‘Solidarity Students Exchange Program’ – an initiative of the Governor

A week long ‘Solidarity Students Exchange Program’ was hosted by Nitte University, Mangalore, Karnataka from 2nd to 9th September 2017. This is a flagship program of the Indian National Fellowship Centre (Mumbai) which has been started at the initiative of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri P.B. Acharya to promote national and emotional integration and cultural exchange between youth of North East region and other parts of the country.

A team of 5 (Five) students from different parts of Arunachal Pradesh were part of the visiting delegation along with 20 (Twenty) participants from Mizoram and 7 (Seven) from Nagaland. Team Arunachal was led by Disemso Yun and other members were Topo Lukchu Digbak, Recha Rekhung, Jomnya Doji and Nabam Tutu.

During the week the team visited various institutes under the Nitte University and interacted with the staff and students. There was a healthy exchange of ideas and cultural nuances. NE students got the first hand opportunity to appreciate various local culture including delicacies and meet local artisans and experience Kannada lifestyle. Each participant was hosted by a local family for home stay for a day. This was an essential component of the exchange program.

The Chancellor of Nitte University, Shri Vinay Hegde hosted a traditional musical evening at a beach resort. The highlight of the visit was a gala cultural evening in which folk dances and songs of all the four participating states were on display. Team Arunachal performed a fusion dance showcasing the traditional dances of five Tribes. They also sang the song ‘Hamara Arunachal’ describing the beauty of the different regions within Arunachal Pradesh.

The Solidarity Students Exchange Program’ proved to be a very solid platform for the students to interact with each other. Many friendships were struck and knowledge about the respective regions shared in the backdrop of unity in diversity.

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