
EMRS NATIONAL CULTURAL FEST 2022-23

BRIEF REPORT

✚ SYNOPSIS

The third edition of EMRS National Cultural Fest was organized by National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) from 31st October to 02nd November, 2022 at Bengaluru, Karnataka. The 3-days' magnanimous cultural event was hosted by Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society (KREIS) at Art of Living International Centre. It was a massive ceremony in which **around 1400 Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) students from across the country came together to celebrate India's cultural unity in diversity. More than 25 events took place during the three-day fest, from dance and song to quiz and storytelling etc.** Tribal Cultural Display was an added feature of the event in which tribal and indigenous dance forms, food and cuisine, clothes and ornaments were showcased by 10 states.

The Ministry has been organizing EMRS Cultural Fest and Sports Meet each year to provide tribal students a national platform to showcase their hidden talents in different spheres. This three-day event holds immense significance for NESTS as it is NESTS' first year of holding the mega-event and third for the Ministry. The event shall give impetus to all-round development of tribal students pursuing education in EMRSs **confirming with the spirit of Government of India's initiative of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB)** promoting sustained cultural connect and celebrating unity in diversity through national integration.

The opening day i.e. 31st October, 2022 had been chosen as an auspicious day for the cultural fest as it was the **birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel whose was instrumental in unifying the country after independence.** Oath of Unity was taken by all the attendees on this occasion.

✚ DAY-WISE ACTIVITIES

DAY 1: 31st October, 2022

❖ Inaugural and opening ceremony was held magnificently in presence of esteemed dignitaries including-

1. Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta, Minister of State, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Chief Guest for the event.
2. His holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shanker, Founder, Art of Living Foundation
3. Shri Kota Shrinivas Poojari, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Backward Caste Welfare, Government of Karnataka
4. Sh. Asit Gopal, Commissioner, NESTS, MoTA
5. Shri Ramesh Desai, Executive Director, KREIS, Bengaluru,

And other guests including NESTS and KREIS officers.



Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta addressing the gathering at inaugural ceremony



Unity Walk lead by Commissioner, NESTS and other dignitaries

- ❖ Tribal Dance performances were showcased by artists. Competitions for participating students on Day 1 were held in different events such as elocution, group dances etc. Events for teachers provided music teachers a platform to demonstrate their vocal and melodic talents. These events generated awareness on unification of rich India cultural traditions and heritage.
- ❖ The activities held on day 1 were as follows-



DAY 2: 01st November, 2022

- ❖ Second day saw some splendid performances by students that were reflection of archetypal and indomitable spirit exuberated by students, creating awareness on diverse Indian culture and arts that represents unified and shared values and practices.



Group Dance (Folk) performed by students from Rajasthan



Group Dance (Tribal) performed by students from Manipur

- ❖ The cultural activities held on Day 2 were as follows-



DAY 3: 2nd November, 2022

- ❖ The three-day long function ended with great splendor and jubilation. The day witnessed remarkable performances in some main events, followed by declaration of overall results, handing over of trophies and certificates to winners.
- ❖ The day truly marked the spirit of euphoria amongst students, establishing cultural connect and exuberating essence of national integration amongst students hailing from different states.
- ❖ **Valedictory function was graced by Smt. Yatinder Prasad, Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of Tribal Affairs who praised students' unique talents and capabilities.**



Theatrical performance by students from Karnataka state



Theatrical performance by students from Gujarat state

❖ The third day activities included-



🚩 OVERALL RESULTS

All the participating students and teachers received well-deserved applause and appreciation for hard-work, as announcement of results was a tough call for the judges considering each group and students' extraordinary showcase of talents.

Overall category results showcased following states in position of merit-

1. **Uttarakhand** stood first in the overall category.
2. **Himachal Pradesh** secured second position.
3. **Madhya Pradesh** stood third in the overall category.

As activity-wise category winners, almost every participating state's emergence was visible.



Uttarakhand state receiving trophy for grabbing first position in overall category



Students from North East who received certificates and medals for their outstanding performance

GLIMPSES FROM THE EVENT



Commissioner, NESTS taking stroll during tribal cultural display by States



Tribal Group dance performed by Karnataka state



Tribal Display & Exhibition by Rajasthan state



Tribal Display & Exhibition by Chhattisgarh state
