

United Kingdom Delegates in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Trivandrum (November 2008)

The U K delegates of United kingdom India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) were enthralled by the bygone “Gurukula” system of education adapted and followed meticulously by Jawahar Navodaya vidyalaya Trivandrum and the Navodaya vidyalaya Samiti at large. Beginning from the amiable, marvellous receptionists Mahabali & Vamana beside the Floral Carpet with the accompaniment of School Band and garlanding fairies marked a traditional and festive welcome to the foreign dignitaries. Mr. Mathew Stopp , Mr. Chris Robinson, Mr. Steve Cliff & Ms.Trisha Thakrar, the heads of various UK schools, showered admiration by their indelible remarks on the visitors register “I haven’t got enough words to express my feelings” and “I love this school, a wonderful school with so many amazing things happening here”, “This day will stay in my heart” , “exceptional students - I will remember the experience forever” etc . with brimming hearts after the cultural feast marking the culmination of the day’s events; visit to the classes, various labs, smart rooms, museum, Art and music rooms, library, farming units , dormitories , dining hall interactive sessions and the campus as whole.



The delegates were spell bound by listening to the answer with an immense feeling of contentment and satisfaction ‘that our sons and daughters get the best education available in the world and they become self reliant, independent and well integrated personalities’ to the query put to the parents by Ms.Trisha Thakrar, ‘How could you leave your children in this school?’ Mr. Ravi , Principal, JNV, Shimoga & coordinator UKIERI cluster reaffirmed the statement that the alumni of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have been proved highly resourceful and dynamic in adjustment , inter personal relationships besides excelling in soaring new heights.

Shri . K.O.Rathnakaran Venue principal had the privilege to be one among the Indian delegates to visit Leicester (UK) in September 2007 and selected Rushey Mead secondary school Leicestershire as their British Partner. The educators exchanged views , familiarized with the nuances style and prevailing system of education, decided to uphold this strategic partnership and invited their counterparts to India for further enhancement of educational Research on Internationalism in the Curriculum to mould the inmates as global citizens.

The partnership will be continued with the exchange programme of the staff and students of this vidyalaya with their counter part vidyalaya in U K, immediate exchange of lesson notes, projects , assignments and other innovations and researches taking place in both clusters for ready made use . The futures plans include exchange of ten each student into the different schools of both clusters and sponsoring for the economically back ward students and thereby safe guarding this gem of strategic partnership beyond the limits of time and space.



The cultural feast organized in honour of the dignitaries was a replica of Kerala in specific but Indian culture and heritage at large. The Kathakali Dance performed by Mas. Anathanuuni left no limits of appreciation. Thiruvathira, Semi classical dance and Kambadavukali by the students disseminate the subtle nuances of rich and varied Indian culture tantalizing the dignitaries creating an affinity for Indian heritage. 'It is assuredly a pioneer step for Jawahar Navodaya vidyalaya Trivandrum' remarked Mr. K.O.Rathnakaran, Principal. He also opined that the Navodaya Vidyalayas whose primary objective is to promote national integration through migration policy will go a long step forward and become the stalwarts of both national and international integration and cooperation.

