

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ODISHA OBSERVES 73RD INDEPENDENCE DAY

"India has acquired a unique place in the world, both in terms of economic growth and technological advancement. There are many challenges before us, but with challenges there are also opportunities. Spread of knowledge and technology driven knowhow —through quality higher education is the requirement of time to take our country forward", Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor I/c. Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita said on the occasion of celebration of Independence Day at the Central University of Odisha. On this occasion Prof. Palita unfurled the tricolour and inaugurated the plantation programme at the campus. He urged the University community to dedicate themselves for the peace and prosperity of the nation. Mr. K. Kosala Rao, Finance Officer I/c. invited the VC I/c. to unfurl the flag.

Prof. Palita highlighted some of the important achievements of the nation in the field of science and technology, nuclear energy and space technology like sending Chandrayan-II to south polar region of moon, scrapping of Article 370 and creation of two new Union territories. He said "despite of all problems India is marching ahead and recognized as one of the super power in the globe".

He reminded the students about the price the martyrs have paid for the freedom of the country. He said "University is facing many challenges and hurdles in the path of development but to fulfill the basic requirement of the students all stakeholders of CUO have to join





hands to overcome all the hurdles. The visiting professor schemes has been activated to provide best of teaching to the students. 81 positions (14 Professors, 25 Associate Professors and 42 Assistant Professors) have been advertised by the University to recruit the regular faculty”.

Prof. Palita pointed out some of the important achievements of the Central University of Odisha like better ranking in NIRF and Outlook Survey, successful completion of Entrance Examination-2019, Annual Sports meet, Annual Cultural Day, tree plantation for green campus, campus placement and shifting of Administrative Office to CUO Guest House from Landiguda. “The University is going to start the construction of two Academic blocks, Administrative block, Hostels and Staff Quarters soon” he declared.



Prof. Palita announced that the *Central University of Orissa* is hereafter being called as **Central University of Odisha** as per the recent Gazette Notification of the Central Universities (Amendment) Act, 2019 by the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) Government India. He said “It is a great moment for the CUO community as well as the people of Odisha to have the name changed from *Central University of Orissa* to **Central University of Odisha**. Since the name of the state was changed from Orissa to Odisha in 2011, this change was long due. By this change Govt. of India has fulfilled the aspirations and long standing demand people of the state.”





On this occasion Prof. Palita inaugurated the plantation drive organised by the Maintenance and Engineering section of the University. Plant saplings of different variety have been planted near the Girls' and Boys' hostels. Students, faculties and staff of the University including security personnel engaged were present at large.

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