January 2020 Report on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) activity

Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati spearheading the prestigious initiative of Government of India, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. As part of the initiative, we 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 promote the spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement on rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions and appreciate the diversity that is India, thus fostering a sense of common identity.

As part of EBSB club activity, IIT Tirupati organises some activities every month in which all the students, staffs and faculty members participate enthusiastically. In the month of January, we organised two cultural activities, Pebble Paintings and Pongal Celebration (Makar Sankranti), on January 14, 2020 and January 26, 2020 respectively. The activities of the club have been laid out and informed to the EBSB club members. Following ideals of EBSB has been discussed in the meeting:

- 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

- To promote the spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between all Indian States and Union Territories through a year-long planned engagement between States
• To showcase the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of either State for enabling people to understand and appreciate the diversity that is India, thus fostering a sense of common identity

• To establish long-term engagements and to create an environment which promotes learning between States by sharing best practices and experiences

**Pebble Painting Competition:**

The event witnessed overwhelming participation from the students and scholars of IIT Tirupati. Pebble painting, as name says it all, is a kind of painting on pebbles. The painted pebbles look beautiful which can be used for various purpose such as paper weight, for decoration of garden and home. The pebbles can also be used for making rangoli. We hereby display some of the photographs of pebble painting competition that show the different colours of Indian traditions achieving the motto of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat (EBSB) activity.
**Pongal Celebration (Makar Sankranti):**

On this occasion, the club members organised various activities such as Rangoli creation, Poster painting, Pot paintings and Kite flying. The day started with Bonfire in the morning in which all students and scholars gathered in the premise of the institute to celebrate Pongal followed by Rangoli making. In the afternoon, the painting activities were organised in which MS and PhD Scholars showed active participation. In the evening, the students participated enthusiastically for flying Kites. The celebration was coloured by wearing tradition attire of different regions of India. All the students gathered together to celebrate Pongal in their traditional dress. Following pictures of the events visualize the creativity and enthusiasm displayed of the day.
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