

# MP students impressed with hospitality at NITK

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**Mangaluru:** "We had good learning about culture, people of Karnataka and also their wonderful hospitality," said students from Madhya Pradesh (MP), who were hosted by NITK Surathkal under the second phase of the 'Yuva Sangam' programme under the 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' initiative.

A total 45 students from MP arrived on campus on May 12. The students were accompanied by four staff members of MANIT Bhopal. The visit concluded on Tuesday.

Shashank P, a student from MP, shared that they were very happy with the hospitality extended. "From the day we arrived, until the last day, everything was organised well. We had a great time, and visited various places as per our itinerary," said Shashank.

Another delegate, Vamshi, added that she was mesmerised by the natural beauty of the region, and the varied architecture here. "It was my first visit, and I will come back again. We loved visiting beaches and interacting with people in Karnataka, whom we found to be warm and loving," expressed another delegate.

Delegates aged between 18-30, spent nearly a week here, and travelled to Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts. They visited Sasihithlu Beach, Pilikula Nisarga Dhama, Udupi, Murdeshwar, Agumbe, Moodbidri, Karkala, Sringeri, and Mangaluru city. A valedictory programme was held on Tuesday, and it ended with a cultural performance.

P Prabhakaran, the nodal officer of the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Cell-NITK, said that Karnataka is paired with Madhya Pradesh, for the exchange of students. A total 39 delegates from Karnataka are currently in MP, visiting various places. The delegates from Karnataka come from various districts, and study in numerous institutions, including NITK Surathkal. "During the first phase, IIM Bangalore was the nodal institution that was paired with the northeastern state of Assam for the exchange of students. In the second, Karnataka was paired with the north Indian state of Madhya Pradesh," he added.