

# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ODISHA, KORAPUT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS

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## CUO Celebrates World Environment Day with Plantation Drive in the Campus

The Central University of Odisha celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> World Environment Day 2022 at its campus, Sunabeda on 05 June 2022. Prof. S. K. Palita, Vice-Chancellor I/c. inaugurated the program by planting a sapling in the campus. He said "There is a need for consistent efforts by the entire mankind to save the planet. Even a small amount of effort by every individual could lead to mark a huge difference to save the environment of our mother earth". He welcomed all the dignitaries and highlighted the importance of celebrating World Environment Day. He thanked the Koraput Forest Division for taking up the plantation programme in which 1000 saplings will be planted this year.

Divisional Forest Officer, Smt. Amitarani Ray, OFS-1, Prof. Asit Kumar Das, Registrar, CUO and Shri Uma Mahesh Patnaik, Assistant Conservator of Forest attended the program as the Chief Guest and initiated the plantation drive on the campus. Smt. Ray highlighted the theme, 'Only One Earth', which focuses on living sustainably in harmony with nature. While appreciating the initiative taken by the University she said "student and staff of the University to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet earth. It is a day that reminds everyone to get involved in environment-friendly activities".

Prof. Asit Kumar Das, highlighted the importance of planting a tree for a green and healthy environment. He said we must come together to pledge toward building a greener planet. He appreciated the support of the Divisional Forest Office, Koraput division for making the University campus green by planting different varieties of trees in the different parts of the campus. Shri Uma Mahesh Patnaik, ACF delivered the welcome address and Shri Sudhakar Patnaik, OIC, CUO extended the vote of thanks.

Dr. Kapila Khemundu, Chief Warden; Dr. PhagunathBhoi, PRO; Er. Padmalochan Swain, Asst. Engineer; Shri Pradeep Kumar Samantray, Security Officer, Shri Tripathi Panda, Range Officer; Shri Niranjana Satpathy Forester along with other staff of University and Koraput Forest Division were present on the Occasion. The event was conducted successfully with wholehearted participation and awareness about plants. On this occasion, different varieties of saplings were planted in the University campus.

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