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**Central University of Odisha, Koraput celebrates International Mother Language Day 2022**

International Mother Language Day 2022 (Antarjatiya Matrubhasha Divas) was celebrated at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput on 21 February 2022 at its Sunabeda Campus. On this occasion a symposium on "Language & Expression" was organized. Eminent poet and litterateur Sri Haraprasad Das delivered the symposium lecture on virtual mode. Prof. S. K. Palita, Vice-Chancellor in-charge of the University inaugurated and conveyed his best wishes to the University community for successful organizing the programme.

Prof. Palita highlighted the history and importance of the celebration of Mother Tongue Day. He said many counties and states have been separated and established for the sake of mother tongue. The state of Odisha is one of them, which was first state in India created on the basis of language. He advised for survival of our language we have to create love and care our language, and make its use wide spread. Keeping in view of the importance of mother tong, the NEP 2020 emphasized imparting education through the local language in primary level, he laured. He said "Any person cannot grow without his/her mother tongue or local language". Prof. Krushna Chandra Pradhan, Visiting Professor, Dept. of Odia Language and Literature spoke on this occasion as the Distinguished Guests. Dr. Alok Baral, HoD I/c. Dept. of Odia Language and Literature delivered the welcome address and Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, Lecturer, Dept. of Odia Language and Literature extended the vote of thanks.

Prof. Das gave importance to love for own mother tongue, use and creation of market value of our mother tongue Odia, so that it can survive. He said "non availability of knowledge books in Odia language is one of the challenges for its survival. Initiative should be taken to make available all the subjects and knowledge in Odia Language, which can help our mother tongue, can survive and flourish".

Dr. Pradosh Kumar Rath, Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain, Dr. Ganesh Prasad Sahu, Dr. Jayant Kumar Nayaka, Dr. Debabrata Panda, Dr. Kakoli Banerjee and many faculty members of the University and Dr. Phaguanth Bhoi, Public Relation Officer along with students and research scholars of the University were present at a large in this occasion.

Dr. Phaguanth Bhoi, Public Relations Officer