As per the guidelines of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Government of India), Indian Institute of Information Technology, Dharwad celebrated a wide array of events under the elite Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.

Considering the strength of students from different states the following pairing matrix was decided upon:

1. Karnataka: Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand
2. Andhra Pradesh: Maharashtra
3. Telangana: Rajasthan and Haryana
4. Madhya Pradesh and Odisha: Gujarat, Delhi, Punjab and Chandigarh
5. Kerala and Tamil Nadu: Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal

The Cultural Committee of the Institute took the initiative to conduct events for the month of January. The events that were organized were:

1) **Quiz Competition:** The following teams took part in the quiz:
   - Telangana
   - Andhra Pradesh
   - Bihar
   - Uttar Pradesh
   - Karnataka

   In the first round, the teams were quizzed about their respective paired states’ politics, geography, history and general affairs. The top three teams, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, proceeded to the final round. They were then specifically quizzed about opponents’ Indian state. Bihar’s team came out on top, with Uttar Pradesh as the runner-up.
2) **Extempore:** Students came up presenting their views on multifarious topics like:

- Indigenous food
- Folk tales
- Scientific advancement/notable event
- Specific form of music/dance/festival
- Common beliefs/ myths

Among all the participants, a Bhawan Kumar from second semester, hailing from Andhra Pradesh won the event by presenting some exquisite anecdotes about different music and dance forms of Maharashtra.
3) **Drawing and Painting Competition:** Students showcased their wonderful art skills by making drawings of heritage sites and popular tourist destinations. Pravalika of fourth semester won the top spot courtesy her incredible sketch of The Taj Mahal.

The Institute has witnessed a huge student response towards this unique initiative and wish to enlighten themselves about the vast diversity of India and celebrate it. The Cultural committee of the institute plans to come up with more engrossing events in the forthcoming months, to enable students appreciate the extensive culture of our country.