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CUO celebrates International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Central University of Odisha, Koraput celebrates International Day of Persons with Disabilities at its campus at Sunabeda on 03 December 2021. On this occasion a webinar on Building Back Better: Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post Covid19' was organized through blended mode. While Prof. S. K. Palita, Vice-Chancellor I/c. inaugurated the webinar, Prof. Mrutyunjay Mishra, Professor in Economics, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras joined the webinar as the Chief Speaker. Mr. Simanchala Mohapatra, District Social Security Officer, Koraput and Mr. Sanyashai K. Behera, OAS, DSSO also spoke as the Guest of Honour and Hon'ble Speaker. Prof. S. K. Palita, Vice-Chancellor I/c. highlighted different problems faced by PwDs particularly transportation, access to health care and academics in their day-to-day life and stressed for necessary steps to overcome these problems. He said "attitude of the society towards persons with disabilities is changing. Time has come where these people can take the leadership of the society along with others. These people require empathy and not sympathy from the society as well as require handholding".

Prof. Mishra spoke about the various challenges in the life of persons with disabilities by highlighting their education and livelihood in the present society particularly in post Covid19 period. He said "the community should come forward to help persons with disabilities to establish an inclusive society". Maximum numbers of people lost their life due to Covid19 in the world. He expressed his concern over the PwD who lost their lives due to Covid19.

Mr. Mahapatra highlighted different schemes, plans and proposals of the State/Central Government for empowering and uplifting PwDs. He highlighted various schemes and projects for PwDs carried out at district level. Shri Behera elaborated the UNO mandate with regard to rehabilitation and empowerment of PWD people.

Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Odia and Coordinator of the webinar delivered the welcome address and Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi, HoD I/c. Dept. Of Education and Convener of the webinar delivered the Introductory note on International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer extended the vote of thanks. Shri Sourav Kumar, Student, Dept. of English compeered the webinar. Students, faculty members and Visiting Professors participated in the webinar at large.

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