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With a view to accepting and understanding an array of different cultural and community perspectives, Royal Global School, Assam had India-Denmark International Exchange (Educational and Cultural) Programme with Eisbjergshus Internationale Eftershole (School) Eisbjergvej 2, 5580 Norre Aaby, Denmark, from 23.01.18 to 01.02.18. The exchange programme has been designed to create an ambiance for active interaction and exposure of the rich culture of Assam among the students of both the countries.

Visiting the Manchester of East, Suwalkuchi was the chosen spot to initiate the momentum. Guests were taken to weaving centers to get a firsthand experience and knowledge about the weaving process of the traditional garments like *Eri* and *Muga* silk exported all over the world. In the later part of the day the team visited the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, to see the cultural heritage of Assam.

The International students were introduced to RGSMUN '18 which was an extravaganza of debates and discussions, the next day. Over 40 delegates from Royal Global School and the Danish delegation were split into two intense committees and spent an exciting day deliberating over global issues and representing voices of different countries. The Danish guests were fortunate to witness Republic Day Celebration at the premises of the school with the colourful performances presented by the host students. Visits to the Balaji Temple as, Kamakhya Temple were occasions to experience the religious hues of the region.

An exciting part of the exchange was a home-stay, in which Danish students accompanied their Indian buddies to their homes and explored the flavor of Indian culture and lifestyle. They spent a night enjoying their hospitality and bonding over stories, conversations and food. The guests were delighted to apply *mehendi* on their hands, wear traditional clothes, introduce their taste buds to street food and experience the Alfresco Grand Cruise while discussing mythological stories

Denmark being the land of plains, visit to the Scotland of the East, Shillong on the penultimate day was a treat to their eyes. The students were taken to the Cathedral of Mary Help Christians, Elephanta Falls; St. Edmund's College and tasted the local cuisines of the state. This enriching trip ended with a safari in the jungles of Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, where the guest students, saw the one-horned rhinoceros, the pride of Assam and other migratory birds. In the evening, a bonfire was organized ushering the bonhomie among the members.

Guests were reported to be thoroughly overwhelmed by the hospitality extended by Royal Global School. Natascha Zander Lindegaard, a 16 year old student visiting India for the first time said, "India has shown me so more than the beauty of nature, it has shown me the beauty of people."