

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ODISHA, KORAPUT  
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**CUO Authorities meet Shri Ananta Nayak, Member, National  
Commission for Scheduled Tribe and discuss ST issues and Higher  
Education in Koraput**

The authorities of Central University of Odisha met Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes on 22 November 2021 at Koraput. Shri Nayak was on an official visit to Koraput district.

The CUO delegation comprised Prof Sharat Kumar Palita, Vice Chancellor I/C, CUO and Dr.Asit Kumar Das, Registrar, CUO. Dr Das greeted Shri Nayak and Prof Palita felicitated him. They appraised Shri Nayak about the initiatives and activities of CUO in promoting education in the tribal dominated KBK region. Prof Palita gave a presentation on the activities of CUO focusing on the students of the KBK region belonging to the scheduled tribes. Shri Nayak had an in-depth discussion on preservation of tribal culture, sustainable development and sustainable tribal specific livelihood opportunities and advised CUO to take up research in the area of tribal studies. He also stressed upon the role of Universities and Research Institutions to come out with solutions for tribal specific problems. They discussed a range of issues regarding the development of education in the region.

Prof Palita, then handed over a memorandum to Shri Nayak requesting his support towards the development of CUO and student support system in its Sunabeda campus. The statutory officers, staff, Public Relation Officer and Head-in-charge of the various academic departments were present in the programme. The programme was coordinated by Dr Sourav Gupta, Assistant Professor, DJMC.

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