

# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ODISHA, KORAPUT

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### **CUO makes a mark at the 'Sarthak Eduvision 2021' at Bhopal**

The Central University of Odisha successfully participated in the Sarthak Eduvision National Expo & Conference held on 15-17 March 2021 at Noronha Administrative & Management Institute, Bhopal. The national level event was organized by Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal in association with Government of Madhya Pradesh, UGC, AICTE and Research For Resurgence Foundation among others. The programme was aimed at bringing together the various stake holders of Indian education and to discourse the future of education in the country. The programme was inaugurated by an august panel which included Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Prof D P Singh, Chairman, UGC, Dr Anil Sahasrabuddhe, Chairman, AICTE, Dr Sachidananda Joshi, President, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal & Member-Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi to name a few.

The three day event featured discussion round tables and talks on various aspects of education by stalwarts of the field like Prof D P Singh, Chairman, UGC, Dr Anil Saharabuddhe, Chairman, AICTE, Major Harsh Kumar, Secretary, NCERT, Dr Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, Nobel Laureates Prof Mohd. Yunus & Shri Kailash Satyarthi, Dr Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Space & Atomic Energy & DONEAR, Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Ayog, Dr R C Sinha, Chairman, ICPR, Dr Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India, Smt Smriti Irani, Minister for Textiles, Government of India, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister for Culture & Tourism, Government of India, Prof G P Sharma, Chairman, NBT, Dr Omkar Rai, D-G, STPI, Dr A K Nassa, Mmember Secy., NBA, Dr Ravindra Kanhere, Chairman, Admission & Fee Regulatory Committee to name a few.

The valedictory session comprised addresses by Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Minister of Education, Government of India, Dr Yashodhara Raje Scindhia, Minister of Sports & Youth Welfare, Technical Education & Skill Development & Employment, Government of MP, Shri I S Parmar, Minister for School Education, Government of MP, Shri Om Prakash Sakhlecha, Minister for Science, Technology & MSME, Government of MP and Dr Uma Shankar Pachauri, General Secretary, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal. Shri Mukul Kanitkar, Organizational Secretary, BSM outlined a course of action as an outcome of the three day discourse for implementation of a resurgent Indian education

The Central University of Odisha participated in the event as an Academic Sponsor and also put up a highly informative and attractive kiosk at the expo presenting its campus, academic achievements and programmes. Over the three days, several luminaries in the field of education visited the kiosk and were appraised about the CUO. The efforts of CUO, especially in the recent times under the dynamic leadership of Prof I Ramabrahmam, Vice Chancellor, like starting of BHAROSA, a helpline number by Faculty counselors for cognitive emotional rehabilitation of students in distress during Covid-19, the first university to start Home Based Open Book Examination during Covid-19, starting of new courses like Executive MBA, construction of Academic Block, Central Library and staff quarters and

purchase of state of the art educational equipments through Government E marketplace worth almost Rs. 3 Crore was lauded by the visitors. The efforts of the CUO to impart modern education in a remote and tribal KBK region of Odisha were well appreciated by the education fraternity. The CUO made a mark among the 100 odd institutions which participated across India

Among the eminent people who appreciated the efforts of CUO were Sushri Usha Thakur, Hon'ble Minister for Culture & Tourism, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Dr Sachidananda Joshi, President, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal & Member-Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi, Prof K G Suresh, Vice Chancellor, Makhanlal Chaturbedi Rashtriya Patrakarita Evam Janasanchar Viswavidyalaya, Bhopal, Prof Pushpendra Pal Singh, Director of Information & Public Relations, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mukul Kanitkar, Organizational Secretary, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Prof Rakesh Manjul, eminent cine scholar & author, Dr Uma Shankar Pachauri, General Secretary, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal to name a few. Representatives of the media, Faculty members, education administrators, students, parents & guardians turned up in huge numbers and were appraised about CUO through audio visual presentations, banners, pamphlets & souvenirs. The CUO representation at the Sarthak Eduvision 2021 was led by Dr Sourav Gupta, Coordinator & Assistant Professor, Dep't of Journalism & Mass Communication and Mr Sibaram Patra, Co-Coordinator & Section Officer, CUO under the mentorship of Prof I Ramabrahmam, Vice Chancellor, CUO and Prof P Durga Prasad, Visiting Professor, Dep't of Sociology, CUO.

Prof I Ramabrahmam, Vice Chancellor, CUO expressed satisfaction for CUO's participation in an important international forum and said that the participation of the CUO in the Sarthak Eduvision 2021 is significant to uphold the university in the educational map of India and the world. He explained that this effort was an important outreach in the line of action of International Universities of repute to explore future research and industrial collaboration, admission, new academic programmes, MoUs & building of national character of the university and expressed hopes for effective outcome in near future.

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