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## Manipur students' 5-day exposure tour to Maharashtra flagged off

For 'One India united India and strong India', we need to know each other; Manipur CM N Biren

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Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh on Monday flagged off a team of 30 students of the state along with three faculties on a five-day exposure tour to Maharashtra under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat –Yuva Sangam programme.

The chief minister flagged off the “Visit of youths of Manipur to Maharashtra” from February 20 to February 26, 2023 from chief minister’s secretariat, Imphal in the presence of Union minister of state for education and external affairs Dr RK Ranjan, Manipur education minister Th. Basantakumar Singh and director of IIIT, Manipur Prof Krishnan Baskar among others.



“To achieve the goal of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi ‘One India united India and strong India’, we need to know each other. That is the main objective of the exposé tour,” chief minister N Biren Singh said at the flagging off ceremony.

The chief minister asked the participating students to be decent while visiting the places while asserting their decency will reflect the Manipuri society.



Terming the programme as a unique initiative of the government of India, the chief minister hoped that it will provide an immersive experience of various facets of life, development landmarks, recent achievements, and connect the youths of the northeast states and other states.

“Show your best and expose the best of Manipur to your destination state while learning the best from them,” Union minister Dr RK Ranjan told the students participating in the tour programme.

He said, “The whole India is one India. We have a lot of diversity throughout the country, many languages, many cultures and many ethnicities. The Prime Minister is using this diversity as a great powerful force to make a strong India.”

The Prime Minister has a full confidence with the youths, particularly to the students to imbibe the oneness of India. The initiative will be an endeavor to create India, a strong nation, he said.

Director of IIIT Manipur Prof Krishnan Baskar gave a detailed account of the exposure tour being organized as part of the Yuva Sangam under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat under the Union ministry of education.



Ministry of Education, Government of India, had conceptualized an initiative of '**Yuva Sangam**' under **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB)** to strengthen people-to-people connect and build empathy between youth of the North Eastern States and other States of our country. This program is being organized in collaboration with various other ministries and departments such as Culture, Tourism, Railways, Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs & Sports, Home Affairs, Department for Development of North-East Region (DoNER) and IRCTC. Around 1000 youth will participate in the pilot of Yuva Sangam. Such project under the Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi, can be considered as one of the best by any government ever, to connect and strengthen the bond between young people of North Eastern States and rest of the country.

During their visits, the students will have a multi-dimensional exposure under five broad areas – Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Prodyogik (Technology) and Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect).

It's a youth exchange program where 70 students with 5 faculties will also be visiting Imphal on 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 and will tour in Manipur from 27<sup>th</sup> of February to 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2023.

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