

**REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 06, 2020 IN  
CONFERENCE HALL, CENTRAL LIBRARY, TRIPURA UNIVERSITY.**

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*Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* (EBSB) was announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister on October 31, 2015, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel to revive a sense of 'nationhood'. The main purpose of the initiatives is 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 and 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 and more.

To celebrate this, the Central Library, Tripura University celebrated the *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* by organizing a book exhibition and a special lecture on "**बिहार: ऐतिहासिक एवं सांस्कृतिक परिचय**" (**Bihar: Aitihāsik Evam Sanskritik Parichay**) by Dr. Kali Charan Jha, HOD, Department of Hindi, Tripura University, at Conference Hall, Central Library, Tripura University.

The programme was started with the lighting of the lamp and Inauguration of Book Display on *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* by the invited guest in the Library. The guests of this programme were Prof. Chandrika Basu Majumder, Dean of Arts & Commerce, Tripura University, Dr. Sabyasachi Dasgupta, Dean of Student's Welfare, Tripura University, Dr. Indraneel Bhowmik, Associate Professor & Coordinator of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Tripura University and Dr. Kali Charan Jha, HOD, Department of Hindi, Tripura University, the keynote speaker of the programme. Dr. B. Sanjay, Librarian, Tripura University welcomed the guest and delivered the welcome speech. Dr. Indraneel Bhowmik, Coordinator of **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**, narrated about the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Scheme and its importance in the Nation building. While addressing, Dr. Sabyasachi Dasgupta, Dean of Students' Welfare, Tripura University discussed the cultural and religious relation between Bihar and Tripura. Prof. Chandrika Basu Majumder, Dean of Arts & Commerce, expressed those memories of past of Bihar and explained why and how traditional and cultural exchange is important for building the society and nation as well.

The keynote speaker of the **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**, Dr. Kali Charan Jha, delivered a special lecture on "**बिहार: ऐतिहासिक एवं सांस्कृतिक परिचय**" (**Bihar: Aitihāsik Evam Sanskritik Parichay**). He expressed that Bihar is one of the holy lands of India and

explained special religious features of Bihar such as Mithila, Magadha, Anga and the epic of ancient India. In the world, the VadiSangh was the main frontier of Bihar, with the first state of the democratic republic. In ancient India Bihar (Magadha) Nalanda and Vikramshila is the hub of educational and cultural activity. He discussed about Maurya and Gupta's dynasty. While addressing, he discussed the medieval period of Bihar and the role of Babu Kunwar Singh of Bihar in 1857 revolution, Gandhiji's Champaran Satyagraha and Jai Parkash Narayan's role in Quit India Movement in Bihar, and the origin and importance of Jainism and Buddhism in the land of Bihar. Further, he explained the culture of Bihar which to be understood as a group of Methyl, Bhojpuri, Magahi and other and discussed the various religious festivals of Bihar i.e. Chhath Puja, Shravani Mela, Satuani, Nag Panchmi, Jitiya, Dawat Pooja, Ganga Dashara, and Paridhan i.e. Dhoti Kurta & Gamcha and folk songs and food of Bihar etc. which have a significant role in Bihar's cultural identity. In the end, Dr. Rabindra Kumar Mahapatra, Associate Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science offered the vote of thanks. The programme ended with National Anthem.

## Celebration at a Glance



Prof. Chandrika Basu Majumder, Dean of Arts & Commerce, TU inaugurating the programme with other dignitaries



Book exhibition organized on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat in the Central Library, TU



Dr. B. Sanjay, Librarian, TU welcoming the guest and other dignitaries on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat



Dr. Kali Charan Jha, HOD, Department of Hindi, Tripura University delivering Keynote Speech on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat