## उड़ीसा केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय, कोरापुट

(केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम 2009 के तहत स्थापित)

### Central University of Orissa, Koraput

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#### 140th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel celebrated at Central **University of Orissa, Koraput**



Central University of Orissa celebrated the 140<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's in a befitting manner at University the campus Koraput, today. Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty Vice-Chancellor of the University inaugurated the

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"Sardar Patel was an outstanding leader who believed in the culture of work and we should try to practise the value of his life which will be the felling tribute to a great soul on his 140<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary" Prof. Mohanty said while speaking on this occasion. He elaborated the most difficult works undertaken by Sardar Patel under his leadership during the period of freedom struggle. "If Patel was not there then India would not have been united as an independent nation", he said. After independence he led India on the path of development.

"Patel invoked the patriotism of India's monarchs, asking them to join in the freedom of their nation and act as responsible rulers who cared for the future of their people. He persuaded the rulers of 565 states of the impossibility of independence from the Indian republic, especially in the presence of growing opposition from their subjects" Prof. Mohanty said.

Prof. Kishore Chandra Raut elaborated the role and responsibility played by Sardar Patel on Unification of 565 princely states in Indian Union, drafting of Indian Constitution and other developmental activities like cleaning of Ahmedabad.

Sardar Patel was born on Oct 31, 1875, at Karamsand in Gujarat. As a barrister with successful law practice, he joined the Indian national movement under Mahatma Gandhi and grew up to become one of his great followers. He played a key role in organising peasants' movements in Kheda, Borsad and Bardoli in Gujarat and promoting the 'Quit India Movement' against the British regime.

Colonel R.S.Chauhan, Registrar of the University also pointed out the significant role played by the Iron Man of India during the freedom struggle while proposing vote of thanks.

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The Programme was coordinated and organised by Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer of the University. It was compared by Dr. Aditya Keshari Mishra, Faculty of the Department of Sociology. Students, faculty and staff were present in large numbers.

(Dr. Phagunath Bhoi) Public Relations Officer