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Central University of Odisha celebrates World Environment Day

The Central University of Odisha celebrated World Environment Day on 05 June 2023 in its campus, Sunabeda, both online and offline. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, presided over the programme and addressed on this occasion. He highlighted different types of pollution, including moral pollution, water pollution, air pollution, soil pollution, cultural pollution, etc., that lead to the degradation of our whole environment. He advocated the Indian tradition and education, which educate the people to protect the environment. On the other hand, western tradition and education, developed science and technology have caused many environmental problems and issues. He expressed concern and said, "Education plays an important role in protecting our surroundings. The Indian education system teaches us the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (One world, one family) from the ancient period. But Western education promoted individualistic and nuclear life. So an individual thinks about the development of self, not others". He advised us to learn noble thoughts and noble practices from our traditional system of education and reminded the word of great poet Santhakabi Bhima Bhoi, "*Mo Jeeban Pachhe Narke Padithau Jagat Udhara Heu*" the concept of humanity and liberation of the world was the central theme of his poetic creations. Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources coordinated the programme and delivered the welcome address.

Dr. Atanu Kumar Raha, IFS and former PCCF & HOFF, Govt. of West Bengal, attended the programme as the Chief Speaker and delivered a lecture on this occasion. He elaborated on the history of degradation and destruction of the environment from ancient times to the present day. He opined, "Technology leads the development, and development itself leads destruction of the environment". Prof. S.K. Palita, Dean, School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, delivered a beautiful lecture on Beat Plastic Pollution and Ecosystem Restoration. Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean School of Languages, stressed the awareness of the cleanliness of the air, water body, and land.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Patnaik, GM-Environment, NALCO, delivered a lecture on sustainable and responsible mining practices for a sustainable environment. Shri Ramesh Chandra Swain, CYSD, stressed the use of hazardous chemicals and fertilizers in agricultural practice in environmental pollution. Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi, DSW and Co-coordinator of the programme, highlighted various initiatives taken by the University to protect and clean the environment. Dr. Debabrata Panda, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources extended the vote of thanks.

On this occasion 10 saplings were planted in the University campus in order to make University campus clean and green.

On this occasion, Dr. Pradosh Kumar Rath, Asst. Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication; Sh. Sanjeet Kumar Das, Asst. Professor of English; Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, PRO, Mr. Shreeram Parhi, Executive Engineer; Sh. Manas Kumar Das, Asst. Registrar; Sh. Pradeep Kumar Samantray, PS to Vice-Chancellor, were present along with the students and research scholars of the University.

Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer