

## Central University of Orissa will launch Sanskrit Programme



*Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Orissa, Koraput*

The Central University of Orissa, Koraput will launch a new master programme in Sanskrit from the next academic session. The decision was taken in the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Council of the University under the chairmanship of Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Vice-Chancellor of the University here on today.

*Sanskrit* remains the supreme language, but even while other languages were taking shape, *Sanskrit* continued to be the vehicle of creative and all other scholarly work. *Sanskrit*, which is a part of our cultural heritage, needed to be given *importance* in any educational institution. So the University is launching the programme in next academic session, said Prof. Mohammad Miyan, Vice-Chancellor of the University. In this connection senior scholars will be invited to develop the curriculum and structure of the programme.

Previously the Academic Council has already approved for the starting of the Hindi department in the University. In this connection one Hindi Officer was appointed in the University. Initially the programme will be begin with two year M.A. Programme and subsequently introduce the research programmes in Sanskrit.

Sanskrit, being the language of ancient India is the repertoire of Indian wisdom, art, philosophy, literature and sciences. To study Sanskrit was a must for an Indian student in the olden days, if he had to be considered as a scholar by the society.

Although the importance of Sanskrit studies has been diminished by the change of times it has been considered as the classical language of India, nourishing the modern Indian languages and literatures. Sanskrit is the unique cultural force that contributes to the unity and integrity of India. Therefore it is the need of the hour to give due importance to revive India's glorious past and cultural heritage inscribed in the traditional Sanskrit literature, said Prof. Miyan, Vice Chancellor.

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