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Cultural Performance Event held under *Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Week* *under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* by CUO & MGAHV

The Central University of Odisha, Koraput and MGAHV, Wardha are jointly organizing the EBSB AKAM Week from February 24-March 15, 2022. Under this programme, the students of both universities are engaged in joint exercises in virtual mode as per Ministry of Education guidelines. On this occasion, a cultural programme was held on 4th of March in blended mode focusing on 'Culture of Odisha and Maharashtra'.

Dr. Minati Sahoo, Head I/c Dept of Economics and Coordinator of the cultural programme delivered the welcome note. Dr. Ram Shankar, Controller of Examinations, CUO spoke as the distinguished speaker and gave an introductory note. In his address, Dr Ram Shankar spoke about the unity in diversity of India and stressed on the commonalities of the two states of Odisha & Maharashtra.

Students of various departments of CUO performed drama, dances and songs of the state and the nation. *Bande Utkal Janani* was choired in praise of the motherland, drama Konark (*Bara Saha Badhei o Dharmapada*) on the Odia folklore, *Dhemsra* (the tribal dance of Koraput) and Sambalpuri folklore dance form the Western part of Odisha were performed with great enthusiasm.

Mangalacharan was rendered by students of various departments of MGAHV, Wardha to start the programme on an auspicious note. They showcased their cultural arrangements. The students of MGAHV performed a traditional dance of Maharashtra invoking the Divine. They also sang a patriotic song from Odisha, '*Bande Utkal Janani*'. They performed *Laavni and Koli* famous folk dance forms of Maharashtra. They performed dance-drama on Shivaji Maharaj.

Vice Chancellor of MGAHV, Prof. Rajaneesh Kumar Shukla in his presidential speech traced the cultural significance of the states of Maharashtra and Odisha. He congratulated everybody involved in the programme and highlighted the importance of cultural exchange through EBSB. EBSB inculcates patriotism among the youth of the nation, he emphasized. The formal vote of thanks was given by Ms. Sushree Preeti Negi from MGAHV, Wardha.

Prof. S. K. Palita, Vice Chancellor, CUO, Dr. Asit Kr Das, Registrar, CUO, Controller of Examinations, CUO, Dr. Ram Shankar, Dr. Sourav Gupta, Nodal Officer, EBSB, CUO, Dr. Priyanka Mishra, Nodal Officer, EBSB, MGAHV, Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, PRO, CUO graced the event. Dr. Minati Sahoo coordinated the event with the support of faculty members, Mr. Biswajit Bhoi, Dr. Pabisha Chattopadhyay and Mr. Suman Dash. The programme was compeered by R.U. Megha and Madhusmita Senapati. The event was attended by students, teachers, research scholars and non-teaching staff.

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