

# Lavni, Khichadi & Kalari takes students on a different journey...

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There was a festive mood in SDM-Institute of Management Development (SDM-IMD) as the students came together to celebrate the vibrant Indian culture on Thursday. The institution has organised a 15-day festival to celebrate the rich cultural and tradition of different States of the country.

Students of SDM-IMD under the banner of *Kalanubhav*, the cultural forum, are celebrating *Dhanak-2013* which includes different types of cuisines, traditional dance of different formats.

On Feb. 7, the entire day was dedicated to Maharashtra and the students were treated to some of the best Maharashtrian cuisine such as *Mugaachi Khichadi*, *Shrikhand*, *Mirchi Thecha*, *Goan Aloo Gobi*, *Kanda Bhaji*, *Misal Paav* and *Kokam Sharbat*. Students were seen queuing up at the canteen to grab some delicious food. The institution has formed a mess committee which includes students who guide the cooks on preparing different delicacies of the State selected for the day.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Kunal Kumar Singh, a PGDM student and native of Bihar, said the festival was or-

ganised to celebrate vibrant India. "We have a separate mess committee at the institution and it includes students. The event is being organised for 15 days and all 28 States of the country are covered. This gives us an opportunity to exhibit and get introduced to different cultural traditions of the country," he said.

The event began with celebrating Karnataka's cultural and tradition on Day 1. Later, it was Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir followed. The other States which are being showcased include Bihar and UP, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal, North-Eastern States, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and other States. The event will go on till Feb. 18.

Apart from the delicacies, cultural programmes are organised to mark the occasion. Feb.7 being the day dedicated for Maharashtra, students performed cultural programmes relating to the tradition of the State. Students were seen enjoying *Kathak*, *Lavni*, Karnatak music and *Rabindra Sangeeth* performed by their fellow students Achita Khare, Sakshi Ranadive, Varsha Sengupta and N. Maithri respectively.

Soon after the cultural programme by the students, it was time for some breathtaking *Kalaripayattu* performance

by Maruthi Marma Chikilsa and Kalari Sangham, Trivandrum. The artistes from Trivandrum set the stage on fire through the performance. The different form of *Kalaripayattu* was performed by an eight-member group at the Amphitheatre inside the college premises.

For the students and staff members who are busy with their academic works throughout the year, *Kalaripayattu* came as a big relief as it took them on a journey to a different world.

Speaking to *SOM*, Ajit Kumar, *Kalaripayattu* artiste, said that he felt good to have come from such a long distance to perform at SDM-IMD. He added that the response from the audience was too good and it encouraged them to do some of the different forms of art which much confidence.

"It all depends on the response we get from the audience. We evaluate the audience once we come on the stage. Depending on their taste, we perform different forms of the art," said Ajit Kumar.

The festival organised at SDM-IMD is a perfect example of showcasing the diverse culture of our country. Such events help in building a sense of oneness among the students and college faculty. [Pics. by Hampa Nagaraj]

