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EBSB AKAM Week by CUO, Koraput and MGAHVV, Wardha inaugurated

The Central University of Odisha and Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Viswavidyalaya, Wardha is jointly organizing the *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Week under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* from 24 February 2022 to 15 March 2022. Under this programme, the students of both universities are engaged in joint exercises in virtual mode as per Ministry of Education guidelines.

The Inaugural Webinar of the EBSB-AKAM Week was held in virtual mode on the theme, *Maharashtra Ki Adhyatmik Parampara* on 24 February 2022. The programme was held in physical mode at the auditorium of MGAHVV, Wardha and students & faculty joined the meeting online. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Prof S K Palita, Vice Chancellor I/C, CUO. Prof Palita highlighted the concept of EBSB and recalled the long association and activities between the two universities under EBSB. He called for a yearlong structured activity between the two institutions.

The first resource person of the programme was Dr. Vishnu Mohan Das, Faculty of IGNOU, New Delhi who highlighted the cultural similarities between Odisha and Maharashtra by referring to ancient philosophical texts and literature.

Hari Bhaktparayan Shri Charudatt Aphte Maharaj, Pune was the Chief Guest of the programme. In his talk, Maharajji traced the rich tradition of spirituality and religious philosophy of Maharashtra by referring to work & thought of sages like Shri Gyaneswariji, Eknath Maharaj, Tukaram Maharaj and Ramdas Swamiji.

Prof Rajneesh Kr Shukla, Vice Chancellor, MGAHVV, Wardha in his presidential speech, traced the making of the nation state of India after independence. He recalled how different parts of India came under attack from foreign invaders. He also highlighted how the unity of the country was implicit in the traditions of the country and emphasized that there is an Antarnihit Ekata or inherent unity in India in terms of culture which should be explored under EBSB. To exemplify his statement he compared the worship of Vitthal and Bhawani in Maharashtra to that of Lord Jagannath & Ma Kaali in Odisha. He concluded by hoping that the EBSB AKAM Week will help to build a Yogya Nagarik Bharat.

Dr. Sourav Gupta, Nodal Officer, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, CUO proposed the official vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by EBSB Team of MGAHVV, Wardha comprising Dr Priyanka Mishra, Nodal Officer, Dr Surya Prakash Pandey, Dy. Nodal Officer and Dr Yasharth Manjul, Dy. Nodal Officer.

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