

The eight students dance team led by Escort Teacher Mrs. Antim Biswakarma from Jorethang Senior Secondary School, South Sikkim participated and secured 3rd position at National Level Kala-Utsav held at Regional Institute of Education (RIE) Complex, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh during 3-6 January 2018. The school had stood first at State Level competition organised by RMSA, Sikkim on 28th October 2017 and was selected for participating in National Level competition. The students from all across the country showcased their artistic talents at National Level in the field of music, theatre, dance and visual arts with the theme **Ēk Bharat Srestha Bharat**. The third Prize carries award of Rs.2 lac besides trophies and certificates.

Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development Department (MHRD) under RMSA scheme to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of students at the Secondary stage. Kala Utsav was started in 2015 and is now being regularly organized every year as a celebration of art forms in the school system. The event gives students the opportunity to understand and celebrate cultural diversity at School, District, State and National levels. The Ministry has from this year initiated the concept of pairing of states to promote national integration and create awareness about the paired state. Sikkim was paired with State of Delhi and hence accordingly Sikkim performed Bhangra Dance from Delhi.

The award ceremony held on 6th January 2018 was attended by Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Shri Upendra Kushwaha as the chief Guest who gave away the third prize to the students of Jorethang SSS in the presence of Union Secretary, MHRD and other high level officials.

