

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar



EBSB Club IIT Bhubaneswar organised cultural exchange programme (Language) with NITIE Mumbai on 1st September 2020

The "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB)" programme, is an idea of a sustained and structured cultural connect between denizens of different regions was mooted by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the Rashtriya Ekta Divas held on 31st October, 2015, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Hon'ble Prime Minister propounded that cultural diversity is a joy that ought to be celebrated through mutual interaction & reciprocity between people of different states and union territories so that a common spirit of understanding resonates throughout the country.

IIT Bhubaneswar has been organising number of informative and cultural events under the aegis of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) and has formed an EBSB club consisting of students, staffs and faculty members to promote the spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between paired states Union Territories (UT), for enabling people to comprehend and admire the diversity of the nation, thus nurturing a sense of common identity. As per the guidelines of MHRD, Odisha state has been paired with state Maharashtra, hence IIT Bhubaneswar being an institute of higher education in Odisha has been paired with IIT Bombay and NITIE Mumbai in the state of Maharashtra.

Continuing with the legacy of conducting EBSB events, under the leadership of **Director Prof. R.V. Rajakumar**, EBSB club of IIT Bhubaneswar is regularly conducting online literary and cultural exchange programmes including quiz, painting competitions with the institute of higher education in the state of Maharashtra.

On 1st September 2020, the EBSB club of IIT Bhubaneswar organised a cultural exchange programme with NITIE Mumbai. In the event EBSB club members interacted with each other with screening of posters, photographs and videos on the theme of paired states. Reciprocating the Marathi class conducted by NITIE Mumbai on 9th August 2020, EBSB club IIT Bhubaneswar conducted hour long Odia class for NITIE students and faculty members on this occasion. The literary and cultural exchange programme was attended online by more than 100 students from both the institute, along with the faculty members. The event ended with the poster display on the paired states (Odisha-Maharastra) and chorus singing of national anthem. The event was coordinated EBSB team members Dr. Rajesh Roshan Dash (Coordinator), Dr. Manaswini Behera and Dr. Seema Bahinipati (Co-Coordinators), Dr. Anush K. Chandrappa and Dr. Devesh Punera.

