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**REPORT ON EK BHARAT SHRESHTA BHARAT (EBSB)**

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT VISIT TEAM VISIT TO GGU**

**CHHATTISGARH**

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## **Introduction**

The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) initiative was announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 on the occasion of the 140<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The program is fundamentally designed to create awareness among people aware about the art, culture, history, tradition, education, language, etc. There will be an exchange of art, culture, history, tradition, education, language, etc. between different States/UTs. Pair of two States/UTs has been made at the central level. Under this initiative, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh are paired with each other. One of the fundamental aims of this scheme is to understand the art, culture, history, tradition of different states and country. It will enhance the attachment between people of different states and will strengthen unity and integrity of India. Hence, our Prime Minister has said, सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल ने हमें एक भारत दिया, अब यह १२५ करोड़ भारतीयों की जिम्मेदारी है कि भारत को श्रेष्ठ बनाये (*Sardar Patel gave us Ek Bharat, now its solemn duty of 125 crore Indians to make it Shrestha Bharat*). In this way, all the states and its people will connect with one other in next few years. In the first stage, students are the focus of this initiative. The potential students will be selected for this initiative and they need to travel to the paired state to learn and understand the art, culture, history, tradition the bond among students at institution large. It will strengthen the unity and integrity of India.

## **Aims and Objective of the EBSB**

### **Aim**

The fundamental aim of EBSB is to expose students to the art, culture, history, tradition, education, language etc. of different States/UTs of the country.

### **Objectives**

- To celebrate Unity in Diversity of our Nation and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonds between the people of our Country;
- To promote spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between all Indian States and Union Territories through a year-long planned engagement between States;

- To showcase the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of either State for enabling people to understand and appreciate the diversity that is India, thus fostering a sense of common identity;
- To establish long-term engagements and
- To create an environment which promotes learning between States by sharing best practices and experiences.

### **Overview of the CUG-EBSB team visit to Chhattisgarh**

For announcing EBSB initiative, CUG designed banner for the initiative and tracksuits for the team to create a unique identify for our university. It is a matter of pride to share that the CUG team wore the tracksuits throughout their visit to the historical sites as well as during the training program.

#### **Details of EBSB Team of CUG:**

The CUG-EBSB team consisted of 9 members including 7 students and 2 faculty members whose detail are as below.

Sr. No.	Name of the Trainee	Name of the School	Name of the Program
1	Dr. Minaxi A P (Convener of EBSB Committee CUG)	School of Library and Information Science	
2	Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta	CSRD	
3	Dhanarajsinh Babubhai Rathod	SSS	M.A in Social Science
4	Govind Ambaliya	SLIS	School of Library & Information Science
5	Dhumaniya Mayur	School of International Studies	Ph.d in International Politics
6	Urvilkumar P Patel	Nano Science	PhD in Nanon Science
7	Patel Lav N	Nano Science	M.Sc in Nano Technology
8	Sandhya Trivedi	School for Social Science	M.A. Economics
9	Leena Sharma	SLLCS	M.Phil - PhD

The EBSB initiative was distributed in two phases

1. Historical Tour
2. Bamboo and Wooden Art Training.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Phase of EBSB Training**

The CUG-EBSB team was invited by the EBSB team of Guru Ghasidas University (GGU), the central university at Chhattisgarh. The CUG-EBSB team departed for Chhattisgarh on 16 July 2017. We reached Raipur (Capital of Chhattisgarh) on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

We were welcomed by Prof. R. Mehta (Nodal officer of EBSB, Guru Ghasidas University) with EBSB team of GGU and Mr. Piyush, Public Relationship Manager, Chhattisgarh tourism department at the Raipur railway station.

### **SIRPUR A HISTORICAL TOUR**

Dr. Mehta sir conducted the introduction session, then we departed to Sirpur, which is more than 100km ahead of capital city of Chhattisgarh. Chhattisgarh tourism department had arranged our residence in the tourism department's resort Huinsang Resort at Sirpur. On the second day, on 19<sup>th</sup> June we visited the historical sites of Sirpur. The sites visited by us include

### **LAXMAN TEMPLE**

A historical temple and the only temple in India, this 7th century Laxman Temple which is constructed by Maharani Vastu Devi (wife of Harsh Gupta and mother of Maha Shiv Gupta Balarjun during the reign of Mahashiv Gupta Balarjun) which is dedicated to Lord Vishnu is considered as one of the finest brick temples of India with a stone doorframe. First discovered in 1872 by Lord Cunningham, the temple is famous for its interesting carvings. Recent excavations have uncovered 12 Buddhist Viharas, 1 Jain Vihara, monolithic statues of Buddha and Mahavira, 22 Shiv temples and 5 Vishnu temples, an Ayurveda treatment centre, underground granary market and a sixth century 'Ayurvedic Snaan Kund' (ancient spa). We also visited the Buddha temple, and so forth. Museum, and another historical place.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of EBSB Training**

The phase was totally held in GGU Bilaspur. The detail of this phase are as under

### **GURU GHANSIDAS UNIVERSITY**

Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, is a Central University of India, located in Bilaspur C.G. State, established under Central Universities Act 2009, No. 25 of 2009. Formerly called Guru Ghasidas University (GGU), established by an Act of the State Legislative Assembly, was formally inaugurated on 16 June 1983. GGU is an active member of the Association of Indian Universities and Association of Commonwealth Universities. Situated in a socially and economically challenged area, the university is appropriately named to honor the great Satnami Saint Guru Ghasidas (born in 17th century), who championed the cause of the downtrodden and waged a relentless struggle against all forms of social evils and injustice prevailing in the society.

The University is a residential cum affiliating institution, having its jurisdiction spread over Bilaspur Revenue Division of the state of Chhattisgarh. It is also around 180km away from the Sirpur. We reached GGU on same day at 3 pm. We saw the banner of EK BHARAT SHRESHTH BHARAT IN BOTH CHHATISGARHI AND GUJARATI LANGUAGE and we were accommodated at the GGU guest house inside the campus. On same day, the introductory lecture was organized by Dr. Mehta and Head of the Department Dr. Pushparaj Sing, Department of Rural Technology, GGU. On the third Third day, 20<sup>th</sup> June, official training program of learning bamboo and wooden art was inaugurated with lighting the lamp. We were introduced to the department and its staff by Dr. Mehta, nodal officer of EBSB team of GGU. We were also introduced to the instruments which were to be used in learning both the arts. Apart from faculty members of the department special trainers for both wooden art and bamboo art was invited. The wooden art was taught by Yadav Ji and the bamboo art was taught by Ravi bhai. All the members were given different task of making ART piece of wooden art under the guidance of Yadav ji. We all started our tasks on same day. On the fourth day 21<sup>st</sup> July we participated in the celebration of International Yoga Day organized by the host University. After that we started our routine of learning wooden art and completed our tasks. In the second half, we went to visit Kanak Pendari zoological park. Fifth day on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, we were introduced to the Bamboo art, by Ravi bhai. Another task was given

to us of preparing bamboo items under the guidance of Ravi bhai. We spend the whole day in learning bamboo art and preparing the bamboo items.

## **MOU CEREMONY**

On the fifth day, 23<sup>rd</sup> July an interaction was held with the Hon'ble vice chancellor of GGU Smt. Anjila Gupta. The interaction was very fruitful and the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Central University of Gujarat and Guru Ghasidas University in the presence of Vice Chancellor, Registrar and other university officials. After that, we continued with the training. We spend whole day in training and in the evening we visited several places nearby Bilaspur such as: historical Mahamaya Temple, Kuntaghat Dam etc. On the last day, 24<sup>th</sup> June, we have spent time in completing our task before departing from the Bilaspur to Gujarat.

## **Certificate Distribution**

A certificate distribution ceremony was conducted at the end of the training program. Dr. Pushparajsingh, HOD, Department of Rural Technology distributed the certificate to the team members. A set of tools used for Bamboo and Wood Art was gifted to CUG as a token of their love and respect.

## **Conclusion**

It was really a wonderful and unique training of wooden & Bamboo ART in the EBSB initiative. We got an opportunity to learning this great art of Chhattisgarh, which we could have never learnt if we would have have not got an opportunity to participate in this program. During this training, we learned two traditional arts of Chhattisgarh, the *Wooden* art and the *Bamboo* art respectively. Apart from getting training for learning these two arts, we also got an opportunity to explore the *History* and *Culture* of Chhattisgarh by interacting with the students and faculties of GGU. We also got an opportunity to explore Guru Ghasidas University (GGU) and Bilaspur. We were privilege to interact with the Honorable Vice Chancellor of GGU, Prof. Anjila Gupta and other officials of the university. we place on record our gratitude to Guru Ghasidas University Team and Chhattisgarh Tourism for their wonderful hospitality and warmth. There are the fundamental findings of the training. The following images itself represents the findings of the EBSB training program.

Image-1



Image-2

## **Recommendations**

- I would like to make several fundamental recommendations to make next trip more fruitful, effective, and impressive. The recommendations are mentioned below.
- The next trip must be arranged during academic session and not during holidays. Because of holidays we missed an opportunity to interact with the students, we also missed an opportunity to understand the culture of the university.
- Strength of the team should be increased; minimum 10 members must be there in the team.
- The time of the training (number of days) must be increased so that the participants must have an enough time to complete their training. Next training must be arranged for 10 days.
- There is a need to provide enough time for exploring states cultures and history.
- Student's participants must be provided facility of travelling in AC coach, at-least in three tier AC.



## Annexure



Photo-2. Welcomed at Chhattisgarh



Photo-3. Inauguration of Training



Photo-4.





Photo-7. Wooden Art Training



Photo-8. Bamboo Art Training



Photo-9. Bamboo Art Training



Photo-9. Participation in Yoga



Photo-9. Visit to Historical Laxman Temple at Sirpur



Photo-10. Visit to Historical Buddha Temple at Sirpur



Photo-11. Visit to Historical Market at Sirpur



Photo-11. Visit to Historical Surang Tila at Sirpur



Photo-12. Visit to Kanan Pandri Zoo





Photo-13. Interaction with Vice Chancellor



Photo-14. Exhibition of the Wooden and Bamboo arts made by the participants



Photo-15. Departed for Gujarat, bye bye Chhattisgarh



Thank You