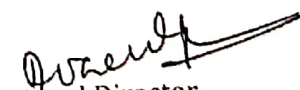


3.6.4.1 Number of employees and learners participated in extension activities conducted by the institution with Government Organization, Non-Government Organizations and Programmes such as Swachh Bharat, AIDS Awareness, Gender issue, Rights of PwD during the year.

Name of the activity	Organizing unit/agency/collaborating agency	Year of the activity	No. of employees participated in such activities	No. of learners participated in such activities
International Women Day	IGNOU RC Bijapur	2021	12	08
Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat	JSS College of Education, Vijayapura	2022	25	160
Heritage Site Adoption & Awareness walk	Department of Tourism, Vijayapura	2022	07	03
National Tourism Day	Department of Tourism, Vijayapura	2022	25	200

  
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### International Women Day Celebration

International Women Day was celebrated at Regional Centre Bijapur on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. To commemorate the occasion Shri. Mallikarjun Bajantri, Deputy Director, Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka was delivered a talk on women "empowerment and educational achievements". Further, Regional Centre women staff and invited local LSC women functionaries were felicitated with momentum. Dr.A.Varadarajan, Regional Director has presided over the function and Shri. J.Thirumurugan, Assistant Registrar coordinated the entire activities.



  
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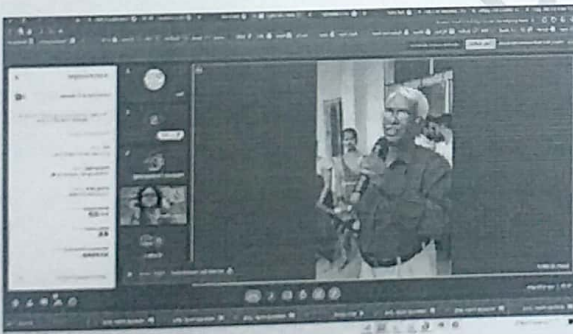
### Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

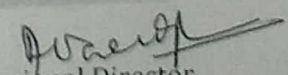
At outset, Dr. A Varadarajan Regional Director highlighted the importance of Celebration of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat iconic activity selected by MoE, GOI. Dr B N Devendra ARD moderated the activities with LSC 1307 JSS College of Education, Vijayapura under RC Bijapur.

Dr Manjunath B Kori, Coordinator of LSC 1307, gave a welcome address and the students of JSS College performed the Janapadha (Folk Songs) and Dollu Kunita (Drum Folk Dance).

In this respect RC Bijapur has performed the following 3 programmes namely 1) Kolata 2) Folk song 3) Dollu kunita.

1. Kolata (Kol+aata) a dance with sticks is a one of the traditional art form of dance performed in villages specially during Janmashtami. Women & unmarried girls used to participate in the Kolata dance which normally performed during the Janmashtami almost all in all parts of Karnataka. The dance performance will be normally in round shape with Gejji (Payal) with tune of the sticks.
2. Similarly the Folk song performed by our learners is basically harvest based folk song, but also these folk songs are mixed with all agriculture and allied activities of rural Karnataka.
3. Drum beat (Dollu Kunita) is a time immemorial dance programme by men folk to announce their victory in the war and any other inter- region competitions. It is very popular among Kuruba tribal community in which they also used as a medium of communication during olden times. This dance is specially designed to praise Lord Shiva for their victorious moments.



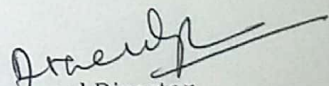
  
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### Heritage Site Adoption & Awareness walk

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Heritage Site Adoption & Awareness walk was conducted by Tourism Department, Vijayapura. Many officials from different Departments, IGNOU staff and learners were took active participation in the programme.



  
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### National Tourism Day

Dr.A.Varadarajan, Regional Director has participated in the National Tourism Day Celebration as a guest of Honor on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The programme was organized by the Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka.



  
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