

23. NSS Report on the Statue of Equality Town Hall Meetup

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Location: Statue of equality shamshabadh



Event Overview: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of JBIET organized a Town Hall Meetup titled "Statue of Equality" to enlighten students about the monumental Statue of Equality dedicated to the 11th-century philosopher Sri Ramanujan Acharya. The event aimed to foster understanding of Sri Ramanuja's teachings on equality, devotion, and inclusivity.

Key Highlights:

- **Introduction to the Statue of Equality:** The session commenced with an informative presentation on the Statue of Equality, located in Muchintal, Hyderabad. Standing at 216 feet, it is the world's second-tallest sitting statue, honoring Sri Ramanuja Acharya's contributions to philosophy and spirituality.
- **Insights into Sri Ramanuja Acharya's Philosophy:** The meetup delved into Sri Ramanuja's philosophy of Vishishtadvaita, emphasizing devotion (Bhakti) and selfless service (Seva) to God. Discussions highlighted his advocacy for social equality and accessibility in spiritual practices.

- **Virtual Tour of the Statue's Features:** Participants were virtually guided through the statue's base, featuring a 120 kg gold idol of Sri Ramanuja, and the surrounding 108 Divya Desams (model temples). The base also houses a Vedic digital library and research center, promoting the study of ancient texts and traditions.
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** An engaging question-and-answer segment allowed students to delve deeper into the historical and cultural significance of the statue and its surroundings, fostering a spirit of inquiry and learning.



Conclusion: The Town Hall Meetup successfully provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the Statue of Equality and the profound teachings of Sri Ramanuja Acharya. It underscored the NSS's commitment to promoting cultural awareness and community engagement, inspiring participants to embody the values of equality and devotion in their daily lives.