**7.1.8 - Describe the Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environment i.e. tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal, socio-economic and other diversities (within a maximum of 200 words)**

HBNI as well as its CIs/OCC are under the umbrella of DAE and pursue all directives of the Government, including providing opportunity to all sections of the society. As an institute open to all, HBNI has only merit as its sole criterion in every process, and does not discriminate in any manner between students or faculty based on any factors such as region, community or language. The CIs/OCC of HBNI regularly organize cultural/outreach /extension programmes where students from diverse regions participate in a harmonious manner. Festivals of all regions are enthusiastically celebrated by all students and faculty. The pledge administered on the occasion of Sadhbhavana Diwas to all students and faculty clearly emphasises the commitment for emotional oneness and harmony. There are Hindi essay and poem competitions in which a large number of non-Hindi speaking members not only participate but win the top prizes also. Same is true for Marathi and other regional languages related events. BARC Staff club and other similar clubs in the CIs/OCC conduct several events which contribute significantly towards harmony among the diversity.