

## Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Report



## Mutual learning of the folk songs

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A video conferencing session was organised for the students of M.B. College, Imphal, Manipur and the Institute for Excellence in Higher Education, Bhopal, M.P. on 28.10.2020 through google meet. The purpose of the conference was to mutually learn the folk songs of the paired states. In this context, interest and appreciation shown by both sides in discussing the beauty of the cultural heritage in particular the folk songs. With the opening remark of greetings and further common discussion on the topic under the existing situation of the pandemic in both the state, the event had geared-up by sharing a Manipuri folk song Loimom Phoubu Surase Heiyumgi Kolloi Hai ... Mathai Thaina ... by one of the students of M.B. College, Imphal Ms Tuleshori Haobam. First of all, she explained the lyrics and meaning of the song to the participants then sung it in a very sweet and melodious voice. All the participants appreciated her singing. In the session, the students of IEHE tried to repeat the song simultaneously after listening the song. After that, Ms Prateeksha Pandey and Mr Udit Rathore the students of IEHE shared Bundelkhandi and Nimari folk songs of M.P. respectively with great spirit and melody. The M.B. College students have enjoyed these songs very much. In the conference, the M.B. College coordinator Dr. Dwijendra Laishram expressed his best wishes for all the participants and asked that such a programme be continued every month as well. Meanwhile, the WhatsApp Buddies initiative was also discussed with participating students and shared the purpose of it. 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 event, for the wholehearted participation of students of both the institutes, the EBSB coordinator of IEHE Dr.R.K. Shrivastava expressed a vote of thanks. He also discussed with students about possible ways of interacting further with the future programme based on their mutual interests. A total of 21 students, faculty members and coordinators of concerned institutes have participated in the event. After the event, students have exchanged the lyrics in a bilingual format and video links to listen & learn the shared folk songs at their own convenience and pace.

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## Some Photographs of the Activity:

