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Central University of Odisha celebrates Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das Jayanti

Central University of Odisha celebrated the 146th birth Anniversary of Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das and organized a seminar on the topic 'Relevance of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das' Thoughts in Contemporary India' on October 9, 2023, at the Landiguda campus of the University. Under the leadership of Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of CUO, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organised the programme for the first time in the University.

Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, extended his warmest wishes to the University community and eloquently described Utkalmani as a multifaceted luminary who was a social reformer, educationist, journalist, writer, and a catalyst for a new social order in the country. He emphasized that Utkalmani Das dedicated his life to the holistic development of society, urging everyone to follow in his footsteps and contribute to nation-building.

The program commenced with a reverential floral tribute to Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das by esteemed guests, faculty, and students, accompanied by the melodious rendition of Gopabandhu's composition, "Mishu Mora Deha E Desha Matire." Dr. Sourav Gupta, Acting Head of the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, delivered the welcome address.

The introductory remarks were given by Prof. N C Panda, Acting Registrar, and the seminar was presided over by Dr. Madhusmita Parida, Director of SCITM, Koraput. Distinguished speakers at the seminar included Dr. Jhansi Singh, Reader in Political Science at Semiliguda College, and Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, Associate Professor and head of the Odia Department at CUO. Thoughtful insights were also shared by Prof. Hemraj Meena, Rajbhasha Officer of CUO, and Prof. S K Palita, Dean, School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Pradosh Kumar, Assistant Professor at Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication.

In a special tribute to Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, two journalists from Samaj, the newspaper founded by Utkalmani himself, were felicitated by CUO. Shri Dilip Mohanty, District Correspondent for Koraput, and Shri Manoj Ku Patnaik, Correspondent for Sunabeda Subdivision, were recognized for their contributions.

The seminar concluded on an artistic note with a captivating street drama titled "Khabar Hai," performed by the students of the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of faculty, research scholars, and students from various departments, making it a remarkable tribute to the enduring legacy of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das.

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