

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



'*Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*' - an excellent initiative envisages strengthening the existing emotional harmony and bonding amongst all Indians by appreciating, promoting and showcasing the rich cultural heritage diversity and practices plentiful resource base, agricultural practices, educational specificities etc. of each state particularly the North East. It is an opportunity made available to students and staff to explore and appreciate various cultures of India, for which we Indians should feel proud of. From time immemorial, North-East region has been the meeting point of many communities, which profess different faiths and cultures. Dance, song and music are part and parcel of everyday life of the people, who are known for their simplicity, hospitality and courtesy. This region has rare flora and fauna, natural scenic beauty and rich cultural heritage.

The contribution of the North East region to the nation has always been immense. Many people from this region, such as Kanaklata Barua, Bhogeswari Phulkarni, Rani Gaidinliu, Gopinath Bordoloi and others, took active part in the freedom struggle. Many of the political personalities from this region have enriched the national life.

The younger generation in particular must have the knowledge of the various arts & cultural forms, faiths and practices of North East not only for enhancing their academic understanding but also to create an everlasting bonding with our people living in North East. With about 8% of area and about 4% of the population, our North East is rich in natural resources, hydrocarbon deposits, biodiversity diversity and rubber & bamboo. With about 52% of forest-cover, it alone constitutes about 20% of the known potential of petroleum & natural gas. Our North East India has international borders with Bhutan, Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Myanmar and Tibet and is of extraordinary strategic importance. With despite such a rich cultural heritage diversity and resource bountiful base most parts of this region are yet to get over from the low level of economic equilibrium, under -development, ethnic conflicts and insurgency.

But in any case, this region has the potential of being the powerhouse of development and progress of our nation, while establishing a concrete bond with the fastest growing ASEAN countries.

Following the engagement matrix for GNCTD, '*Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*' and conveyed to the College, we earlier conducted activities and programmes of Assam and so on. This year, in view of the University letter No. 742, dated 23.10.2017, the College focussed on Sikkim.

Sikkim was declared as the best region to visit in 2014 by Lonely Planet, - a leading global travel guide. Small but one of the most beautiful states of our country Sikkim is well known for its beauty and biodiversity diversity with around 5,000 species of flowering plants, hundreds of orchids and other species.

I firmly believe that the celebration week of Sikkim during 1st week of the February 2018 showcasing the rich cultural heritage and practices, and biological diversity of Sikkim will help our young students to know and love the most beautiful parts of India; and will inspire them to explore more of their richness through their future endeavours while strengthening their emotional bonding.

On behalf of the College family, I wish all success to this event being organized by the College North-East Cell led by Ms. N. Victoria Chanu and Dr. Rajbala and their teams. I wish them all the best.

Best Wishes,

Dr. G.K. Arora

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