

A Brief Report on the Ek Bharat Shresta Bharat – Activity held on 14th March, 2022

A virtual meeting second in line was conducted on 14th March, 2022 to organize scheduled series of activities, programmes and presentations in connection with Ek Bharat Shresta Bharat (EBSB) under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav by the Nodal Regional Centre, Hyderabad jointly by Regional Centre, Karnal on 14th March, 2022 from 3.00 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. The first virtual meeting was held with similar team on 11th March, 2022.

The virtual meeting scheduled on 14th March, 2022 was held at 3.00 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. The students of RC Hyderabad and RC Karnal together with academic counselors, Coordinators and academics of both the Regional Centres have actively participated in all the activities. It is observed that the activities that are presented are duly got trained with lot many rehearsals and trails. A total of 12 activities stretching from, dances, cuisines, singing of songs/ historical sites, festivals and handicrafts were played/performed/demonstrated. We are giving the gist of the activities that were staged/enacted on this occasion by the learners through virtual mode:

1. **Handicrafts of Telangana** : The Handicrafts prepared at Rangasai pet, Warangal District are very popular and are in good demand. The mementoes/shields, cups are pared through metal by hand locally by the craftsmen. One of the students of LSC from Warangal gave a live telecast of the visit to the Rangasai pet handicraft shop. The modalities, procedure and display of these items have been explained by the shop owner in detail to the much of the interest of the viewers. The queries of the viewers have been answered by the manufacturer. The activity gave a firsthand knowledge about the handicrafts of Telangana State.
2. **Haryanavi Dance** :
 - (a) Mrs. Sanjiv Sony has performed Haryanavi Dance with background music. The attire, dress, expressions demonstrated the unique folklore of Haryana State. This dance was widely appreciated and viewers applauded in their comments in a big way.
 - (b) Mrs. Bindu Hupta presented a traditional Haryanavi Dance with the theme of National Spirit has been presented in the form of dance.
3. **Haryanavi Cuisine** :
 - (a) A popular local cuisine of Haryana State – Churma – was prepared in the live show with the items/ingredients kept available for preparation of the dish. The preparation is liked by the viewers.
 - (b) Gulgule – a famous Haryana Cuisine has been prepared through live demo in front of the viewers. The ingredients required and procedure etc. were well demonstrated by the student. The item cooked and served by the student was mouth watering to the viewers.

4. **Interview with Personalities** : Mrs. Geethika, the Dy. Superintendent of Police, Haryana State who was present for the virtual interaction was introduced and interviewed by RC, Karnal. The DSP for some time spent her time in Hyderabad and familiar with the culture and traditions of Telangana State. The DSP spoke at length on the importance of EBSB and answered the queries of the viewers and finally gave her stirring message to the students. The entire activity was motivating and is inspiring to the young students.
5. **Bathukamma Festival**: A troop of a dozen students traditionally dressed in their attire along with Bathukamma (decorated flowers pot) have performed a beautiful programme depicting and narrating the most eventful festival of Telangana State. The significance of the festival and historical importance associated with the life of the people of Telangana State has been explained in detail. The procedure, the steps, the material that are required to make the Bathukamma was narrated. The troop danced in tune with Bathukamma song encircling the Bathukamma. The song and performance was well synchronized and the performance was very impressive, attractive and traditional. All the viewers have enthralled and instantly clapped for the entire troop.
6. **Telangana Cuisine** : The students have gave live demo of preparation of the most popular Telangana Cuisine i.e. - **Sarvapindi** (Rice Powder Cake). The student has prepared the Rice Cake with the ingredients that were demonstrated and explained the procedure of preparation and its nutritious value. The viewers appreciated the gesture and the activity.
7. **Historical Site Kurukshetra** : A student from RC, Karnal gave a vivid presentation through PPT on the historical sites that were present in Kurukshetra city. The places connected with Mahabharatha have been demonstrated by showing the pictures and their significance.
8. **Telangana Tribal Dance** : The most popular tribal dance of Telangana called as Banjara Dance or Lambada Dance has been performed by beautifully dressed students with the backdrop of stunning music. The dance depicts Telangana folklore customs and traditions and historical significance. The viewers have greatly appreciated the performance of the team.

After the completion of the programmes all the participants have been asked to give their feedback/comments/reflections. A few students have spoken on this occasion and appreciated the EBSB Programme of Govt. of India and organizing RCs. The Coordinators and the Academic Counsellors have thanked both the RCs for involving their LSCs for the said programme. The academics of both the RCs have thanked all the participants for their cooperation and best performance and greatly thanked for making the EBSB a grand success.

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