

## **KvS celebrates unity in diversity**

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The four-day-long mega cultural and literary event of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan — Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Parv — culminated in a grand cultural evening with prize distribution to the winners of various events. Minister for Human Resource Development, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated the event in the presence of many prominent attendees. He wore the attire of Andhra Pradesh to give a message of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat.

He said, “It’s a great opportunity to be a part of this event. I am amazed to witness our young students, spreading the message of national unity and integrity. KVS is playing a prominent role in order to achieve the dream of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat.”

This year 2,375 participants came together to be the part of it. Various competitions were conducted such as group dance of different states and countries, theatre on pertinent issues, quiz, creative writing, debates, painting and many more. To add on pleasant flavours of Indian culture and traditions, participants from all 25 KVS regions were paired to represent another state different than their own. The concept was to celebrate the idea of India as a nation wherein different cultural units across varied geographies coalesce and interact with each other. This manifestation of diverse cuisine, music, dance, theatre, handicrafts, sports, literature, festivals, paintings and sculpture will enable people to imbibe the innate chord of binding and brotherhood.

Secretary, SE&L, MHRD, Amit Khare, attended the closing ceremony as a chief guest. Kolkata region bagged 1st position as an overall winner under Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat category, while Bengaluru stood first in the category of Language of LitFest and Bhopal got first position in the Display of Artefacts or Exhibition. A total number of 28 events were organised during the occasion.

Amit Khare hailed the efforts of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for organising the event. He appealed all students to imbibe the concept of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat and make it a part of their daily life. He asked all principals to allot special page in their annual school magazine for the same.

Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat on its concluding day adopted Swachh Bharat as its side theme to promote awareness on clean and green environment. There were four different side themes allotted for all the four days, namely fit India, samagra shiksha and jal suraksha, ban on use of plastic and swachh bharat.

The event, on its last day, graciously started with the solo classical dance performances of selected participants from 25 KVS regions across the country.