



Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar



IIT Bhubaneswar organised the 11th event of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat on 7th September, 2018, depicting the culture of paired states Uttar Pradesh-Arunachal Pradesh-Meghalaya

The “Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB)” programme, an idea of a continuous and planned cultural linkage between citizens of different regions, was suggested by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the Rashtriya Ekta Divas held on 31st October, 2015, to memorialise the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This program was propounded by Hon’ble Prime Minister to celebrate the cultural diversity through mutual interaction and reciprocity between people of different states and union territories so that a common spirit of understanding resonates throughout the country.

IIT Bhubaneswar headed by Director, Prof. R. V. Raja Kumar, geared up fully responding to the all-round effort of the Government to make it reality by starting organizing a series of sixteen events of cultural exchange for different paired states and union territories in a span of one year to celebrate the unity in diversity of our Nation and to sustain and toughen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonds between the people of our country, which was inaugurated by Director on 15th November 2017.

In accordance with the schedule of events IIT Bhubaneswar has already organised ten events during November 2017 to August 2018. The 11th event of the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat initiative has been organised in a grand way on 7th September 2018 with more than three hours of non-stop cultural extravaganza and informative events in the presence of more than three hundred lively audience in its campus to showcase the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of the paired states **Uttar Pradesh-Arunachal Pradesh-Meghalaya**, for enabling people to understand and appreciate the diversity of the country, thus fostering a sense of common identity.

Students, staffs, faculty and their family members enthusiastically participated in the cultural events with an integrative content relating to the paired states. More than 70 performers from various cultural society of students’ Gymkhana (D-gang the dance society, dramatic society and music society), faculties and family members of faculties and staffs performed on the music, song, culture of the paired states

To showcase the culture, customs and traditions, art forms, handicrafts, cuisines of either state to impress upon the discerning audience about the inter-connectedness between the constituents of various cultures and traditions, which is so vital for the spirit of nation building, a photo gallery prepared by Dr. Manaswini and Dr. Meenu and paintings prepared by Kalakrit (the fine art society of students gymkhana) were displayed at the venue. In the event informative videos were displayed based on the music, dance, handicrafts, literature, festivals, painting, sports, sculpture, flora, fauna, etc., of the paired states in order to enable audiences learn about different cultural units across varied geographies and to imbibe the innate chord of binding and brotherhood.

Spot quiz competition was organized by the Literary society of students Gymkhana with questions based on the information on the three paired states with active participation of the audience. The event was given a complete official media coverage by Doordarshan,

Bhubaneswar apart from that full video coverage to the event was given by Cinematic society of students' gymkhana. On this occasion, EBSB team member Dr. Sankarshan Mohapatro welcomed the audience and presented a token of appreciation to all the performers, for their splendid and energetic performances, in presence of other EBSB members namely Dr. Rajesh, Dr. Yogesh, Dr. Manaswini and Dr. Ankur.



