

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014

### **“CUO propagates Euphrates project under Erasmus Mundus programme”**

The Euphrates project is a unique and important International level programme for Higher education in the European countries conducted under the Erasmus Mundus Programme which is an outcome of joint collaboration between European Union and Indian Nation. Eleven Universities of India have participated as partners in the program along with 12 European Universities and Central University of Orissa is one of them. The project was initiated by former Vice Chancellor of CUO, Prof. Surabhi Banerjee in 2013 and is propagated by Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, Asst. Professor CBCNR now. It is a matter of great pride and an important academic achievement for an upcoming university like CUO. The Central University of Orissa (CUO), Koraput launched the second call of the Euphrates project under Erasmus Mundus programme from 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2014 to 11<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2015 for the students and staffs of CUO on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 at its Landiguda campus in Koraput.

The programme started off with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dias which included Prof. M. Altaf Khan, Controller of Examination, CUO, Dr S.K Palita, Dean School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, Mr K.V Uma Maheshwar Rao, Deputy Registrar (Administration), Mr K. Kosala Rao, Deputy Registrar (Academics), Dr. Debabrata Panda, Assistant Professor, Centre For Biodiversity & Conservation of Natural Resources (CBCNR) and Dr Kakoli Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Centre For Biodiversity & Conservation of Natural Resources (CBCNR) & Coordinator of the Euphrates Programme.

Prof. M.A.Khan in his inaugural speech, encouraged the students to take up the opportunities and emphasised the importance of innovation, invention, adoption and commercialisation. Dr. Banerjee explained about the project and the future prospects of the programme. It may be mentioned that Dr. Banerjee visited Spain as the Coordinator of the programme in 2014.

Dr. S. K. Palita led stress on importance of collaboration between Academic Institutions, its prospects for students and also called for taking the programme ahead. He also stressed the historical evolution of Science in the world, and contemporary issues like copyright and IPR.

Mr. K. Kosala Rao informed the students of the academic evidences required by the students for admission into the Erasmus Mundus Programme. Mr U.M. Rao extended his administrative support for the programme.

Dr. K. Banerjee, Coordinator of the Euphrates Programme, gave a warm welcome to the dignitaries and thanked Registrar, Col. R. S. Chauhan for his immense help and support for organising the programme and presented a power point presentation explaining the history and development of the CUO's partnership in the programme and explained vividly the meetings held with regard to the programme, the procedures and opportunities available under the programme. The Inaugural programme was wrapped up by Dr. D. Panda who offered the vote of thanks.

The inaugural session was followed by interactive session between students and Coordinator of Erasmus Mundus Programme to facilitate the students' participation in the programme.

6<sup>th</sup> December 2014

### **“CUO proliferates Erasmus Mundus Programme”**

The Central University of Orissa, Koraput initiated Euprates Project under Erasmus Mundus Programme at its new campus on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014, Sunabeda. This orientation programme was conducted for disseminating the prospectus of the programme among the students and staff.

The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dias. The dignitaries present were Col. R. S Chauhan, Registrar, CUO, Prof. M. Altaf Khan, Controller of the Examinations, CUO, Mr K. Koshala Rao, Deputy Registrar (Academics), Dr Jyotishko Dutta, HOD, Mathematics and Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, coordinator of the Euphrates Programme.

Col. R. S. Chauhan, Registrar, CUO, inaugurated his speech by encouraging the students to take this programme ahead with all their potentials and inputs. He motivated students by giving different examples from his own experiences and traced the importance of good projection for the betterment of life and society. Prof. M. A.Khan in his speech discussed about planning and execution. He asked the students to inculcate the concept of innovation, invention, adoption and commercialization.

Dr. Jyotisko Dutta gave a crisp talk on this line-up and encouraged the students to broaden their perception by getting more exposure from European countries like Spain. Mr. Kosala Rao, assured students of full-fledged support from the academic section.

The paramount segment of the program was carried out by Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, coordinator of Erasmus Mundus programme with a powerpoint presentation elaborating every aspects of this programme and promoting awareness among the students. It was followed by offering vote of thanks.