

Central University of Orissa Celebrated International Women's Day – 2016



**CUO honoured
Community
Impact Award
recipient at the
Google Science
Fair**

**Ms. Lalita Prasida
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International Women's Day - 2016 was celebrated in Central University of Orissa, Koraput today by organising a special programme at University permanent campus, Sunabeda. The programme was organized by the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of CUO. The Vice-Chancellor of CUO, Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty presided over the programme. Ms Lalita, a class 9th Standard student from Delhi Public School, Damanjodi who was the recipient of the Scientific American's Community Impact Award at the Google Science Fair was the Guest of Honour for the event. Her mentor Smt. Pallabi Mohapatra a science teacher in DPS, Damanjodi was the Special Guest.



The Vice-Chancellor and the distinguished Guests lighted the lamp followed by a welcome song by the CUO students. The welcome address was given by Dr. Poornima Rajendran, Member, ICC. This was followed by the address on women's Day by Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, Presiding Officer of the ICC.



She addressed the significant contributions made by the Women to the society from the historical perspectives.

Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Vice Chancellor of CUO honoured both the Guests with Mementos. Both the Guests shared their experiences of their journey from Sai International School, BBSR to Google Science Fair, California. Also they discussed their project of purifying waste water from the corn cobs. Further, Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty by appreciating Ms. Lalita and her mentor Smt. Mohapatra highlighted the prevalence of gender issues in today's World and the contribution of Women in making the nation to move forward. Prof. Mohanty also underlining the *guru-sisya parampara* while highlighting the achievement of Ms. Lalita and her mentor Smt. Mohapatra.



On pursuance of the International Women's Day, ICC also organized an essay writing competition on 2nd March 2016 in three languages, i.e English, Hindi and Odia. The theme of the essay writing competition was

'Promoting Gender Equality to Prevent Violence against Women'. Around one hundred and thirty students actively participated in the competition from various departments. Winners in different category were awarded by the Vice-Chancellor with a prize and certificate.

The celebration was ended with the vote of thanks given by Minati Sahoo, Member, ICC. It was compeered by Sushree Kranti Titikshya Samal, student of the Dept. of Biodiversity & Conservation of Natural Resources. Students, Faculty and staff were present in large numbers.

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