Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce organized the Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat Club inauguration programme in the college premises on 07 February, 2020. Theme of the programme was “Odisha Sanskruti Pradarshan”. The Principal, Dr. Hrishikesh Soman presided over the function. Mrs Asha Rath and her team attended the function as the guest faculty. Distinguished teachers, staff members and students of our college attended the function as well. The programme was organized under the interstate cultural exchange programme which is initiated by the Government of India. Students of our college and the guest faculty got together to put up an excellent cultural show.

The inauguration ceremony began with the introduction of programme by M/s Shreya Sandipta Khuntia, followed by a film on Odisha which depicted the beauty of tourist places along with their folk and classical dance. Then Vice-Principal and Coordinator of EBSB club Dr. Sunayini Parchure shared with us, her opinion regarding initiative taken by government for Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat. This was followed by the welcome speech of the Principal. Then M/s Shreya did the honor to introduce our guest faculty to the audience. Then the principal felicitated Mrs Asha Rath and her team with a memento. After this the programme was carried on by Mrs Manasmita Mahapatra, one of the guest faculty. She invited Mrs Mamta Mishra to sing Odisha Anthem “BANDE UTKAL JANANI”. Then Mrs. Asha Rath, who is from Odisha family along with her husband, a Maharashtrian, shared with us their views about this initiative taken by the government and also enlightened us with their culture, traditions, festivals, dishes and much more through a PowerPoint presentation. This was followed by a graceful Odissi dance performance by one of our
guest, who is an accomplished Odissi dancer. Then Miss Amrita Roy performed an exotic sambalpuri dance, which is one of the well-known folk dances of Odisha. Mrs. Asha Rath is also involved in encouraging people to wear traditional dresses, for this she has started a trend of wearing a traditional saree in a way which would give one a modern look. Mrs. Indira Mohanty, she wore a traditional saree in a form of jacket and skirt pattern which was just an idea of how to wear a traditional dresses in a modern way. After this Pandit Dipti Ranjan Mishra was cordially invited on stage for “Mantra Pathan”, the recital of the mantras in honour of, Shri Jagannath. Soon after which he told us about the famous festival of Odisha that is Rath Yatra in Puri, Odisha as well as in Pune at Khadki, Jagannath temple. After this our guest faculty performed on a song describing Odisha which was later joined by our teachers and students. Then M/S Garima, member of EBSB club performed a fabulous Sambalpuri dance and this was followed by a Powada( a genre of Marathi poetry, kind of ballad written in an exciting style and narrate historical events in an inspiring manner) performance by our students, M/S Yashomati, M/S Sarvesha, Mr Mihir and Mr Yashraj.

In the end, M/S Bhagyashree, gave vote of thanks on behalf of whole EBSB club to the guest faculty, teachers, staffs and all the student for being so patient audience. Last but not the least the guest brought some of the well-known dishes of Odisha, that were “Chenna Poda Pitha”, “Dahi bada”, “Rasgullas”, and “pithas” for all of us to taste. All in all, it was an enriching experience for everyone and all left with the hope that such programmes shall be held more often.