

## **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**

**RAJAGIRI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, KAKKANAD**

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**GOVERNMENT P.G COLLEGE, DHARAMSALA**

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As part of MHRD's *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* initiative, 50 students and 5 teachers from Govt. PG College, Dharamsala arrived at Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology, Kakkanad on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The central government initiated the program to embolden the idea of unity in diversity through higher educational institutions. RSET welcomed their guests from the beautiful North-East to the God's own country in all its sensational splendour. They arrived at the campus early morning and settled comfortably into the accommodations arranged for them. After a few hours of rest and a scrumptious lunch, they all proceeded for the inaugural function. The inaugural function hosted by RSET was preceded by a traditional Keralite welcome where the guests were anointed with sandalwood paste on their forehead. The formal function began with the auspicious practice of lighting the lamp which was graced by Dr. Sanjay Pathania, the Vice-Chairman of Govt. PG College Dharamsala. After three days of tedious journey, the group was overwhelmed by the warm welcome they received from their hosts. In the official address the Dr. Pathania pointed out the genial hospitality and religious secularity of Keralites and their host institution reminded them very much of their own land. The students were excited to embark on this adventure to experience a culture that was entirely foreign to them. They've only heard about the rich cultural, traditional and historical heritage of Kerala, and was fascinated to explore and understand this experience in the next five days. Dr. Pathania also referred to Kerala's quality education and employment which further intensified their excitement of this visit and their aspiration of returning to God's own country.

He concluded his address thanking the administration of RSET for welcoming them with so much warmth and for ensuring a comfortable stay. Dr. Pawan Thakur, the HOD of Computer Science from Dharamsala College eagerly shared their enthusiasm for the plethora of cultural and leisurely activities including sightseeing and friendly sports matches arranged by RSET. Irrespective of linguistic barriers, the teachers and the students were very much surprised at the competence in the communication skills of the students from RSET which more or less dissipated any initial complexities they thought they might face. The Principal of RSET, Dr Sreejith addressed and formally welcomed their guests to this beautiful land and wished them a pleasant stay amidst them. Fr. Dr. Joel George, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, a beloved member of the RSET family and management also welcomed the guests and enthusiastically suggested future participations in these missions of unity. The formal inaugural function was followed by an introductory session by Mr Nitheesh Kurian, Assistant Professor, Dept. of ECE, who familiarised the guests with the culture, tradition and practices of Kerala. With the official culmination of the first day the students and the teachers from the guest institution was all excited to experience the adventure that their hosts had so magnificently planned for them.