

The “**EK BHARAT SHRESTHA BHARAT**” (EBSB) phase VI online camp 2021 was held for the cadets of **ANDHRA PRADESH AND TELANGANA DIRECTORATE and UTTARAKHAND DIRECTORATE**. The camp was conducted through a webinar where a total of 200 cadets and five ANOs from both the host and the guest states participated. It was an online camp of seven days from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The duration of the camp for each day was for 3 hours (11am -2 pm). The webinar was conducted on Microsoft Teams. This online camp aimed at promoting about **water conservation**. Even though the camp was online, (which sounds simple but is not) the host directorate has put in a lot of effort to retain the crux of the camp which is creating a sense national integration and togetherness in the cadets. Latest technology has been used to bring the cadets together from the safety of their homes. This EBSB program is mainly held with the aim to actively enhance the interactions between people of diverse cultures living in different states of India.

The camp had planned a structural engagement with one another in the sphere of language, literature, cuisine, festivals, cultural events, tourism, history, economy, geography and many more. It showcased the amazingly beautiful cultures of various states. It displayed unity and peace among the people and gave the platform to all the talented cadet to showcase their hidden talents. It was, indeed, a good feeling to have experienced something different through this online camp, and despite the pandemic, the world’s largest uniformed youth organization had continued in playing a role to shape the youth of the country.

This camp was a complete experience I expected. It had the entertaining element, consisting of various cultural dances and art forms. Every performance has a purpose behind it which is “Water Conservation”. It included a session discussing the effect of corona on the mental health. I really started appreciating the initiative towards that direction instead of treating it as a taboo or as a nonexistent problem. As the camp concluded, we had a huge smile on our faces when we look back to the time spent for the camp, learning many important lessons, making new friends, and developing a spirit of adventure and curiosity to explore our country. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to participate in the national level EBSB e-CAMP which gave us a chance to meet people, which otherwise would not have been possible.

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