# *EK BHARAT SHRESTHA BHARAT* CULTURE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Visit to Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology, Rajagiri Valley, Kochi, Kerala

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<u>''EK BHARAT SHRESTHA BHARAT''</u> is the innovative measure, through which the knowledge of the culture, tradition and practices of different states lead to an enhanced understanding and bonding between the states, thereby strengthening the unity and integrity of India.

*Government Post Graduate College* Organized Student and Cultural Exchange Program under

<u>"Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat"</u>to Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology, Kerala from 27/01/2020 to 07/02/2020 for B. Tech Computer Science and Engineering (1<sup>st</sup> year) student.

# **Objectives of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat:**

- 1. To celebrate the unity in diversity of our nation and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonds between the people of the country.
- 2. Promote the spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between all Indian states.
- 3. To establish long term engagements and,
- 4. To create an environment which promotes learning between states by sharing best practices and experiences.

# <u>REPORT</u>

# DAY 1:(27.01.2020)

The exciting of going to Kerala and getting such an opportunity was lying within from many days before going there. In the evening of **27.01.2020** at **3:00 PM** we left for Delhi Nizamuddin Railway station from our college Campus. There was a lot of excitement and curiosity for visiting such a new place and having such a fabulous experience. The journey begins and we enjoyed a lot there in the bus also we sang songs, we cracked jokes and danced and had a lot of fun. At around 9:00 PM we had our dinner at one of the most known restaurant <u>*Haveli*</u>. The food there was really delicious and the services was really good. Also, it was very clean and nice to visit such a place. After that we all returned back to our journey and by **4:10** AM we reached at **New Delhi** Nizamuddin Northern Railway station.

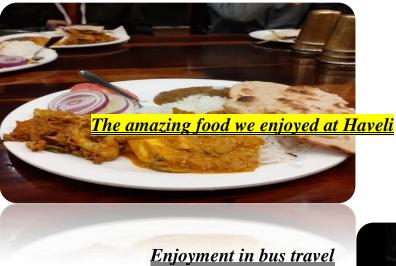




## OUR COMPLETE TEAM

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<u>Haveli,Roopnagar</u>





DAY 2:(28.01.2020)

We reached at Nizamuddin Delhi Northern Rail. Station at **4:30 AM.** We all were waiting for our train whose Departure time was **5:50 AM**. We all were clicking pictures, sitting having some rest, enjoying by looking around the new things there. The train arrived there at the Station Platform at **5:40** AM and we got stuck to our seats allotted to us as per ordered by our teachers. Then the teachers begin to count all the students to confirm that everyone is up in the train and then at sharp **5:50** AM the train departed from Nizamuddin to Ernakulam. And from that point our real journey begins. All the students just took over their seats and slept on their seat because everyone got tired very badly due to continuous travel from Dharamshala to Delhi.

In the morning we had our breakfast from the Pantry service of the train. After that we all enjoyed a lot in the train and had lot of fun. We continued our journey gossiping running here and there between different apartments between our friends and played and just enjoyed the sleep in the train.

## <u>After reaching Delhi, Delhi welcomes</u> <u>us with cool weather</u>





<u>Train at Nizamuddin Railway Station,</u> <u>Delhi</u>

DAY 3:(29.01.2020)

Third day started with the fresh and a beautiful sunrise. We had our south Indian breakfast. We all for very excited to reach kerala because our travel was over and it was the last day in train. Upcoming morning we are going to reach kerala kochi City. We all were thinking about the things we are going to have there. Thinking about a lot of things to entertain and to visit different places there. We all planning different things. We are playing Cards in the train, trying to learn some basic words of there usual language that is Malayalam. As the time was passing out we were getting more and more excited to meet and make new friends, to enjoy every moment there. In the evening we all gathered out in a same cabin and sang songs danced had fun and had tea there. Those moments a

<u>Pleasant experience we</u> <u>had in train</u>

really rememberable.







<u>Different Junctions and</u> <u>Stations we stopped in</u> <u>our journey</u>

### DAY4:(30.01.2020)

In the morning by **6:00 AM** 

we reached at the Ernakulam Railway Station, Kochi, Kerala. As we get down from the train the faculty of Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology was present there at the moment to pick us up from the station. They welcomed us to Kochi, Kerala with full regards. They took us out with them to the bus of Rajagiri College which was waiting for us to take us to Rajagiri School

Of Engineering and Technology campus. There the rest of the college faculty was waiting for us to make our welcome enjoyful and loving. They directed us to our hostel rooms and allowed us to have rest for sometime and directed us for the schedule. They told us to walk towards the college mess to have our breakfast at **8:30** AM and told us to have our further schedule after our meals. The food was really amazing and it was quite different in taste but was really good and tasty.



#### Meeting the College faculty of Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technologyat Ernakulam Railway Station



Our complete team with College faculty of Rajagiri College and Dharamshala college

<u>Finally, our</u> <u>destination arrived</u> <u>(RSET)</u>





The delicious breakfast Served to us

After having our Breakfast and all the formal welcome there they told us to have rest for few hours and told us to come to mess at **1:30 PM** sharp to have lunch and after that to go and join the rest of the faculty of the college to **multimedia hall** of the college. They welcome us with a pure prayer of god and it was really pleasing experience and also, they spot the tilak on our foreheads as a sign of love, respect, purity. After all this traditional welcome we went to hall and there we had a welcome speech from the faculty members of RSET and GPGC Dharamshala. Also, there they had brief introduction of all the team members and gave us the complete schedule that how we are going to spent those next 6 days there in the College. They made us

fresh through their high energy and it was really a wonderful experience. After that we had our snacks and left us for that day to relax and have rest.



<u>Chairman and Head of the department and rest of the faculty present there in</u> <u>the multimedia for a warm welcome</u>

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<u>Our complete schedule for the Next</u> <u>upcoming</u>



<u>The pure prayer time that was a</u> <u>sign of purity, good and positive</u> <u>start</u>



After all this procedure we had ice breaking session in which we had in which we had game pay with cards

in which they threw the cards and in which they made groups as per the students having cards of same symbol and we played games we named our groups also, make a dance step for our whole group. We also had game for making <u>50 boats</u> from a single page of newspaper. The competition was between all the students and we were the winners of the match with **37 boats** out of which **27** was perfect, but still we won the game. Then they arranged us with the order of our birthday months and again had a fun task and learnt a new dance step with song <u>we will we will rock you</u> and that was also a chill out moment.

<u>The Boat making Game we played in Ice-</u> <u>breaking session</u>





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### And the complete groupwith students of Rajagiri before having the tea break

After having all this chill out, we all get back to our hostel rooms Relaxed there and, in the evening, we had our practice of football match we are preparing for the next day. It was really a very good experience to play with our friends in such place was such a very good experience. After that at 8:30 PM we all went to the college mess to have our dinner and then we return back to our rooms after having our meals. We looked upon to our next day plan in the schedule given to us and me and my roommate planned our next morning plan as per the schedule.

#### DAY 5:(31.01.2020)

Next morning, we got up at *5:30 AM* and had bath and got ready for breakfast. After that the teachers invited us to *Multimedia Hall* for the quiz competition. It was really amazing. It began with team division using cards. They threw 47 cards from a deck in the air and the students have to pick them up. Those who get the same symbol in their cards were paired together. They told us to name each of the team. In the trial round we named it as the Virus and we were the winner of the trial round. After it the game started and we named our group as Antivirus and there are 38 questions in the game. By the time of 15<sup>th</sup> question we were at last position that is 8<sup>th</sup> position. Everyone left the hope from us but we were still in the game. As the questions exceeded, we got streak. We got on the screen to the 5<sup>th</sup> position and that was really very happy moment. After that we fought for the top 3 positions and by the last question we were at 2<sup>nd</sup> position and we were the runner up the Quiz.



#### And at last we become the runner up of the quiz competition

After the quiz competition we were directed by the faculty members to different departments of the college and had campus tour. The college campus was really very neat and was build in a

very good way. There are many beautiful things there. There was small zoo and a bird sanctuary also, there was small lake and also at the campus there was one football ground, 1 cricket ground and 2 basketball courts. Also, there were 3 Auditoriums in the campus out of which one. Rajagiri has extended into 90- Acres (360,000 sq. meters) campus on the bank of the river "Chitrapuzha". There moto is to learn, serve and excel. It was established in 2001. The literal meaning of Raja Giri in the Malayalam language (the vernacular of the people in the Kerala) is the <u>Hill of the King</u> where the king refers to god.



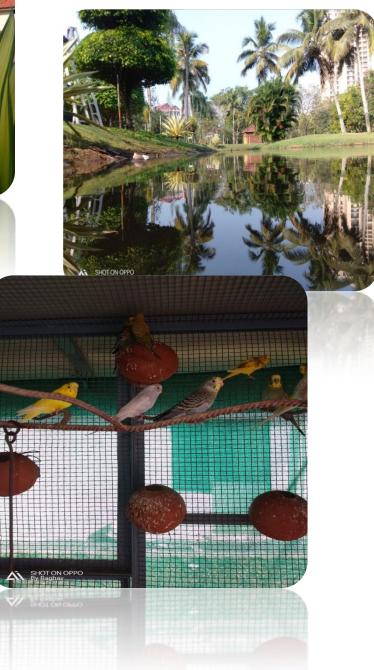
<u>The session we attended at Business</u> <u>Management department</u>

<u>s tour with complete team of GPGC</u> Dharamshala and faculty of RSET





After that we visited to rest of the places of campus like zoo and bird sanctuary's there. And it was really and amazing time spent there.



After the campus tour we went to

the

college mess and had our lunch. After our lunch we were again guided to come to Multimedia hall for a session to Know about the History of Kerala.

## History of Kerala:

Kerala, a land of cultural diversity, is made up of blending of various religions, communities, regional cultures and language variations. The cultural variety was created by its unique geographic features as it lies between the Arabian sea and western Ghats. This land, which lay divided into the Travancore, Kochi kingdoms and Malabar districts in Madras Presidency under the British rule, become a single state on November 1,1956. They told us about economy, agriculture, fisheries, and human development Index like education, arts, festivals etc. on that day we came to know many things about Kerala and we are really happy to visit such a beautiful place.



The artistic field of Kerala comprises ancient classical art, folk art as well as modern artistic forms of cinema. The music culture of Kerala includes folk music and classical music comprising Carnatic music, kathakali music and Sopana music. Malayalam cinema field is one of the strongest in India. Kerala contributed number of film personalities who are well-known worldwide.

The main food Kerala is rice. The typical Kerala Cuisine comprises cooked rice along with curries of vegetables, fish, meat and eggs. Rice and coconut form the basis of Kerala food. The entire Vivacity of Kerala life appears during the land's festivals. There are festivals related to religious and places of worship, as well as secular festivals. Onam is the national festival of Kerala. This state has its own native sports culture and folk games. The state which boasts the highest literacy, gender equality, and lowest mother-infant mortality ratio is also at the forefront as regard health standards, education for all, social justice low and order and influence of press and other media.



## After the session of History of Kerala with complete team

After the session we had a tea break and then we went to playground for our friendly match with team Rajagiri College. We started with a cricket match. Honestly the match was really good. We choose to ball first and we got a score of 87 runs. The opponent team played really well. Although our team was not so prepared for it, we gave them a tough fight and made more than 50 runs. But unfortunately, we lost the game. But then the winning and loosing a game we enjoyed the game a lot.

<u>Our complete cricket team with team</u> <u>of Rajagiri College</u>





## <u>Relaxing time after the game</u>

After the cricket match we had some rest and then we went for the football match and it was also

really amazing. We played against there best team. and that also a memorable moment and we a lot of fun playing the game.

## <u>Playing football</u>

We all enjoyed the game. We gave our best and had the nest memory with of the ground. After playing the game we went back to our rooms had some rest and then after getting fresh we went to college mess to to have dinner and then return back to our room.

### DAY 6:(01.02.2020)

My  $6^{th}$  day started with a very calm, cool and beautiful sunrise hoping fir the best to have a wonderful day.





### The beauty of sunrise from Kerala

It was really beautiful and I feel blessed to have such a view captured in my phone. Then all our mates had bath then got ready for the upcoming plans that were already scheduled. We were really excited to have something new on the next day.

On the next day we were told to get ready by 7:30 morning because we are going to visit different places of Kochi like Athirappilly waterfall, Vazhachal and kuzhuppilly beach. Our journey to visit such beautiful places in morning 8:30 AM. Firstly we went to Vazhachal forestry. There we had the beautiful view of the water flowing there. It was really amazing to get an opportunity to such a beautiful place.

Then we went to the Athirappilly waterfall. It is the same waterfall where the shooting of one of the most known movie 'Bahubali' was shooted. It was really beautiful and the view around the waterfall was also very pleasant.

Then we went to kuzhuppilly Beach, which was one of the known and beautiful beaches in

Kochi. We had bath there, we swim in the beach bank after lot of enjoyment we were really fresh and was really good experience.

From kuzhuppilly beach we went came back and had dinner in a restaurant and then came back to campus



and were told to have rest because next day we are going to visit some more new places of Kochi, Kerala.

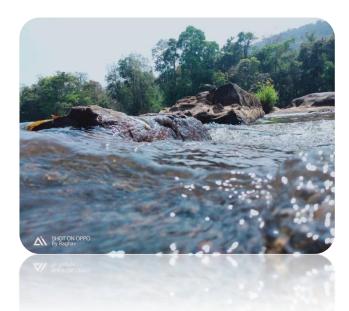
The main Entrance of Vazhachal



The view inside it was really amazing. The water flowing through it was looking really good attractive.

<u>Athirappilly</u> <u>Waterfall</u>





<u>The nature</u> <u>capture at</u> <u>Athirappilly</u> <u>waterfall</u>



### The place where the waterfall falls and the really beauty of the waterfall



#### <u>And view of the waterfall from distant</u> <u>area</u>

### DAY 7:(02.02.2020)

Next morning, we got up early in the morning and as per our

schedule we were told to visit some more different places like Fort Kochi, Mattancherry, shopping- broadway, Marine Drive, Boating. We were all taken to Fort Kochi, a charming seaside area, known for its Dutch, Portuguese, and British colonial architecture. We went to the Fort Kochi Beach had lot of fun, took photographs. Fort Kochi Beach is a beautiful beach located in the western coast of India.

And then were taken to St. Francis Church, which was the original burial site of explorer Vasco da Gama. After visiting the church, we walked in the streets and went for shopping in the local shops there. Also, we had one of the most known things there that is Coconut Water.

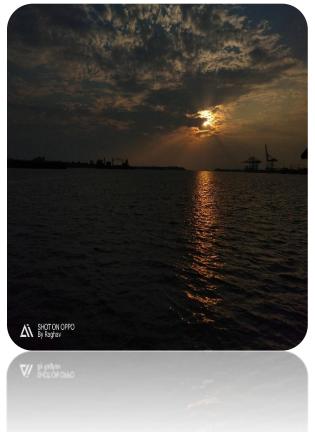
After that we went for shopping at broadway market. We went there for shopping as it is the one of the known shopping hubs of Kochi. There we had lunch. And then we had shopping there and bought some traditional things of Kerala.

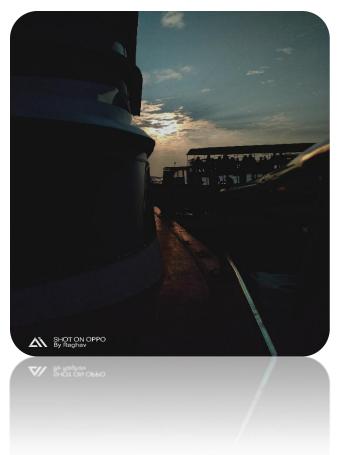




Then we came back to bus parking and from there we went for Marine drive at Kochi. We had boating there also we had DJ party in boat. We danced in the beach. We had a lot of fun in the boat and was really amazing and a new experience to dance in a boat. We enjoyed the sunset of the from the middle of the sea and it was really beautiful. After that we came to the sea bank and had photograph there on the rainbow bridge. We get back to our bus and then went for our dinner in Punjabi restaurant and then came back to hostel room to have rest. It was really a fatigue day but more than that I was enjoyful and memorable.







The beautiful view we captured during Marine drive



The Enjoyment we had at Kochi beach during Marine drive.

### DAY 8:(03.02.2020)

In the morning at 8:15 AM we had breakfast. And after that around 9:00 AM we went to attend the session of language sharing at Multimedia hall where Dr. P R Madhavpanickar was present to take session. He continued the session with difference in Malayalam and Hindi language. He said that we cannot learning a new language in just few hours doesn't make any sense, so he just told us the difference of the two languages i.e. Hindi and Malayalam. After that he told us about the writing style of Malayalam and how it is different from Hindi. At last he told us many things about Malayalam language and concluded that it is not so easy to learn Malayalam as compared to Hindi language.

After that Mr. Nitheesh Kurian taught us to sing a song in Malayalam Language and also explained the meaning of that song in English. After that we sung the song together and its was really a good experience to sing a song in a different language.

After the song learning we had our tea break and then went to Chavra hall of the campus to practice the cultural activities that was going to be held on next day. Then at 1:30 PMwe went to the college mess to have Lunch and then came back to our rooms and had some rest. Then we were called near the boys' hostel at 2:30 PM so that we can go to the metro station of Ernakulam. After that wetook metro from Ernakulam to Edappilly metro station. From there went to Lulu shopping mall which is the Largest Mall of India and though even the second Largest Mall of Asia. Then we spent sometime in the mall, looked upon to different things in the mall. Then we left the mall and walked to the one of the biggest Church of Kerala named as ST. George Forane Church, Edappally. It was really good place to relax and silence we experience there gives a lot of positive energy.

Then we came back to our hostels had our dinner at 8:30 PM and went back to our rooms and relaxed there. The day was quite interesting and we learnt a lot of new things on that day.



Language sharing session





#### <u>Mall, Kerala</u>



St. George Forane Church, Edappilly

### DAY 9:(04.02.2020)

Our 9<sup>th</sup> day in Kerala started Early in the morning with Zumba Dance which is an exercise firness program, basically a kind of dance style. It burns calory and is total body workout. Zumba is a great way to loose weight. In general, Zumba is a exercise done in a form dance so that people can enjoy the the firness we are going to get in the form of dance.

#### Our complete team after enjoying the Zumba



After Practicing Zumba we went to our rooms had bath and then by 8:30 AM we had our breakfast. Then we went to the one of the oldest Palace of Kerala named as Hill Palace. It is the one of the largest museum of Kerala. It is located at Thrippunithura, Ernakulam. We looked upon to the various ancient antiques of older days. We saw various jewels of the kings and queens. The major share of attractions in this museum are contibuted by the Cochin royal families. Also there were weapons of those days and scripts written on the stones. It was a complete collection of everything that had existed existed once in Kerala.

After visiting such a nice place we came back to Rajagiri Campus had our Lunch and then went to Chavra hall for practising our cultural activities that were going to held in the Night. Near about 4:30 PM we had a tea break with some snacks. Then we again practiced for sometime and went to our rooms to get ourselves ready for the cultural night.

Around 6:30 PM our cultura night begun with loighting of Deeps and a prayer. Then both the colleges showed there culture activities to each other in different ways and it was really very nice and memorable moments. We had Natti,bhangra and folk songs there, also from there side we had folk dance, bamboo dance, Malayalam song and many more attractive activities. That time was really enjoyful and after that we had our dinner there and then we went out of the hall for Camp fire and DJ party. We danced there on different songs played on Dj. We danced on Malayalam songs,Punjabi,Hindi etc. That night was the most enjoyfull and full of excitement and we really enjoyed that night.

# <u>Hill Palace Museum,Kochi</u>





Lighting of Deepak in Evening

<u>The Different type of culture Activities</u> <u>shared between two states.</u>





And at last the a folk song from GPGC Dharamshala





<u>After that we enjoyed the Dj</u> <u>Party and Camp fire</u>









<u>All about Cultural Night and Camp</u> <u>fire</u>



### DAY 10:(05.02.2020)

It was our last day in Kerala. It was really very nice to have such a new experience and visit new and beautiful places of Kerala. Also it was really amazing to know about the culture and traditional of Kerala. The culture of Kerala is quite different from our culture and we also came to know many more things about kerala.

They certified us as member of student Exchange program "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat". The main objectives of the program was achieved and we learnt many things about Kerala. After that the college gifted us T-shirts as their memory.

At last we had our Lunch in their Traditional way. We had our Lunch on the leaf of Banana tree and is known as "Sadhya". Its their traditional feast which contains variety of dishes served on the banana leaf. There are 26 variety of dishes served in Sadhya.

Then before going back to our rooms and leaving the Rajagiri valley we celebrated the Birthday of our guide in Kerala Dr. Biju Paul. We all gave him the best wishes and then left the Rajagiri college taking the memories with us spent there.

Memorandum Of Understanding(MO U) Signed between both the colleges



<u>Getting Certified For Student</u> <u>Exchange Program "Ek</u> <u>Bharat Shrestha Bharat"</u>

<u>Certificate to Chairman Mr.Sanjay</u> <u>Pathania</u>





Certificate to HOD Mr. Pawan Thakur

<u>Certificate to</u> <u>Mr. Sachin</u> <u>Awasthi</u>

<u>Certificate to Mrs.</u> <u>Susheela Pathania</u>

Certificate to Students

<u>"Sadhya" Traditional</u> <u>feast</u>





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<u>Birthday celebration</u> <u>of Mr. Biju Paul</u>

After that we took the bus and said bye to Rajagiri collegeand went Ernakulam Railway station. We reached there by 3:00 PM. There we stayed for more than 4 hours waiting for our train. Our train timing was 7:00 PM. After the train arrived we immediately had our seats because the Halt time was just 5 min we all took our seats as soon as

possible. After that we had rest that night and relaxed in train.

#### Leaving the hostel taking the hostel memories with us



Waiting for our train at Ernakulam Railway Station

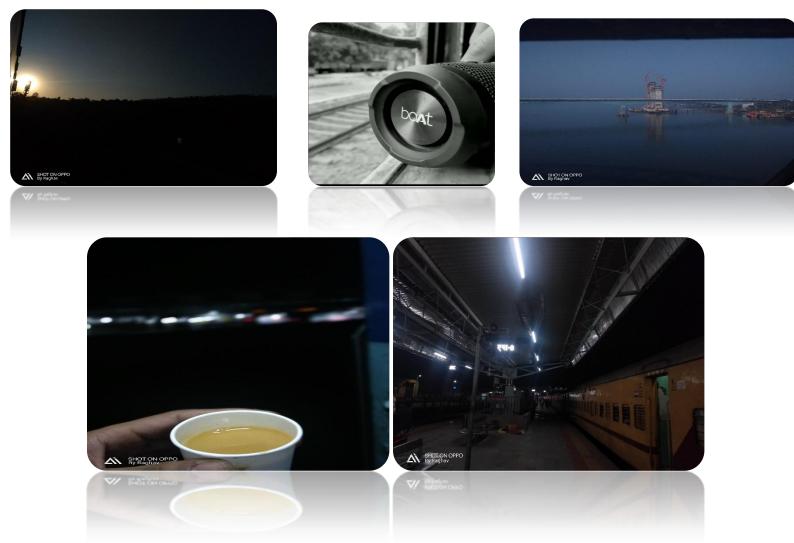




### DAY 11:(06.02.2020)

Next Morning we got up in the train we enjoyed the travelling in the train. We clicked the photographs of scenery outside. We had fun in train. We cracked jokes played music in speaker and danced there and made every effort we could be able, to make our journey enjoyful. We had a lot of fun and also we were memoring the days spent at Kerala.

## Journey back to Nizamuddin Delhi From Ernakulam,Kochi



## DAY 12:(07.02.2020)

Morning of our 12<sup>th</sup> day we just spent our casually. We had our breakfast and then had some usual discussions related to our journey. Then in the afternoon we had our Lunch and then we

got ready and packed our bags as we were going to reach Delhi railway station. Around 2:30 PM we reached there and then we were welcomed there by some known Faculty. After that we got some refreshments and then we waited for our bus at Nizamuddin. Our bus timing was 5:00 PM. After the bus arrived we got into it and journey back to Dharamshala Begins. On the way back to Dharamshala we had our meals at Punjabi Dhaba near Ropar.

Around 7:30 AM we reached our destination and came back to Rooms and had rest. And our journey ends there.

<u>Before reaching Hazrat</u> <u>Nizamuddin, Old Delhi</u>





<u>Beginning of Journey from Delhi to</u> <u>Dharamshala</u>





<u>Next morning on 08.02.2020 at</u> <u>Dharamshala</u>

#### **Conclusion:**

The main objective of this program "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat" was to share the tradition and culture between two states. The objective of the program was achieved at its best. We were able to know about the language of Kerala, tradition they follow, culture, arts, history of Kerala and also visit some well known places of the Kochi,Kerala. We made some beautiful memories there and made new friends there. At last we came back from there but let it be temporary distant between us and Rajagiri people because we all going to meet again very soon.



#### Feedback and Experience:

Kerala, the only state known as God's own country. It is

situated at the India's tropical Malabar Coast, has nearly 600km of Arabian Sea Shoreline. Mainly the state popular for the spices and coconut. This visit to Kerala was a wonderful experience for me. It gave me a great knowledge about Kerala, culture of Kerala, Traditions of Kerala. Kerala is a very beautiful state having hot climate as compared to Himachal Pradesh.We had the fortune of tasting keralacusine such as Sambhar ,Dosa, Idli, Paysam and Coconut drink such as Neera,.we had seen the raw black pepper and cashews which was something new for us.