

A Brief Report on the Ek Bharat Shresta Bharat – Activity held on 11th March, 2022

An eventful programme was organized through virtual mode as a part of Ek Bharat Shresta Bharat (EBSB) by the Nodal Regional Centre, Hyderabad jointly by Regional Centre, Karnal on 11th March, 2022 from 3.00 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

A. Preparations

1. The two Regional Centres have shortlisted 50 students (25 each) from their respective LSCs. The Programme schedule was prepared to conduct the activities on 11th & 14th March, 2022.
2. Whatsapp group was created and students were advised to share their videos/writings/ slogans/songs on the theme Ek Bharat Shresta Bharat.
3. The virtual link for the google meeting schedule on 11th March, 2022 was shared on the Whatsapp Group.

B. Activities performed

The virtual meet began at 3.00 p.m. on 11th March, 2022. The Regional Director, RC, Karnal gave welcome address followed by University Kulgeet. The Regional Director (i/c), RC, Hyderabad gave the inaugural talk. Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, ARD, RC Karnal spoke on the objectives of EBSB. Dr. Raju Bolla, ARD, RC, Hyderabad detailed the programme schedule. The Coordinators and academic counselors who participated in the virtual meeting were introduced.

C. Performances

1. **Bhangra Dance** : Mr. Praveen from RC, Karnal gave his performance on popular Haryanavi Dance of Haryana. The play and performance was impressive. The viewers applauded the performance.
2. **Haryana Cuisine** : Ms. Priyanka Bishnoi impressed the viewers by instantly cooking the Local Dish Malpudi
3. **Ragini Song of Bhagat Singh** : Ms. Somvathi sang and danced on the aftermath of Bhagat Singh, his patriotism and how Bhagat Singh body was cut into pieces and thrown into river. The song aroused the emotions of the viewers and there was a spontaneous thumps up from all.
4. **Introduction of Sports Personality** : Dr. Sujit Verma, a prominent sports personality of national reputation in gymnastics was introduced to the viewers. She was interviewed by Dr. Rajesh Verma. The replies given by Dr. Sujit Verma was encouraging and motivating and inspiring to the viewers. Her message to the students was impressive.

5. **PPT on Historical Sites** : Ms. Krishna Vashist came with a wonderful PPT Presentation on the cities of Panipat & Sonipat. The presentation vividly explained and demonstrated the architectural beauty, historical significance of the monuments located in these two cities.
6. **Traditional Handloom of Telangana State** : Dr. P.M. Sowjanya, ARD, RC, Hyderabad in her video presentation and demonstration in the virtual meeting detailed about the hand woven sarees by the weavers community of Pochampally. These saree are designed as IKKAT. They are distinct in colours, designs and quality. Dr. Sowjanya interacted with the weavers and demonstrated variety of sarees kept on display in the exclusive Pochampally Showrooms. These sarees received intellectual property rights protection or Geographical Indication in 2005.
7. **Ramappa Temple in Telangana State** : A 11th Century old temple monument which got old heritage tag by the UNESCO has been shown through a video. The Ramappa Temple constructed with basalt rock by the Kakatiya rulers of 11th Century AD is awesome for the viewers. The architecture and sculpture is marvelous and magnificent.
8. **PPT on Warangal Fort** : Mr. Sumanth gave a wonderful demo with the PPT prepared on Warangal Fort. The fort was built in 12th Century by Kakatiya rulers. It was destroyed by Muslim rulers – Alluding Khilji. The Kakatiya Kalathoranam of Warangal Fort officially incorporated into the emblem of Telangana State.
9. **Telangana Local Floral Festival** : The popular floral festival of Telangana is Bhathukamma played across 09 days from Mahalaya Amavasya to Durgasthami. The traditional cultural feet is celebrated with much fanfare and colours. Same has been demonstrated through a video.
10. **Talk by Dignitaries** : The Coordinators and the academic counselors who have guided the students spoke on this occasion and appreciated the spirit of EBSB. They explained how students have shown their interest, excitement and enthusiasm while preparing for the activities. They thanked Govt. of India and IGNOU for selecting their institutions for the said activity.

The Regional Directors and ARDs and other officials and technical team of both the Regional Centres worked like a team extended their expertise in making this programme a grand success. The virtual meeting ended with the vote of thanks and a spirit of happiness and joy where every participant have expressed that this programme has brought them so close and a bond of family has been created.

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