

**HUB OF LEARNING**  
**DSB INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**“EK BHARAT SHRESHTH BHARAT”**

**A WEBINAR ON CULTURAL FESTIVALS  
OF  
KARNATAKA AND UTTARAKHAND**

A webinar on culture and festivals of Uttarakhand and Karnataka was organised by DSB International Public School Rishikesh on 5 November 2020. This webinar was conducted in the line of the program initiated by prime minister Narendra Modi, Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat to commemorate the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.

Our state Uttarakhand is paired with Karnataka and our school took the initiative to conduct this webinar to share the knowledge of the culture and festivals of the two States among the students of schools in and around Rishikesh.

Teachers and students from the following schools participated in the webinar: Nirmal Deepmala School, Rishikesh; Foothills Academy, Rishikesh; Nancy international Public School, Rishikesh, Himalayan school, Rishikesh; Nirmal Gyandan Academy, Rishikesh; Hope Public School, Bhaniyawala; Shri Guru Ram Rai, Rishikesh, etc.. Around 100 students from these schools participated in the webinar and benefited themselves.

The keynote speaker to this webinar was Dr Mamta Bhatnagar, IHM Pisa, New Delhi; Former Pro Vice Chancellor of Shridhar University, Pillani, Rajasthan along with Dr Himanshu Pundit, Asst. professor, Department of ancient Indian History, Culture & Archeology, Gurukul Kangri Vishvavidhya, Haridwar. The keynote speakers spoke about the culture and festivals of these two states and how diverse and rich they are. They also spoke about the benefits of knowing each other's culture. In their speech they showcased the vast and deep knowledge they have of the history and culture of India and they passed on this knowledge in a very simple language to the students attending the webinar.

Among other distinguished speakers were Mrs Seema Semwal, Mrs Anjali Tyagi, Mr Vinay bhatnagar, Dr jagmohan Bhatnagar, Deepak Pokhariyal and Mrs Tabassum Haroon who threw light on the festivals of the two states, the economic aspect of the festivals and the life and challenges of the people living in Uttarakhand.

Mr Shiv Sehgal, principal DSB international Public School honoured everyone with his views on this initiative taken by the government and this webinar conducted by our school, he congratulated all the participants and the speakers and hoped that such webinars would be conducted in future to help everyone enhance their knowledge of rich and diverse Indian culture and heritage.

Principal  
Shiv Sehgal