



# Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat

## Cultural Exchange Program

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## DAY 1 (23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2019)

On 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec I along with 34 other collegemates and 3 faculty members (Dr. Kirti Mam, Dr. Anuradha Mam and Mr. Sunil Sir) boarded the Sampark Kranti Express at around 11 pm. We reached to Kurnool City Station around 1 pm where we were cordially attended by 3<sup>rd</sup> year students of IIITDM Kurnool college Sai Teja and Joel.

We then boarded the bus which was arranged by the host college to take us from station to their campus which was about 10 km away and on top of a hill. We reached the campus at 2:30 pm, after having south Indian flavored lunch we were allotted a common room in boys' hostel where we were supposed to stay for next 5 days, after getting freshened up we went to the academic building of the college. There we officially started the 5-day program with lighting the lamp and introductory speech by their faculty and our faculty, finally there was interaction with their director, in the conclusive part there was one dance performance by their student Coordinator Vyshali and some quick information and facts about Andhra Pradesh and Kurnool.

## DAY 2 (24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019)

As we were tired of the previous day journey so after dinner we slept early and also we were excited to explore their campus in the cool morning breeze so we woke up early around 6 am and went for trek around their hilly campus, after having breakfast we got ready and went to academic block where a series of activities were planned.

- Essay Writing Competition: Each one of us wrote an essay on Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat or Indian Culture.
- Telegu Language Workshop: Basic words and some important facts, traditions were conveyed after the delivery there was a small competition of how many Telegu words one could remember that were delivered in the workshop.
- Culinary Competition: We were given certain ingredients from which we had to make some dish. Me along with 5 other group mates made Triple Layer Cheese Burst Sandwich with Twisted Lemon Bhel.
- Treasure Hunt: It was group Game consisting of 9 members in a team, in which each team was given a clue that leads to the other clue and then other finally leading to a common code to decode then finally to the treasure. I along with my team won this game.

## DAY 3 (25<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019)

We started our day around 9 am after breakfast with visiting a nearby Deer wildlife park which was filled with natural beauty and fresh morning air after the park, we went to a Water Reservoir near the wildlife park.

In the evening after lunch we went to the Qila in their city and also explored their city life, went to a nearby mall and had fun games and ate our dinner outside exploring their food.

## DAY 4 (26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019)

It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of our outing we in the first half went to a beautiful rock Garden which had lush green trees and large lake between its rivers, there were lot of red-faced monkeys around and many other flora and fauna.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the day we went to a shakti peth temple in Alampur district which was around 30 km from the campus, we reached the temple at the time of sunset so the beauty of the marvelously sculptured temple got more enhanced, the students from the college guided us about their proper ritual for worshipping the Goddess Sati. One of the Pandit ji of the temple told us the importance of the temple that lord Brahma did sadhana on that place and lord Shiva came to bless him. The temple was built on the banks of River Tungabhadra which made the sun set worth watching.

## DAY 5 (27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019)

It was the last of our stay in Kurnool, in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the day it was the closing ceremony program which was combined with the ethnic day, so all the students and teachers were dressed in traditional attire that made the whole audience very colorful.

Along side the closing ceremony there was also the certificate distribution for the winners of the competition, I won 3 certificates for Treasure Hunt, Essay Writing Competition and Photography Competition.

Also, there were some performance like dance, singing, stand-up comedy, monolog etc. by students from both colleges finally there was ramp walk showcasing our traditional attire and our culture.

After a group photo session with the director and organizing team we took leave from their hospitality and boarded our train to Nagpur station at night.

Below are some photograph of the 5 day program.



