

STUDENT EXCHANGE UNDER EBSB PROGRAM

5-Day Trip Report

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Event Details :

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| Title of the program : | Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat Campaign by MHRD |
| Host/Paired Institute: | IIITDM , Kurnool |
| Date : | 23-27 December 2019 |
| Focus of the scheme : | To learn the linguistic and cultural aspects of paired institute in order to promote acceptance of other cultures. |

Description of the event :

MHRD organised a Student Exchange Scheme under Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat Campaign. EBSB was a 5 days interaction/ cultural exchange local visits/ village visits of the student of one institute with their paired institute. IIIT Nagpur, Maharashtra was paired with IIITDM Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. Purpose of this visit was to learn the linguistic and cultural aspects of Andhra Pradesh covering history , culture , language , cuisine , festivals , clothing etc.

Event Plan and Course of Program:

Day 1 (23 December 2019) :

A warm welcome by the Student Coordinators of EBSB Club Kurnool and a introductory session to the EBSB Program addressed by Honourable Director of IIITDM after which we had a dance performance by the hosts to present their culture and classical forms followed by a short introduction of all the visiting students.

Day 2 (24 December 2019) :

The second day was fully packed with many activities such as a Workshop on food and culture on south indian traditions followed by a quiz, an essay writing competition based on Indian Culture , a culinary competition, a treasure hunt in the campus followed by a movie evening where we all watched Rang de Basanti.

Day 3 (25 December 2019) :

On the third day we visited the Rolapadu Village where we went on to see a wildlife sanctuary and then we went to the Konda Reddy Burj which was picturesque and after having lunch we visited the Kurnool Fort and were welcomed to search and explore the nearing markets , malls and churches followed by dinner.

Day 4 (26 December 2019) :

On the penultimate day we visited the very famous Rock Garden which was very beautiful and full of mesmerising scenes. We stayed and explored the garden for hours clicking load of pictures and enjoying ourselves. After the garden we went to Alampur to visit the Jogulamba Devi Mandir and the river Toongabhadra where we took the blessing and had a great time watching the sunset while boating on the shores of the river.

Day 5 (27 December 2019) :

On the last day we had a very heart-warming closing ceremony with the prize distribution ceremony followed by the addressing the conclusion of the program and vote of thanks by the respective institutions. The ceremony was followed by a cultural walk where everyone showcased the attires of their traditions and the day finally ended with a special dinner organised by the student coordinators of the IIITDM team.

About the Opportunity and the Experience:

I am thankful to MHRD for organising this event and I am really privileged to be a part of the student exchange scheme. I would like to thank the faculty coordinators of IIIT Nagpur for making this possible and the Student and Faculty Coordinators at IIITDM Kurnool for such great hospitality and their commendable management of the activities and the program. It was great trip we all had lots of fun and we learnt a lot about the language and cultural aspects of Andhra Pradesh. The places we visited during the trip were remarkable and the overall experience was unforgettable. We are eagerly looking forward to the visit of our counterparts hoping we would reciprocate their hospitality and will organise a great event for them as they did for us.