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## Brief Activity/Event Report

1. **Name of the Activity/Event** : Debate Competition
2. **Activity/Event Venue & Date** : AX-207, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019
3. **Nature of Participants** : 31 Volunteers of NSS + 7 students
4. **Number of Participants** : 38
5. **Student Coordinator** : Mr. Vedesh
1. **Staff Coordinator** : Mrs. Smita Hande (EXTC dept) and  
Mr. Abhishek S. (Electrical dept.)

6. **Brief Summary of the Activity/Event (in maximum 500 words):**

a. **Objectives** :

- i. **TO ESTABLISH** long-term engagements and,
- ii. **TO CREATE** an environment which promotes learning between States by sharing best practices and experiences.

b. **Technical Description** :

Debate is one of the academic activities that give students creative room to express what they feel. The length and breadth of knowledge that they gain through this is simply unparalleled.

The debate was conducted under the “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” program by the NSS Unit of FCRIT on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019, in AX-207. Mrs. Patnaik, who was the judge for the event. The Topic for debate was – “Government Schemes on Tourism and Culture”.

The team that supported the claim that the government is responsive to the tourism industry and has introduced many intuitive schemes, provided the audience with pretty good points. One of these points that were put forward was the Swadesh Darshan scheme. Swadesh Darshan scheme was launched by the Ministry of Tourism for the development of theme-based tourist circuits to cater to both mass and niche tourism. On the similar grounds, the PRASAD scheme was also acknowledged as a brilliant pitch to develop religious sites. The National Mission for Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme, was also launched by the Ministry for the



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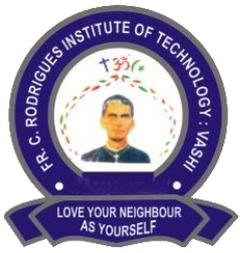
development and beautification of pilgrimage sites to tap the growth of domestic tourists driven by spiritual/religious sentiments. An increase in tourist footfall means an increase in business for the local people. Ministry of Tourism has set up a Web-based Public Delivery System for recognition of Travel Trade Service Providers and for classification of hotels in order to ease the process of filing applications by Travel Trade Service Providers seeking recognition from the Ministry. This is also to bring in transparency in granting the approvals. A very important benefit of these schemes was highlighted to be an increase in employment.

The team that opposed the motion had some hard-hitting points against the schemes introduced by the government. The absence of a proper hierarchy in the management of the tourism sector means many schemes do not get implemented in their full meaning and lose their steam in the many levels of humane errors. Furthermore, many foreign influences indulge in lobbying in the tourism industry and the speaker connected the Russian influence in Goa for this purpose. Moreover, the schemes are not versatile in their nature and do not cater to people with disabilities. One of the most important point highlighted in the session was the safety of the tourists in the light of recent cases of rapes in India. The speaker went on to explain the lack of schemes that will to provide safe travel for the tourists and how this affects the tourism industry of the country.

**c. Outcomes :**

The judge was thoroughly convinced that the dearth of merits outweighed the points that supported the motion and hence the team that spoke against the motion was declared as the winner

- d. Summary of Feedback :** Few questions on Odisha history, culture and tourism were asked to students by sending online link. Where most of the students could answer all questions.
- e. Action to be Taken based on Feedback:** The feedback have been noted for further improvement.



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## 7. Activity / Event Photograph :



**Team A of debate**



**Team B of debate**



**Winner team receiving the certificated by Guest**

**Mrs. Smita Hande**

Asst. Prof., EBSB Staff Coordinator