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From the Desk of **THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

It's my pleasure to inform you that Central University of Odisha has completed fourteen successful years with a meaningful existence in every respect. The last few months have been remarkably eventful for the university.

The Central University of Odisha is admitting students at three new undergraduate and one postgraduate programme from the current academic session i.e. four-year B.Sc. programmes in Agriculture Science, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Forest Management and a two-year PG/MBA Programme in Logistics and Supply Chain Management. Considering the academic scenario in India, it has been decided to launch the above new programmes to cater the interest of the young population of India, giving particular emphasis to the tribal community of

Odisha. New faculty members will join the Central University of Odisha family shortly as the rigorous selection process is going on. I am also happy to announce that a few newly recruited staff members in the rank of Associate Professors in the departments of Sociology, Hindi, Odia, and English have already joined.

The Central University of Odisha has organized a five-day National Workshop in collaboration with The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi and the Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Bhubaneswar to prepare language learning materials for the Kui and Desia-speaking learners in the line of the NEP-2020. The material has been designed to enhance listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Kui and Desia languages. The effort of this kind targeted at mother tongue education is just the beginning in this direction, which will be extended to the languages spoken by other indigenous communities of the region soon.

The 9th International Yoga Day was celebrated in a befitting manner on 21 June 2023 at the Central University of Odisha campus. A Yoga workshop was organized to perform various yoga asanas following the Common Yoga Protocol guidelines. The Central University of Odisha conducted a Press Conference jointly with the Centrally Funded Educational Institutions of Koraput on "Implementation of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020)". The Central University of Odisha, in association with Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha celebrated Kargil Vijay Divas on 26 July 2023 at its campus at Sunabeda under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, a flagship programme of Ministry of Education.

Besides, I attended the Visitor's Conference 2023 at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 10th July, which has been inaugurated by the President of India, Her Excellency Smt. Droupadi Murmu. In her inaugural address, the President said that education is vital for the progress of the individual, society and country. She stated that providing equitable and inclusive higher education to youth from socially and economically disadvantaged groups is one of the National Education Policy- 2020 priorities. The President said that the NEP-2020 aims to make India a Global Knowledge superpower. She expressed confidence that higher educational institutions will play an essential role in achieving the goal of establishing India as a developed nation by the year 2047.

I have also attended the programme of the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi, inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to coincide with the 3rd anniversary of National Education Policy 2020. As the Prime Minister of India rightly said, "Our education system has a huge role in achieving the goals with which 21st century India is moving" Emphasizing the importance of the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam, the Prime Minister said that discussion and dialogue are essential for education. He mentioned that the hard work of the stakeholders from the world of education for the new curriculum in primary education, writing of books in regional languages, for higher education and for strengthening the research ecosystem in the country is very much in need. The Prime Minister thanked the intellectuals, academicians and teachers for taking this up as a mission and contributing towards the immense progress.

Lastly, I am delighted to announce that a Regional Centre in Hindi Language, Govt. of India will be established at the Central University of Odisha Koraput to spread Hindi Literacy across the state of Odisha.

The University is moving forward with great energy and will contribute significantly to the world of knowledge.

Professor Chakradhar Tripathi
Vice-Chancellor
Central University of Odisha

PRESIDENT OF INDIA INAUGURATES VISITOR'S CONFERENCE 2023 AT RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN



The President of India, Her Excellency Smt Droupadi Murmu, inaugurated the Visitor's Conference 2023 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 10 July 2023.

In her inaugural address, the President said that education is vital for the progress of the individual, society and country. For most youth, higher education is the most effective way to escape adverse situations. She stated that providing equitable and inclusive higher education to youth from socially and economically disadvantaged groups is one of the National Education Policy- 2020 priorities.

The President said that countries could become Global superpowers with the power of knowledge. She stated that the NEP aims to make India a Global Knowledge superpower. She expressed confidence that higher educational institutions will play an essential role in achieving the goal of establishing India as a developed nation by the year 2047. She was happy to note that the Union Ministry of Education, coordinating with all stakeholders, is making continuous efforts in this direction.

The President said that according to NEP, effective governance and leadership enable the creation of a culture of excellence and innovation in higher education institutions. The common feature of all world-class institutions has been the existence of solid self-governance and outstanding merit-based appointments of institutional leaders.

The President said that knowledge centres should become hubs of the knowledge economy. They should move forward with the ambition of developing cutting-edge technologies. She added that our Technology Institutes have to take the initiative in areas like artificial intelligence. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, attended the Conference.



INAUGURATION OF AKHIL BHARTIYA SHIKSHA SAMAGAM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi on 29 July 2023. It coincides with the 3rd anniversary of National Education Policy 2020. He also released the first installment of funds under the PM SHRI Scheme. A total of 6207 schools received the first installment with a total amounting to 630 core Rupees. He also released education and skill curriculum books translated



into 12 Indian languages. The Prime Minister also took a walkthrough of the exhibition showcased on the occasion.

The Prime Minister underlined the primacy of education among the factors that can change the destiny of the nation. “Our education system has a huge role in achieving the goals with which 21st century Indian is moving”, he said. Emphasizing the importance of the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha

Samagam, the Prime Minister said that discussion and dialogue are important for education. The Prime Minister mentioned the coincidence of the last Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam taking place in the newly constructed



Rudraksha convention center of Varansi and this year's Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam taking place in the brand new Bharat Mandapam. This is the first event at the Mandapam after its formal inauguration.

Shri Modiji said that on the one hand, the educational system of India is preserving the ancient traditions of the land while on the other hand, the nation is fast progressing in the field of science and technology. He also said that in NEP traditional knowledge and futuristic technologies have been given the same importance. He mentioned the hard work of the stakeholders from the world of education for the new curriculum in primary education, books in regional languages, for higher education and for strengthening the research ecosystem in the country. The Prime Minister thanked the intellectuals, academicians and teachers for taking this up as a mission and contributing towards the immense progress.

Prof Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of CUO attended the programme in Delhi and had exchange of ideas about the present educational scenario of India following NEP 2020.



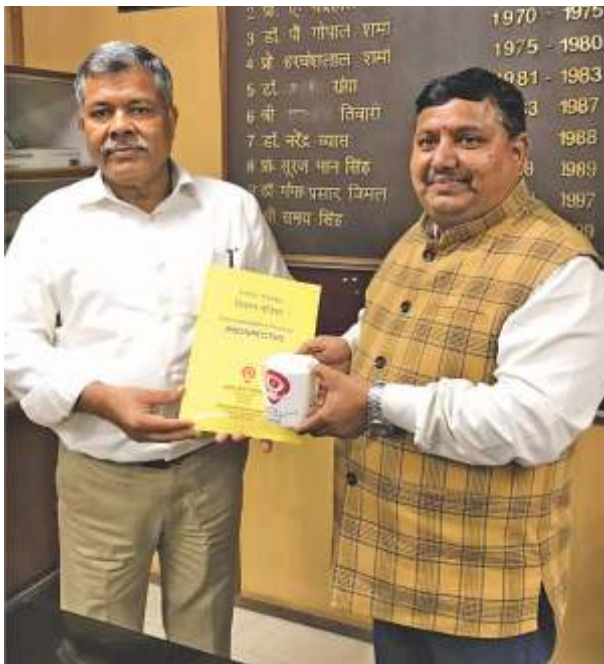
VC, CUO MEETS EMINENT HINDI SCHOLAR PROF. SIYARAM TIWARI



Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha, visited Eminent Hindi Scholar Prof. Siyaram Tiwari on 05 May 2023 at his Library – cum- Residence at Patna. Prof. Tiwari is the former head of Hindi Bhavan, Dean of the School of Languages, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan and the writer of Thirty Books. He is known in the literary world for his extraordinary work on *Kavyabhasha*. Prof. Tripathi did his Ph.D. at Visva-Bharati under the supervision of Professor Siyaram Tiwari.



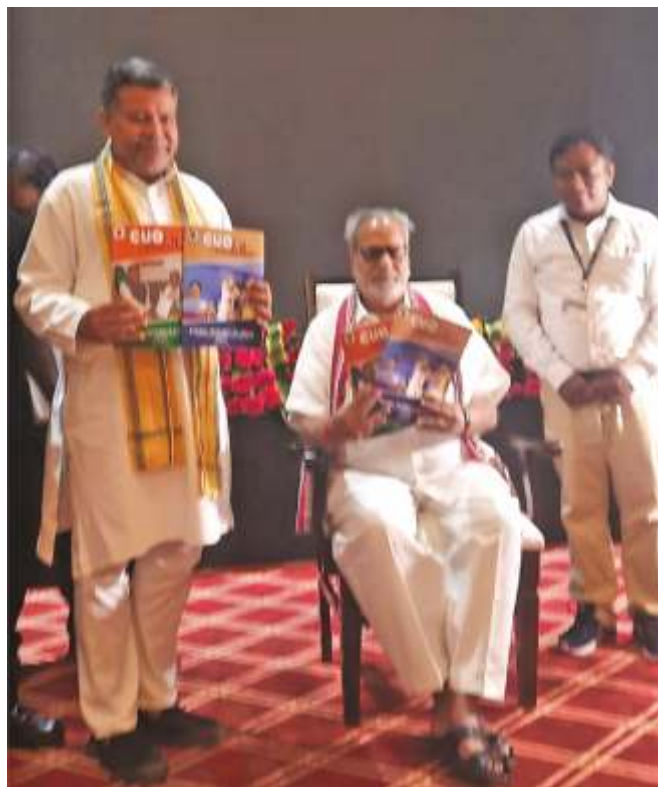
REGIONAL CENTRE IN HINDI LANGUAGE, GOVT. OF INDIA WILL BE AT CUO KORAPUT



Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Odisha, called on Prof Sunil B Kulkarni DG, Central Hindi Institute, Agra, Govt. of India, on 31 July 2023 at New Delhi. He discussed the establishment of a Regional Centre in Hindi Language Education at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, to spread Hindi Literacy across the state of Odisha. Discussed the matter in details and agreed to have the Regional Centre at CUO. This will be the first of its kind in Odisha.

HIS EXCELLENCY PROF. GANESHI LAL, THE GOVERNOR OF ODISHA, RELEASES THE CUO NEWSLETTER

His Excellency Prof. Ganeshi Lal, the Governor of Odisha, released the CUO Newsletter at Raj Bhavan, Bhubaneswar, on 30 April 2023. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, apprised the Governor of the recent activities of the University, which is reflected in the Newsletter. Governor expressed his happiness after seeing the Newsletter.



CONSULTATION OF ICSSR AND NCST NEW DELHI WITH VICE-CHANCELLORS ON JANAJATI RESEARCH CENTRES FROM 05-06 JUNE 2023



TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON INDIAN FINANCIAL MARKET: INSTRUMENTS AND SERVICES



The Department of Business Management, Central University of Odisha, organized a two-day workshop on "Indian Financial Market: Instruments and Services" during 25-26 April 2023 in collaboration with the National Institute of Securities Market (NISM), Mumbai. Prof Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Odisha, Koraput, inaugurated the workshop. In his inaugural address, Prof Tripathi lauded the Department for organizing the workshop in

collaboration with NISM—a prestigious institute in financial markets. He opined that such a workshop on the Indian financial market is very relevant in present-day India as it is fast marching towards the cherished goal of a 5 trillion USD-strong economy as our beloved Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi envisioned.

Dr Prasant Kumar Behera, HoD I/c, Business Management, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the salient features of the Department and student achievements. Prof Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor (Academic and Administration), Central University of Odisha, outlined the importance of the workshop in the financial market and called upon the students to play a pivotal role in building a vibrant economy. Mr C Vijaya Rao, the Resource Person from NISM, spelt out the contents of the different sessions and thanked the Department for allowing conducting the workshop.

SOFT SKILLS TRAINING BY JMC FACULTY OF CUO FOR SOG CASIS

The faculty members of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication from the Central University of Odisha conducted Soft Skills Training Programme of 2nd Batch CASIs at SOG AET & RC, Koraput on invitation during 21-27 February 2023. The topics covered included Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication; Listening Skills; Importance of effective communication; Acquiring good communication and social skills; Societal expectations and Behavioral changes needed in police; Emotional Intelligence; Time Management; Stress Management; Special Lectures and Case Study presentations.





Faculty members including Dr. Sourav Gupta, the HoD I/c, JMC of CUO; Dr. Pradosh Kumar Rath; Dr. Sony Parhi; Ms. Talat Jahan Begum and Mr. Telaram Meher conducted the training programmes.

Dr. Sourav Gupta thanked Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha and Mr. Prakash Chandra Tripathi, the Commandant of SOG AET & RC, for providing an opportunity to the JMC faculty members for conducting the Soft Skills training.

CELEBRATION OF BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF ADI GURU SHANKARACHARYA

**SHANKARACHARYA IS A SYMBOL OF INDIA'S CULTURAL CONSCIOUSNESS -
PROF. CHAKRADHAR TRIPATHI**



The Central University of Odisha celebrated the 1235th birth anniversary of Adi Guru Shankaracharya on its campus at Sunabeda on 27 April 2023 under the aegis of the School of Languages. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, conveyed his best wishes. In his message, the Vice-Chancellor said that Jagadguru Shankaracharya symbolizes India's cultural consciousness. He was the incarnation of Lord Shiva. Prof. Sudhendu Manadal, Advisor-Academic and Administration, attended as the Chief Guest and addressed the students and faculty members. He said, "India is proud and crowned by saints like Shankaracharya, and students should benefit from their knowledge" in his address. Presiding over the function, Dr. N.C. Panda, Dean, School of Languages, said that Shankaracharya was the founder of Advaita philosophy. His philosophy is *Brahma* is accurate, and *Jagat* is false. Dr Jung Bahadur Pandey, the Guest Professor of the Department of Hindi, also addressed the audience.

FAREWELL TO THE REGISTRAR OF CUO



The Central University of Odisha bid farewell to the Registrar, Dr Asit Kumar Das, in a befitting manner, who reached superannuation after serving the University for five years. In this regard, the University organized a farewell function at its campus Sunabeda on 04 May 2023. Dr Das joined the University in May 2018 and completed his 5 years tenure. He was given a warm farewell and felicitation by Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Adviser –Academic & Administration; Prof. S. K. Palita, Dean School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources; Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean School of Languages, Shri K. Kosala Rao, Finance Officer; Teachers, Officers and administrative staff of the University. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Tripathi recalled the good works performed by Dr Das during his tenure. Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor, Academics, recalled the struggle of Dr Das throughout his life to reach the highest position of Registrar of the Central University. Other faculty members and staff also spoke on the occasion, highlighting the appreciable works of Dr. Asit Das.

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES UNDER G20 JAN BHAGIDARI PROGRAMME

The Central University of Odisha, on the Mandate of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, conducted a series of activities under the G20 Jan Bhagidari Programme to promote India's Presidentship at G20. Nominated as Anchor Institute of Koraput, Nabarangpur and Malkangiri District, the University conducted many activities from 01 April to 22 April, on the direction of Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha. Dr. Pradosh Kumar Rath was nominated as Nodal Officer for the CUO Anchor Institution. IIT Bhubaneswar is nominated as the Lead Institution of Odisha to conduct the events in Odisha as IIT conducted the G20 Third Working Group Summit on Education during 23-27 April 2023. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the Nodal Officer Dr Rath and his team for successfully completing the series of activities during the period.

On 01 April 2023, the Vice-Chancellor formally inaugurated the G20 event by inaugurating the G20 logo in the presence of



students and staff of the University. In Koraput town, the University, with the help of Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Koraput inaugurated the event by conducting a rally and procession. After the inauguration, many events took place in and out of the campus of the Central University of Odisha. These activities include competitions like Essay, Elocution, Quiz, Rangoli, Face Painting and Slogan Writing competitions, Plantation Drive, Athletics Meet, Swachhata Campaign, Seminars, Workshops, food festival, and other activities. Under the Seminar activities, the University conducted two seminars on different topics at its campus. The first seminar was based on "Conservation of Biodiversity: Need of the Hour" under the Chairmanship of Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, The Vice-Chancellor. The speakers of the Seminar were Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor, Academic and Administration, CUO, and Prof. S.P. Adhikari, former Vice-Chancellor, FM University, Balasore. The second seminar was based on "Blending Teaching and Learning through Technology". Prof. Harekrushna Senapati, former Director of NCERT and Professor of the Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar, was the Chief Speaker on the occasion.



The University also conducted two athletics events during the period. The University conducted the Fitness Festival during 11-12 April under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor. Important games held during the fest were Athletics, Marathon Run, Plogging Run, Yoga & Aerobics, Volleyball, faculty run, and Table Tennis tournament. This event was coordinated by Prof. Jatin Soni, former Vice-Chancellor of Swarnim Gujarat Sports University, Gandhi Nagar. During 21-22 April, the University conducted the Bharatiya Paramparik Kreed Mahotsav, a



display of traditional games on the verge of extinction in India. Five teams from Assam, West Bengal, and Odisha visited the University and displayed various traditional games and sports. It was conducted in collaboration with an eminent organization, Kreedha Bharti. The Hon'ble Union Minister of State inaugurated the event for Education, Dr Subash Sarkar. Apart from the above, the University also conducted Youth Festival, Tribal Festival, and Food Festival

during the session. The Food Festival, catering to various cuisines from millets and other local cuisines, was the main attraction of the Jan Bhagidari Programme. The Union Minister, Dr Sarkar, appreciated the foods prepared from Millet.

The University also conducted various events outside the campus during the period. It conducted essay competitions, athletics events, and seminars in Nabarangpur College, Nabarangpur, Malkangiri College, Malkangiri, Govt. ITI, Malkangiri, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Malkangiri, Kudumulugumma College, Malkangiri, Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Koraput, District Medical Office, Malkangiri and other places. The events were appreciated by people all over the three districts as their purpose was to create awareness of India's global leadership. Under the guidance of Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Odisha, the University successfully conducted the events. It was also ably assisted by other



authorities of the University, including Registrar Dr Asit Kumar Das, Finance Officer Mr K. Kosala Rao, Public Relations Officer Dr Phagunath Bhoi, and other officials. A team comprising four students and one faculty member was deputed to IIT Bhubaneswar to represent the University at the main event, i.e. Working Group Summit on Education. They are Ragula Devender, Prakash Paraset, Manisha Gupta and Sasmita Behera. The four members team was led by the Dean of Students' Welfare of the University, Dr Ramendra Kumar Parhi.



FELICITATIONS TO VICE-CHANCELLOR PROF. CHAKRADHAR TRIPATHI AT BIHAR HINDI SAHITYA SAMMELAN



The Central University of Odisha organized a felicitation programme on 10 May 2023 to honour Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor who was felicitated by His Excellency the Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, on the occasion of the 42nd Convention of Bihar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan held at Patna on 6-7 May 2023. The programme was organized under the chairmanship of Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor-Academic & Administration of the University's

campus. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of CUO, Prof. Tripathi, was awarded the prestigious Acharya Shivpujan Sahay Smruti Award for his valuable contribution towards the promotion of the Hindi language and Literature by His Excellency Governor in the presence of the Chairman of the Conference, Dr Anil Sulabh and other dignitaries. Two Guest Professors of the University, Dr J.B. Pandey and Dr. Hemraj Meena were also awarded Acharya Devendra Nath Sharma Award and Raja Radhika Raman Prasad Award, respectively. Prof. Mandal felicitated Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, whereas Prof. S. K. Palita felicitated Dr J. B. Pandey and Prof. N.C. Panda congratulated Dr Hemraj Meena on this occasion.



Speaking on occasion, Prof. Mandal said that the honour of Vice-Chancellor Dr Chandradhar Tripathi, Dr J.B. Pandey, and Dr Hemraj Meena is the honours to the University. This is the day of pride that the three eminent scholars glorify the Central University of Odisha on the soil of Bihar.



Sharing the happy moments, Prof. Tripathi said a man could be found by his circle Surrounding.

SPECIAL LECTURE ON STATISTICS OF THE 21ST CENTURY: NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Statistics, CUO Organized a Special Lecture on 'Statistics of 21st Century: New Challenges and Opportunities' on 12 May 2023 on its campus at Sunabeda. Prof. Anurup Majumdar, Professor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya West Bengal, and Dr Mahesh Kumar Panda, Associate Professor, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, attended as the special lecture's Chief Speaker and Guest



Speaker. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, conveyed his best wishes and hoped the students would learn many features of new challenges and opportunities in Statistics of the 21st Century. Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor (Academic & Administration), CUO, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour and shared his valuable thoughts about the history of statistics in India. Mr Biswajit Bhoi, Assistant Professor of Economics and Head (I/c) of the department, delivered the welcome address.

Prof. Majumdar spoke on the 'Application of Multiple Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) Approach for Ranking Different Alternatives using the TOPSIS Method'. He highlighted the various methods and approaches in using applications in statistics. His talk was very informative for both students and research scholars.

Dr Panda delivered a fundamental and informative talk on 'An Introduction to Machine Learning'. In his address, he enlightened how machine learning plays a vital role in various sectors like medical science, business, industries, etc., in today's globalized world.

On this occasion, Prof. N.C. Panda, Dean, School of Languages, faculty members, namely Dr Suman Dash, Dr Bidyadhar Bishi, Dr Subas Ch. Pattanayak, Dr Birendra Sarangi, and Dr Phagunath Bhoi, PRO, were present with the faculties, research scholars, and students of various departments. The programme was anchored by Miss Sushree Samidha Biswal, student Dept. of Statistics. Dr Kalyani Sunani, faculty Department of Statistics, offered the vote of thanks to all the respected dignitaries present in the special lecture.



NEW FEATHERS IN THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME OF CUO

The Central University of Odisha starts three new undergraduate and one postgraduate programme from 2023-24. These are four-year B.Sc. programmes in Agriculture Science, Dairy Science, and Forest Management and a two-year PG/MBA Programme in Logistics and Supply Chain Management. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, had a meeting in the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, at New Delhi to discuss starting of new programmes for the young generations of Odisha and India. Considering the academic scenario in India, it has been decided to launch the above new programmes to cater to the interest of the young population, including the tribal community

New Programmes from 2023-24

1. Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Science, Duration: 4 years
2. Bachelor's Degree in Dairy Science, Duration: 4 years
3. Bachelor's Degree in Forest Management Duration: 4year
4. PG/MBA (Logistics and Supply Chain Management), Duration: 2 years

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON KUI AND DESIA LANGUAGES

Human beings create languages and need to be preserved to know about the history and heritage of people and places. That was precisely the aim of the five-day national workshop, which was conducted to prepare materials for *Kui* and *Desia* languages that will enable learners, especially the young, to learn their mother tongue.



Learning material prepared in *Kui* and *Desia* language

To prepare learning materials for the *Kui* and *Desia*-speaking learners to learn in their mother tongue, as per the NEP-2020, a five-day National Workshop was organized by The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Bhubaneswar and Central University of Odisha (CUO) was concluded on 02 June 2023 at the University campus. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, addressed on this occasion. He conveyed his thanks to Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director NCERT and Prof. Prakash Chandra Agarwal, Principal RIE, for their support and guidance in this noble initiative initiated by Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan.

Learning materials in *Kui* and *Desia* languages were prepared in the workshop under the Chairmanship of Dr Basant Kumar Panda and the supervision of Dr Mahendra Kumar Mishra and Mr Shivshankar Patnaik.

Summary of National Workshop:

- Importance was given to listening, speaking, reading, and writing in *Kui* and *Desia* languages while preparing books

- A list of child-friendly vowels and consonants vocabulary in *Kui* and *Desia* languages has been prepared, with appropriate illustrations
- Selection and formatting of the words collected for the preparation of the elementary book
- The lessons are prepared in a simple order consisting of vowels and consonants in the *Kui* and *Desia* languages.
- Two alphabet books in *Kui* and *Desia* languages are prepared for the primary class. Additionally, the Odia letters were also introduced appropriately.
- The books will be on experiments with local *Kui* and *Desia*-speaking person with odia translation skills
- The revision and edition of the book will be done after various experiments at the initial level.

Members of the *Kui* Samaja of Semiliguda visited the University and interacted with the Committee members. They are Habika Rabi, President; Bigyan Santa, Secretary; Biswanath Disari, Sana Jani, Binod Mandingi, Damodar Jani, Anil Sarika, Rudra Santa, Syam Sundar Pujari, Sridhar Jani, Hulka Sunam Jani, and Sana Jani.

It may be recalled that the Regional Education Centre, Bhubaneswar, had formed two committees of *Kui* and *Desia* language experts to prepare textbooks in *Kui* and *Desia* languages. Dr Parmanand Patel, Dr Dileshwar Rana, Dr Govind Chandra Penthai, Suresh Khora, Birendra Madangi, Sana Santa, Hanak Tadingi, and Trinath Khora are members of the committee for the preparation of textbooks in *Kui* language. In contrast, Dr Rajendra Padhi, Dr Gopabandhu Mohanty, Dr Kapila Khemond, Dr Rudrani Mohanty, Somnath Amanatya, Geetanjali Pujari, Narayan Majhi, Govind Kumjharia, and Surendra Tanti were members of the committee for the preparation of textbooks in *Desia* language. Dr Jugal Kishor Mishra, Retd. Principal, DIET, Jeypore and Dr Phagunath Bhoi, PRO of the University, were present on this occasion.



The next workshop will be organized at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, to finalize the work.

CONDOLENCE FOR BALASORE TRAIN MISHAP VICTIMS

A condolence meeting was organized at the Central University of Odisha both online and offline on 05 June 2023 for the peace of the souls of the people who lost their life in the train accident in Baha Naga. Balasore, Odisha.



On this occasion, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi and the University staff kept silence for two minutes. They paid tribute to those who died in the train accident at Bahanaga Bazar station in Balasore district, Odisha. He said, "The deadly train crash was an unfortunate tragedy of humanity. Many precious lives were lost, and many people were injured". On behalf of the Central University of Odisha, we expressed profound grief on the sad and sudden demise of the number of people travelling on the train. He also expressed heartfelt condolences to those who lost their lives and their bereaved families. He also prayed for the speedy recovery of all those affected.

Prof. Tripathi announced that the employees working in the CUO would donate one day's pay to the PM Care Fund/any other Central Government Relief Fund to support the victims of this terrible catastrophe. The employees present on this occasion welcomed the Vice-Chancellor for this noble cause.

On this occasion, Dr Atanu Kumar Raha, IFS and former PCCF & HOFF, Govt. of West Bengal; Dr Sanjay Kumar Patnaik, GM-Environment, NALCO; Shri Ramesh Chandra Swain, CYSD; Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor-Academic and Administration; Prof. S.K. Palita, Dean School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean School of Languages, Dr Kakoli Banerjee, Asst. Professor and Coordinator of the programme, Dr Ramendra Parhi, DSW; Dr Pradosh Kumar Rath, Asst. Professor; Sh. Sanjeet Kumar Das, Asst. Professor; Dr Phagunath Bhoi, PRO; Mr Shreeram Parhi, Executive Engineer; Sh. Manas Kumar Das, Asst. Registrar; Sh. Pradeep Kumar Samantray, PS to Vice-Chancellor, and others were present to convey their condolences to the bereaved family.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



The Central University of Odisha celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2023 at its campus, Sunabeda. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, presided over the programme and addressed on the occasion. He highlighted different types of pollution, including moral, cultural, water, air, and soil pollution, which lead to the degradation of our whole environment. He advocated the Indian tradition and education, which educate the people to protect the environment. On the other hand, western tradition and education, developed science and technology have caused many environmental problems and issues. He expressed concern and said, "Education plays an important role in protecting our surroundings. The Indian education system teaches us the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (One world, one family) from the ancient period. He advised us to learn noble thoughts and noble practices from our traditional system of education and reminded the word of the great poet Santhakabi Bhima Bhoi, "*Mo Jeeban Pachhe Narke Padithau Jagat Udhara Heu*". The concept of humanity and liberation of the world was the central theme of his poetic creations. Dr Kakoli Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, coordinated the programme and delivered the welcome address.

Dr Atanu Kumar Raha, IFS and former PCCF & HOFF, Govt. of West Bengal, attended the programme as the Chief Speaker and elaborated on the history of degradation and destruction of the environment from ancient

times to the present day. Prof. S.K. Palita, Dean of the School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources delivered a lecture on Beat Plastic Pollution and Ecosystem Restoration. Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean School of Languages, stressed the awareness of the cleanliness of the air, water body, and land.

Dr Sanjay Kumar Patnaik, GM-Environment, NALCO, delivered a lecture on sustainable and responsible mining practices for a sustainable environment. Shri Ramesh Chandra Swain, CYSD, stressed using hazardous chemicals and fertilizers in agricultural practice in environmental pollution.

Dr Ramendra Kumar Parhi, DSW and Co-coordinator of the programme, highlighted various initiatives the University took to protect and clean the environment. Dr Debabrata Panda, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources extended the vote of thanks.

On this occasion, saplings were planted on the University campus to make the University campus clean and green. Others present were Dr Pradosh Kumar Rath, Asst. Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication; Sh. Sanjeet Kumar Das, Asst. Professor of English; Dr Phagunath Bhoi, PRO; Mr Shreeram Parhi, Executive Engineer; Sh. Manas Kumar Das, Asst. Registrar; Sh. Pradeep Kumar Samantray, PS to Vice-Chancellor, was present along with the students and research scholars of the University.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2023



The 9th International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 21 June 2023 at the Central University of Odisha campus. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, inaugurated the programme, congratulated the University community, and advised them to be blessed with unbroken joy by trying to find the store of happiness hidden by themselves through Yoga. He said, "The effort to find pleasure (Ananda) is Yoga; to connect with Purnabrahma with reverence through Yoga is great pleasure (Mahananda). This effort has been continued by India's great persons (Manisha) since time immemorial. On this occasion, the



Administrative Advisor of the University, Prof. Bhishas Chandra Jha; Academic Adviser, Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Dean of the School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita, Dean of the School of Languages, Prof. Nrisingha Charan Panda; and Prof. Hemraj Meena of the Department of Hindi also extended their best wishes and highlighted the theme of International Yoga Day.

A Yoga workshop was organized on this occasion. Eminent Yoga expert Sri Jaya Krishna Pradhan performed various Yoga asanas per the Common Yoga Protocol guidelines. The Public Relations Officer, Dr Phagunath Bhoi, coordinated the programme, while Deputy Registrar Ms Parul Yadav proposed the vote of thanks. The Yoga session was attended by a large number of teaching and non-teaching staff and students from the university, including Dr Jayanta Kumar Nayak, Controller of Examinations; Dr Debabrata Panda, Assistant Professor and Dr Bijayananda Pradhan, Assistant Librarian.

JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE BY CENTRALLY FUNDED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF KORAPUT ON 'IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020 (NEP 2020) (ORGANIZED ON THE OCCASION OF THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF NEP 2020)



The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) was launched by the Govt. of India on 29 July 2020 for the holistic transformation of the education system to align with the aspirational goals of 21st-century education with the ethos of India's traditions and value systems to achieve Sustainable Development Goals, It lays particular emphasis on the development of the creative and skilled potential of each individual, said

Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Odisha in a joint Press Conference jointly organized by all the educational institutions of Koraput under the Ministry of Education, i.e. Central University of Odisha, Koraput; Kendriya Vidyalaya, Koraput; Kendriya Vidyalaya, NAD, Sunabeda; and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Koraput on 19 July 2023 held at the University campus. On the occasion of the 3rd Anniversary of NEP 2020 and 2nd Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam during 29-30 July 2023, which will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at New Delhi, to be organized by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

The Press Conference was also attended by Shri Arabinda Biswal, Principal, KV Koraput, Mrs. Anindita Chatterjee, Principal, KV Sunabeda. Mrs. Milani Mitra, Principal JNV Koraput. The programme was coordinated by the Convenor of the NEP Implementation Committee of CUO, Prof. S. K. Palita and a Vote of Thanks was given by Spokesperson and PRO, Dr Phagunath Bhoi.

CELEBRATION OF BRIKSHAROPAN UTSAV



Given the present monsoon, the Central University of Odisha (CUO), Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Koraput; Kendriya Vidyalaya, Koraput and Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sunabeda jointly organized a tree plantation programme (*Briksharopan Utsav*) in the University campus on 19 July 2023 to spread awareness of forest conservation and to save the environment. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, presided over the programme and delivered the presidential address in the inaugural session of the programme. He highlighted the various benefits of planting trees. He said, "Trees and forests play a crucial role in maintaining an ecological balance and providing oxygen to human beings.

If we want to survive pollution, save our environment and the world, we have to plant many trees. ". He also highlighted the history of the plantation, starting in 1926, by Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, the first Nobel Laureate in Asia at Balaton, Hungary, by planting a tree.



General Manager of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Sunabeda, Shri Sudhansu Mohan Jena attended as Chief Guest on the occasion highlighted the activities of educational institutions for promoting awareness about the plantations. Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita, Dean, School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources; Shri Arabinda Biswal, Principal, KV Koraput; Mrs Anindita Chatterjee, Principal, KV Sunabeda, Mrs Milani Mitra, Principal JNV Koraput spoke about the importance of tree plantation as the Guest of



Honour on this occasion. Participated in the Programme were Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor-Academic; Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean, School of Languages, Prof. S. B. Bagchi, Visiting Professor; Dr Prasant Meshram, Controller of Examinations along with students, research scholars, teachers, and Officers from the University, KV Sunabeda, KV Koraput & JNV Koraput. Dr Rudrani Mohanty, Associate Professor, compeered the programme, and Dr Phagunath Bhoi, PRO extended the vote of thanks. Mr. Madan Mohan Patra coordinated the entire programme under the guidance of Prof. Sudhendu Mandal. After the inaugural programme, the Guests, Students, and teachers planted different varieties of saplings on the University campus.

REMEMBERING THE MARTYRS ON 24TH KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS



The Central University of Odisha, in association with Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwa vidyalaya, Wardha celebrated Kargil Vijay Divas on 26 July 2023 at its campus Sunabeda under *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*, a flagship programme of Ministry of Education. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, conveyed his best wishes for a successful programme. He said in his message, "We honour the great heroes who sacrificed their lives for the victory of Kargil. Today, on this victory day, let us think about how we have to empower our country. The universities have

to produce well-qualified scientists, patriots, scholars, thinkers, well-qualified disciplined youth at the level of character and thought for the country's future". Dr Sourav Gupta, Nodal Officer, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, CUO, delivered the welcome address.

Shri Shailesh Kumar, DIG, BSF, Koraput, attended as the Chief Speaker on this occasion. He tried to educate students about the history of the Kargil War and the grim reality of armed personnel who risk their lives in battle so that their country's citizens can live in peace. He also focused on the technological advancements made in the army.

Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor –Academic, presided over the programme and highlighted the history of border conflicts between the countries. He said, "It all started with the Britishers who decided to invade India and later partition it. The nation is safe for the sake of the sacrifice of its soldiers". He mentioned that the Koraput has played a significant role in national security through HAL and NAD.

Prof. Vibhas Chandra Jha highlighted the adverse condition of geographical areas where our soldiers are doing their duties to save our life. Dr Prasant Meshram, Controller of Examinations of the University, delivered his address in the Marathi language as Odisha is paired with Maharashtra under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. He spoke about the great freedom fighters who gave our country freedom. Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean, School of Languages and Prof. S. K. Palita, Dean, SBCNR, spoke on the occasion.

To celebrate the Kargil Vijay Divas, the University organized three competitions, i.e., Rangoli, Painting, and Slogan Writing, on 25 July 2023. Prizes and certificates were awarded to the participants. Dr Minati Sahoo proposed the vote of thanks. The Programme was attended by students, staff and faculty members of CUO as well as delegates from BSF, Koraput zone.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER VICE CHANCELLOR LATE PROF. I. RAMABRAHMAM



The Central University of Odisha paid rich tribute to its former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. I. Ramabrahmam, at the University campus while observing his Second death anniversary. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, paid rich tribute to the late former Vice-Chancellor. On this occasion, Prof. N. C. Panda, Registrar & Finance Officer I/c.. Dr. Prasant Meshram, Controller of Examinations; Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor, Academics; Prof. Vibhash Chandra Jha, Advisor Administration; Prof. S.K. Palita, Dean School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, Prof. Bagchi and Prof. Hemraj Meena, Visiting Professors; I/c., Dr Kapila Khemundu, Associate Professor along with all the staff offered floral tribute on the portrait of Prof. Ramabrahmam. A two-minute silence was observed to pay respect in honour of the departed soul.

A meeting was organized under the Chairmanship of Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. In his address, he said, "Prof. Ramabrahmam was a man of action, a true leader, a prominent educationist and a great social thinker and policy maker. He tried his best and had planned a lot to develop this University during his short period". He recalled the memorable period spent with the late Prof. Ramabrahmam at the University of Hyderabad. He declared the dreams towards the development of the University cherished by the former VC to be lifted up, and we will work with true spirit to fulfil his dreams, which will be a great tribute to him.

Other members present also remembered Prof. Ramabrahmam and spoke on the occasion. Prof. Mandal recalled that Prof. Ramabrahmam was a visionary Vice-Chancellor and internationally recognized political scientist. Prof. Palita highlighted the various developmental works the former VC did from the day of his joining. Prof. Panda advised the University community to try their level best to develop the University to fulfil the dreams of the former VC. Prof. Jha retorted that the thoughts of Prof. Ramabrahmam would be listed out, and we would work on this line. Dr Meshram said that it was an irreparable loss for the University. Prof. Meena, Dr Khemundu, Dr Sourav Gupta, Dr Ramendra Kumar Parhi, Dr Kakoli Banerjee, Dr Pradosh Kumar Swain, Dr Dillip Patnaik, Dr Phagunath Bhoi and Mr Jitendra Panda also recalled the memories with Prof. Ramabrahmam.

RAJBHASHA WORKSHOP AT NAD



The Central University of Odisha organized a workshop on Rajbhasha on 25 July 2023 at NAD Main Campus, Sunabeda. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, conveyed his best wishes for a successful programme and hoped this workshop will enhance the Hindi communication skills of the employees of NAD. The General Manager of NAD, Mr Manmohan Goel, presided over the programme. Prof. Hemraj Meena, from the University and the workshop coordinator, imparted training on the use of Hindi in the office. Eighteen participants participated in the training. All the participants were provided with standardization of the Devanagari script and copies of administrative books.

BANA MAHOTSAB AT CUO



Bana Mahotsab, a plantation event, was held at the Sunabeda campus of the Central University of Odisha on 31 July 2023. It was organized under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat in association with Rashtradeep Prasar Samiti, Damanjodi.

Dr Sourav Gupta, Nodal Officer, EBSB, delivered the welcome address and welcomed the dignitaries to plant saplings. The dignitaries included Prof. N. C. Panda, Registrar (I/c), CUO, Prof Sudhendu Mandal, Advisor, Academics, CUO, Prof. V. C. Jha, Consultant, Administration, CUO, Prof. S. K. Palita, Dean, SBCNR, CUO and Dr Jalendra Tripathy, Secretary, Rashtradeep Prasar Samiti, Damanjodi. The plantation was carried out at the main campus of CUO by the dignitaries, officers, staff, students, faculty, and research scholars of CUO.

A formal meeting of Faculty, Research Scholars, and Staff was held followed by the plantation. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CUO, in his inaugural address, Prof. Tripathi emphasized the significance of trees in Indian cultural tradition. Prof. Tripathi said that the trees like *Peepul* and *Vat* protect us and enrich us with shelter, shadow, happiness, leaves, flowers, fruits, and wood. And most importantly, trees inspire us. He stressed the need for tree plantations to enhance forest resources.

The dignitaries delivered brief speeches on the occasion, outlining various essential aspects of tree plantation, while Prof. N. C. Panda explained the significance of trees in ancient Indian philosophy, Prof. Mandal recalled the tree plantation by Rabindranath Tagore in Hungary in 1926 and the subsequent tradition at Santiniketan. Prof. Jha and Prof. Palita discussed various scientific issues related to plantations. Dr Jalendra Tripathy discussed the spiritual importance of tree plantation. Dr Rudrani Mohanty, Associate Professor, Dept. of Odia & Dr Kakoli Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Dept. of BCNR, sang songs on this occasion. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr B. K. Srinivas, HOD (I/c), Dept. of Anthropology, on behalf of CUO, and Dr Ashok Mohanty, on behalf of RPS, Damanjodi.

The eminent people present on this occasion included Dr Dilip Pattanaik, Deputy Registrar; Mrs Parul Yadav, Deputy Registrar; Dr Phagunath Bhoi, PRO; Dr Minati Sahoo, HOD (I/c), Dept. of Economics; Dr P. K. Rath, Assistant Professor, DJMC and Dr Debabrata Panda, Assistant Professor, DBCNR. Students and research scholars of CUO and members & office bearers of RPS, Damanjodi attended the programme.

NEW JOINING



PROF. SRIJIB BHUSAN BAGCHI
Visiting Professor

Professor S. B. Bagchi joined the Dept. of Statistics, Central University of Odisha as the Visiting Professor on 24 April 2023. Having Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of Calcutta in 1973 joined the University of Kalyani as a Lecturer in Statistics. In 1980, he joined the Dept. of Mathematics, the University of Burdwan as a Reader in Statistics and subsequently in 1989 he started a new Department of Statistics as Professor and Founder Head and continued up to 2006. Then he joined Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata as a Visiting Scientist. In 2008, he joined the P.G. Dept. of Mathematics, Bethune College, Kolkata as Jyotsnamoyee De Chair Professor of Actuarial Science. Prof. Bagchi served Aliah University as Professor and Head of the Dept. of Statistics and Informatics from 2010 to 2016 and also served the University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata as Emeritus Professor from 2017 to October 2020.

During his academic career he served various institutions like the University of Calcutta, Visva-Bharati, Rabindra Bharati, Presidency, Raiganj and Central University of Odisha, Koraput as Visiting/ Adjunct Professor. Besides, he served as an expert of the faculty selection committee of the Universities/Institutes like Calcutta, Burdwan, IIT, Kharagpur, Kalyani, Aliah, Dibrugarh, Manipur and West Bengal State College Service Commission. Prof. Bagchi also delivered lectures on Statistics Day 29th June, 2015 organized by CSO, IS Wing, Kolkata, keynote address in the Two-day workshop on Data Analytics in 2017 organized by Institute of Engineers, Jharkhand Chapter, and also delivered invited lectures in Indian Science Congress 2019 at Manipur University and at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput in 2019 and 2020.

His research publications appeared in peer reviewed journals like IEEE Transactions on Reliability, JSPI, CSA Bulletin, Calcutta Mathematical Society Bulletin, IAPQR Transactions, Mathematical Sociology, Thai Statistician, etc. Prof. Bagchi is also credited for publishing books for Graduate students of Mathematics and Statistics, book on Strategic Management, Decision Theory, and Decision Science – Contributions to Policy Issues by Springer Nature Singapore.

Prof. Bagchi guided 6 Ph.D. students and examined a large number of Ph.D. theses. His areas of research interest are Mathematical Statistics, Statistical Quality Control, Reliability Theory, Social Network and Sampling. During his academic life he has organized a large number of workshops, seminars and conferences at the national and international level.. He visited countries like UK, Australia and Bangladesh and currently the Chairman of Indian Association for Productivity, Quality and Reliability.

NEW JOINING



DR. VIBHASH CHANDRA JHA
Consultant (Administration).

Dr. Vibhash Chandra Jha joined the Central University of Odisha, Koraput on 8 June 2023 as Consultant (Administration). Prof. Jha was formerly Professor of Geography, Visva-Bharati, securing first Class First position in M.Sc.(Geography) and Ph.D.(Geomorphology) from B.H.U., Varanasi in 1978 & 1983 availing the BARC Fellowship of the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India, did P-1 and HUSACM1 courses in 1984 & 1985 & URW course in 1995, IIRS in Remote Sensing. He started his career as a Scientist/Engineer 'SD' (Geographer) for the National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, posted at IIRS Dehradun.

Professor Jha served Visva-Bharati from July 1986 to March 2023 as a permanent faculty reaching to the position of Professor having research interests in the areas like Land Degradation and Desertification in tropical lands, Engineering Geomorphology and Landscape Ecology. He was awarded second place in the International Photogeomorphological contest at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada in 1993. Prof. Jha worked as Head of the Department of Geography, Visva-Bharati (Two terms), Chairman XI Plan Task Force, Professor-in-Charge, Planning and Development Board, Visva-Bharati and also completed two terms of his tenure as Dean, Vidya-Bhavana (Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences), Visva-Bharati from 2015 to 2017 and from 2019 to 2021 and was Member of the Executive Council of Visva-Bharati (2016-2017). Prof. Jha has worked as Registrar and Finance Officer in Visva-Bharati. Prof. Jha has also served as Director, National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO), Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India (ACC Approved Post), Kolkata, from 2012 to 2015. Prof. Jha has worked as Vice-Chancellor, TM Bhagalpur University, during July 2019 to September 2019. Professor Jha acted as Co-ordinator for the Project INDIA-ASEAN Archaeological Atlas from Satellite Data-"Connectivity of Regional Culture: Finite Route & Infinite Values" A Joint Venture between India and Thailand aiming at strengthening Bilateral relations between the ASEAN nations in the field of Science & Technology following the Thematic Mapping and descriptions of the Buddhist sites of the Nations namely-India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Vietnam,, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos and Cambodia. He was also a Member of the Government of India, National Delegation of the Ministry of Science & Technology to Thailand during December, 2012, 2013 & 2014.

Prof. Jha served as the President, Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA) 2016, Member, Executive Body of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), BIS and Natural Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Government of India, the President, Indian Institute of Geomorphologists (IGI-2009), Full Member of the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Land Degradation & Desertification, and EC Member of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) during 2001-2005. Dr. Jha visited the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy as a special participant at the Workshop/conference and also participated in the 4th and 5th International Conference on Geomorphology at Bologna, Italy and Tokyo, Japan in 1997 and 2001 as National Delegate. Twenty four Research Scholars have been awarded Ph.D. degree under his supervision. He has more than 147 research papers and 85 Maps, Atlases, Monograph in NATMO to his credit, being the author of a research monograph on Himalayan Geomorphology and books on Geomorphology and Remote Sensing, Land Degradation and Desertification and Cartography and Climate Change. He was also Member of the Advisory Board of UGC, DST, DRS/SAP programme in Kolkata, Burdwan University and Expert Member in various academic bodies. He served as the Vice-Chairman of the R&D Expert Committees on Earth Sciences including Geoinformatics in Department of Science & Technology and Biotechnology, Govt. West Bengal, Member of Expert Committee for preparing a Document for the West Bengal State Geospatial Policy and Member Expert Committee for designing of courses of M.Sc. Geography programme, IGNOU, New Delhi. Professor Jha has travelled widely to countries like Hungary, Italy, Vatican City, Austria, Germany, Kenya, Canada, USA, Thailand and Japan for various seminars/conferences and workshops.

Prof. Jha was Visitor's Nominee in the Academic Council of NEHU (Shillong), Chairman, Editorial Board of the Journal of Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA: 2019-2022), Vice-President, National Association of Geographers INDIA (NAGI: 2021-22). Prof. Jha acted as Chairperson in NAAC Peer Team visiting different universities like Tripura University (A Central University), Pulwama, Srinagar (Kashmir), Amravati (Maharashtra), Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya and many others. Also participated in National Webinar on "National Education Policy, 2020" in August 2020 as invited Speaker. He was member, Committee for Compilation and Verification of Data: World Heritage, Visva-Bharati, January 2022 and Member, School Board of School of Earth Sciences, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, since January 2022.

NEW JOININGS



Er. Sriram Padhi

Er. Sriram Padhi joined the University as an Executive Engineer on 22nd March 2023. Before joining at Central University of Odisha, he was working as Manager (Civil) at SUKHOI Engine Division, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Koraput Division handling the construction projects of manufacturing plant, Pre-Engineered buildings(PEB), 15mld water treatment plant, 300 residential staff quarters, CPWD works, GIS Map of HAL Estate, Drone survey, arbitration & claim settlement of construction projects, tendering, evaluation of projects, contract management coordination with State Govt. and Central Govt. authorities for statutory compliance for infrastructure projects, He qualified Post Graduation in Real-Estate & Valuation (IGNOU-IESMA) B.E.(Civil). Diploma in Geo-informatics (CDAC-PUNE) and GATE in 2004. He is the fellow member of Institute of Engineers, India.



Dr. Kapila Khemundu

Dr. Kapila Khemundu was promoted to Associate Professor in the Dept. of Sociology with effect from 16th September 2021. Prior to his present position he served as the Assistant Professor and Head-in-Charge of the Department and Director (Honorary), Centre for Tribal Welfare and Community Development (CTWCD) of Central University of Odisha, Koraput since the beginning. His number of books and research papers were published in various national and international journals. He did his M.A., M.Phil. & Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



Dr. Prasant Meshram

Dr. Prasant Meshram joined in the University as the Controller of Examination on 28th June 2023. He served 5 years in Automotive and Pharmaceutical Industry as Accounts Officer, then as Assistant Registrar (Accounts) from 1997 to 2005 at Sant Gadage Baba Amravati University, Amravati. Also Served as Joint Registrar at Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan from May 2005 to June 2023 where he worked in different departments of Visva-Bharati like Accounts, Academic & Research, Sc/ST Cell, Liaison Officer for SC/ST/PWD, Officer-in-overall Charge for Hindi Teaching Scheme of Ministry of Home Affairs. Also served as the first Finance Officer of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak from January 2009 to January 2012.. He has about 26 years of administrative experience in different capacity.



Dr. Rudrani Mohanty

Dr. Rudrani Mohanty joined as the Associate Professor in the Department of Odia Language & Literature on 4th July 2023. Prior to her joining she was a faculty member at Central University of Odisha from 16th September 2009. She is a member for Development of learning teaching- material for the Kui and Desia Language Primer Books jointly constituted by the Central University of Odisha, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Regional Institute of Education (RIE). Her research and teaching area is Modern Odia Poetry, Folklore, Tribal Culture, Language and Literature. She published six books and a number of articles, stories and poems in various journals/magazines.



Dr. Nirjharini Tripathy

Dr. Nirjharini Tripathy joined as Associate Professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, Central University of Odisha, Koraput on 12th July 2023.. Previously She served as Associate Professor in the Department of English, Utkal University and as Assistant Professor in the School of English, Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur. She has translated the Sambalpuri play Bhukha written by Mangalu Charan Biswal into English named as The Staved, published by the international publisher Hachette UK. She is the author of the books Trauma and Terrorism in the novels of Don Dellilo, Mohsin Hamid and Shafi Ahmad, Women and awareness in the writings of Manju Kapur, Mahasweta Devi and Mahesh Dattani and The Myriad Facets of Women: A study of the novels of Manju Kapur.



Prof. N. C. Panda

Prof. N. C. Panda, Professor of Sanskrit and Dean, School of Languages has taken over the charges of Registrar and Finance Officer I/c. of the Central University of Odisha after relieving of Mr. K. Kosala Rao the then Finance Officer and Registrar I/c. on 27th July 2023.

STUDENT CORNER

UGC NET/JRF QUALIFIED AND AWARDS

Dept. of Anthropology

Ms Pinky Sisa, Ph.D. Scholar has been selected for "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students" under the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (First Student from Bonda Tribe) Category to pursue Ph.D. in June 2023 under the supervision of Dr. Jayanta Kumar Nayak (Assistant Professor-Selection Grade), CUO.



Dept. of English Language and Literature

Mr. Chandan Sahoo, of batch 2010-12, qualified UGC JRF December 2022

Ms. Sanghamitra Sahoo of batch 2020-22, qualified UGC-NET December 2022

Mr. Amrutayan Priyadarsan of batch 2020-22, qualified UGC-NET June 2023

Dept. of Journalism & Mass Communication

Mr. Joydev Mazumdar of the 2017-19 batch, qualified UGC-JRF December 2022

Mr. Sanat Padhi of the 2018-20 batch, qualified UGC-NET December 2022

Ms. Mousami Jena of the 2020-22 batch, qualified UGC-NET December 2022

Dept. of Economics

Ms. Manisha Gupta, Research Scholar (Ph.D.) of the Department of Economics, Central University of Odisha, was awarded "Professor Baidyanath Mishra Best Paper Award- 2023" along with a cash prize of Rs.10,000 in the 55th Annual Conference of Orissa Economics Association held at Kalahandi University on 11th-12th February 2023. Her research paper was on the topic "Bauxite Mining and Food Security: A micro-analysis in Koraput District, Odisha", which has been result due to the collective work of her and Dr. Minati Sahoo, Research Supervisor and Head(I/c).



Ms. Swapnil Mohakuda, of batch 2021-23, qualified UGC-NET June 2023

Ms. R.U Megha Kousalya Geru , of batch 2021-23, qualified UGC-NET June 2023

Ms. Tarani Padhan, of batch 2021-23, qualified UGC-NET June 2023

Dept. of Odia Language and Literature

Mr. Samir Munday of the 2020-22 batch, qualified UGC- NET & JRF December 2021 & June 2022

Ms. Suchismita Nayak of the 2020-22 batch, qualified UGC- NET & JRF June 2023

Ms. Puspallata Maharana of the 2018-20 batch, qualified UGC- NET December 2021 & June 2022

Mr. Jogeswar Giri of the 2020-22 batch, qualified UGC- NET & JRF December 2022

Mr. Rakesh Barik of the 2020-22 batch, qualified UGC- NET December 2021 & June 2022

Ms. Subhadarsini Biswal of the 2020-22 batch, qualified UGC- NET December 2021 & June 2022

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