

A Report on Yuva Sangam under EBSB

IIT Madras-NIT Agartala

Under the propitious guidance of the Ministry of Education, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, and National Institute of Technology Agartala, paired the “Yuva Sangam” exclusively for the youths in the states of Tamil Nadu and Tripura for an auspicious cultural exchange.

The pilot initiative under the ‘Ek Bharath Shreshtha Bharat’ by the Ministry gave us an opportunity to show case various state-level activities to the youth from the states of Tripura and Tamil Nadu.

This initiative brought a multi-dimensional exposure to the youth under five broad areas such as Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Prodyogik (Technology) and Paraspar Sampark (people to people connect) during the visits to both the states. We had arranged similar EBSB Yuva Sangam in October 2022 for the Youth team visiting from IIT Jammu.

As per the Ministry’s guidance the Yuva Sangam EBSB-NE was arranged in March 2023 for the yough from Tripura State. Based on the convenience of both Institutions, the visits have been arranged as per the following:

1. Tripura Students to Tamil Nadu (49 students, 4 officials from NIT Agartala): 4th March to 9th March 2023
2. Tamil Nadu Students to Tripura (48 students, 5 officials from IIT Madras): 13th March to 18th March 2023

Tripura Students to Tamil Nadu

A warm welcome to the Tripura Students has been given on 4th of March. Hostel accommodation for the students has been arranged accordingly (girls/boys) and a guest house for the faculty members in the IIT Madras campus.

We have arranged nice traditional food for the students throughout their stay from our messes and the guest house.

As per the itinerary, visits were arranged to the cultural heritage places (Mamallapuram, Dakshinchithra), Rail and Egmore museum, Religious places, Marina beach, IITM Research Park, Institute workshops, industrial visit (Integral Coach Factory, Perambur), etc. And also served millet snacks in both morning and evening during, their travel to various places. It was also organized to visit Raj Bhavan to meet the Governor of Tamil Nadu. Appropriate arrangements were made for comfortable transport of the students throughout.

A meeting of visiting youth with sports personnel was arranged by the Institute Gymkhana followed by the Director's interaction with the students. The students were enjoying the question and answer sessions with the Director and expressed their interest to do their study at the IIT Madras. We the Institute welcome and appreciate their interest.

The students of Tripura also had a chance to meet with the local students as a buddy program at our campus to interact/understand the lifestyle of the students of Tamil Nadu.

As a matter of branding, banners and apparel for the students of both states were printed with and asked them to wear when they travel. The apparel has the printing of Yuva Sangam, G20, and Azadi75 along with Institute Logos.

Many students of Tripura would like to undergo study at IIT Madras and we the Institute wish to welcome them.

Tamil Nadu students to Tripura

IIT Madras selected the students from Tamil Nadu as provided by the Ministry of Education. Out of 1891 students, 50 students were selected as per the following criteria:

1. Male-Female
2. UG-PG
3. Rural-Urban
4. Participation in NSS/NCC/Cultural/Sports etc.
5. Nativity District (One student per district)
6. Previously not travelled to Tripura

Out of 50 selected students, 48 (Boys 26, Girls 22) students have made it possible to visit. Along with the students, five staff (technical and administrative) have coordinated this event meticulously.

Prior to their arrival at the campus, we had an online orientation to inculcate the importance of this initiative by the Govt. of India. And upon arrival, they were placed in the Hostels (Men/Women) accordingly prior to and after the visit.

It was a great reception received by the students from Tamil Nadu by the NIT Agartala with the band. The students the officials from IITM were stayed at the NIT Agartala campus.

The students of Tamil Nadu start experiencing a meditation program at the campus. After that visited the sports complex and other facilities in and around. Thereafter, they visited the religious place, ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd (OTPC), Heritage Park Agartala, Ujjayanta Palace, Akhaura (Bangladesh Border), met the dignitaries, interacted with Padma Awardee and Sports personality, neermahal Mela Ghar, also explored the local market and bamboo factory.

During the visit, the students were guided to write papers, drawings, etc. At the end of the tour, seven students submitted their papers, essay, drawings, videos, etc., which have been uploaded already.

Throughout the visit of students from both states, the CRPF guarded the students.

We take this opportunity to thank the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Railways, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, IRCTC, the CRPF 77 battalion, and Border Security for their fabulous support throughout.