions on culture and heritage of the states among the students of the two paired institutes provide a meaningful opportunity to learn and understand the unity in the diversity of the country.
The faculty members, students and EBSB coordinators of both the paired institutes have been whole heartedly participated and shared their views on the above subjects. After the meeting, the script of songs, language learning material and dance learning tutorials have been shared in the WhatsApp group.

At the end of the event, for the overwhelmed participation of students of both the institutes, the EBSB coordinator Dr. L. Dwijendra Singh, Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics, M.B. College, Imphal, Manipur expressed vote of thanks and ask students to join such initiatives in the future also.

Meanwhile, the WhatsApp Buddies initiative was also discussed with participating students and shared the purpose of it. The concern students have been asked to take it as an opportunity to learn the diversity of both the paired state and enjoy the mutual interest.

At the end of the programme both nodal officers from the two institutes thanked the gathering with closing remarks and the programme came to a successful conclusion.

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Photographs of the Webinar: