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CUO organises a National Webinar on “India- the Mother of Democracy”

As a part of Celebrations of the Constitutional Day under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), the Central University of Odisha, organized a national webinar on ‘India- the Mother of Democracy/ भारत - लोकतंत्रकीजननी’ on 30.11.2022. Prof. Neerja A Gupta, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Sanchi University of Buddhist - Indic Studies, Bhopal (M.P.) delivered a lecture on this occasion. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of CUO inaugurated the program and wished the lecture will help the students and teachers to learn the value of our democracy. He highlighted the history and rich culture of democracy of India and how this system gives strength to the present system of democracy and said ‘India worships universal mankind (*Bharat Viswa Manavata Ki Pujari Hai*). The new generation should learn the Indian cultural values and morals towards building our nation into a rich democratic country.

Prof. Gupta, highlighted the ancient democratic system of India. In her deliberation, she emphasized the monumental texts based on the Holy Scriptures stressing the genesis of democracy and its various facets. Describing the democracy in ancient India she said “Supremacy of Law, the cornerstone of modern democratic government, was the basis on which edifice of the ancient administration was built up. Separation of powers was in vogue long before the acknowledged author of this doctrine was even born. Equality before the law was recognized, arbitrary action of the officers of the State always deprecated”. She also highlighted the existence of democracy in ancient India by quoting Veda, Upanisad, Mahabharat and Buddhist literature. Indeed the wisdom of Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi and Prof. Gupta on democracy was highly appreciated by the august gathering.

A large number of participants including students, faculty members, staff and the PRO, CUO DR. PhagunathBhoi joined the webinar in blended mode and interacted with the esteemed speaker of the program. The program was coordinated by Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi, DSW I/c of the Central University of Odisha. A vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Bijayananda Pradhan, Asst. Librarian of CUO.

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