

# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ODISHA, KORAPUT

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### **"CUO Professor received Plant Physiology Award- 2023"**

Dr. Debabrata Panda, Assistant Professor, Department of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, Central University of Odisha was conferred with **Prof. Gadadhara Mishra Memorial Plant Physiology Award 2003 by Orissa Botanical Society** in the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of OBS during 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Dhenkanal Auto College, Dhenkanal. The Felicitation was held in the presence of Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany, Director, National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, Prof. Santilata Sahoo, President OBS, Dr. Sujata Mohanty, Secretary OBS and other Officials of OBS. At CUO, Dr. Panda collected more than 130 vital genetic resources of indigenous rice, 30 local Finger millets, 30 local accessions of Niger and 08 different wild edible Yams from different tribal pockets of Koraput and taking the initiative for conservation and commercialization to boost the local economy of tribal people. Along with this his Research Scholar Ms. Alokika Panda also received the Best Oral Presentation award in this conference.

For the Award Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Honourable Vice Chancellor of the University congratulated Dr. Panda and Scholar encouraged them to work more research on local crops to boost the local economy of tribal people. Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita, Dean School of Biodiversity congratulated him and the Fellow.

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# ORISSA BOTANICAL SOCIETY

Prof. Gadadhar Mishra Memorial Award



FOR  
Plant Physiology  
to  
Dr. Debabrata Panda



Sir, born on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1980, you graduated from Bhadrak College under F.M. University in the year 2000 with Best Graduate in Botany Honours. You obtained your MSc & MPhil degree in Botany from Utkal University in the year 2002 & 2003 respectively and Ph.D. from Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack in 2008.

Your professional career started as Assistant Professor in 2012 at the Department of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, Central University of Odisha, Koraput and presently you are Senior Assistant Professor. Your area of specialization is Plant Physiology, Biochemistry and abiotic stress tolerance in plants. You are the recipient of DBT, Govt of India Post doctoral fellowship in 2008 and Research Excellence Award by InSc, Bangalore in 2022. Besides, you have received the International Best Article Award in 2004 from IRRI, Philippines and Young Scientist Award from Orissa Botanical Society in 2005. You are invited to Rastrapati Bhavan, New Delhi for the Festival of Innovation to showcase your innovation activity during 2016 & 2017. You have published 104 research papers in International and National journals, 08 Books and 25 book chapters. You have successfully guided 9 MPhil and 3 Ph.D. students at Central University of Odisha.

Your contribution in collection, evaluation and popularisation of indigenous rice and millet varieties and other native crop species of Koraput is highly commendable. You have collected more than 130 vital genetic resources of indigenous rice, 30 local finger millets, 30 local accessions of Niger and 08 different wild edible Yams from different tribal pockets of Koraput for conservation and commercialization to boost the local economy of tribal people.

As a token of appreciation of your outstanding contribution to plant physiology, the Orissa Botanical Society feels proud and privileged to award you the "Prof. Gadadhar Mishra Memorial Award" for Plant Physiology on this date, the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 in the occasion of 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society at Dhenkanal (Autonomous) College, Dhenkanal.

President, Secretary and Members  
Orissa Botanical Society