

## St Xavier's Institute of Education 2019-2020

### Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Campaign Activity Report,

### Report of Activities conducted from January 2020 - March 2020.

#### January- 2020

As a part of the Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat campaign in partnership with the state of Odisha, the very first activity conducted in the month of January was the maintaining of an expression board (as seen in Fig 1) where members of the committee and students of St. Xavier's Institute of Education put up articles, charts and photographs that offered information about the state of Odisha. This initiative was taken as a step to introduce our partner state to the students and provide them with relevant information about the state that we ought to know about. It aimed to kickstart a conversation and curiosity among students to explore and learn more about the history, culture, traditions and the currently prevailing conditions in Odisha. It helped to bridge a gap in knowledge and make students aware about the different rich and beautiful facets of the state.



Figure 1 January 2020 Expressions Board



Figure 2 February 2020 Assembly and quiz.

#### February 2020

The activity undertaken in the month of February was quizzes. It was conducted in the daily as well as special assembly and also in the online format based of the Google forms quiz. The quiz saw enthusiastic participation from all students alike. The special assembly was conducted particularly to present the culture of Odisha though its various dance and musical art forms both classical and folk and musical instruments indigenous to the state and its tribal communities. The performing arts culture of the state is very unique and truly one of a kind.

March - 2020

To continue with the theme of events it was decided for the month of March, that the contribution of students towards the EBSB activity would be setting up a display board dedicated to the cultural diversity of Odisha. This would again include articles, pictures, charts and other artistic expressions of students based on their learning of the state over the previous months. This was meant as an activity to further the learning and understanding among our students about our partner state. This activity created curiosity and encouraged conversations among the students regarding other art forms such as sand art that emerged and was made popular in Odisha and resultantly around the world.



Figure 2 Artistic expressions of students about the cultural diversity of Odisha.

In conclusion, the activities conducted in lieu with the Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat campaign helped students open their minds to learning about a part of our country that has oft been overlooked and underappreciated through our history. It helped students find an appreciation for unique traditions and history that makes the state of Odisha an artistic, cultural gem.

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