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**JU organizes Webinar on topic “JAMMU AND KASHMIR: PAST, PRESENT AND WAY FORWARD”**



Under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat one day National Level Webinar on the topic “JAMMU AND KASHMIR: PAST, PRESENT AND WAY FORWARD” was organized by Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Naidu. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme aims to enhance interaction & promote mutual understanding between people of different states/UTs through the concept of state/UT pairing. The states carry out activities to promote a sustained and structured cultural connect in the areas of language learning, culture, traditions & music, tourism & cuisine, sports and sharing of best practices etc. The idea of a sustained and structured cultural connect between people of different regions was mooted by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the Rashtriya Ekta Divas held on 31st October, 2015, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Hon'ble Prime Minister propounded that cultural diversity is a joy that ought to be celebrated through mutual interaction & reciprocity between people of different States and UTs so that a common spirit of understanding resonates throughout the country. Every State and UT in the country would be paired with another State/UT for a time period, during which they would carry out a structured engagement with one another in the spheres of language, literature, cuisine, festivals, cultural events, tourism etc. Under EBSB Scheme different institutions have been paired with other in order to encourage the cultural exchange between two States. Under this scheme University of Jammu has been paired with Alagappa University, Tamil Naidu.

The Webinar started with the Presidential address by Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice Chancellor, Algappa University. Prof Rajendran congratulated Prof . Manoj. K Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu for all his sincere initiatives and efforts to start this chain of events between two Universities. Prof. Rajendran also shared a brief history of Tamil Naidu and its vast Culture quoting examples and references from Naradya Purana.

The key Note speaker of the webinar was Prof Jasbir Singh, Dean Students Welfare & Nodal Officer, EBSB. Prof Jasbir spoke about the history of J&K, its Cultural Heritage, Accession to the country with a very detailed presentation which was highly appreciated by all the participants including students and scholars from both the Universities and Faculty of Algappa University. Participants from other parts of the country had also joined. Prof Jasbir also interacted with students and faculty of Algappa University and answered all the queries.

Prof Manoj.K Dhar congratulated and appreciated Prof Jasbir Singh for initiating and planning various events under this scheme to be collaborated with Algappa University.