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CUO organizes MOOCs induction programme for students

The Central University of Odisha, Koraput organized a MOOCs induction programme for students on 6 February 2024 at its campus at Sunabeda, Koraput. Prof. Y. Narasimhulu, Former Vice-Chancellor, Rayalseema University and Prof. K. Srinivas, Head of IT, NIEPA, New Delhi were resource persons in the programme. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the programme. Prof. V. C. Jha, Consultant, Academics & Administration was present on the inaugural dais as Guests of Honour. The programme was organized by Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources & University MOOCs Coordinator.

Dr. Banerjee in his welcome address explained that the objective of the programme was to orient the students about the basics of MOOCs which by an act of UGC has become a compulsory component of the syllabus.

Prof. Tripathi, VC, CUO expressed his happiness on the introduction of MOOCs courses as this opens up new opportunities of learning for students and they can venture beyond syllabus. Students in remote areas like Koraput may access best of courses and faculty through MOOCs, he said. Prof. V.C. Jha emphasized on the importance of inter disciplinary education as envisaged in NEP 2020.

In the technical sessions that followed Prof. Y. Narasimhulu spoke about use of ICT in MOOCs and the credit transfer framework. He particularly stressed that Universities should be flexible in their approach to allow students to learn subjects of their choice. Prof. K. Srinivas discussed various IT tools, softwares and their usage to create learning content in audio visual mode. He discussed about Google classroom, moodle, Anuvadini etc.

Prof. N. C. Panda, Registrar, CUO was the chief guest of the valedictory session. Prof. Panda appreciated the induction programme and hoped that the academic atmosphere of the University will be greatly benefitted through MOOCs.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Sourav Gupta, HOD (i/c), Dep't of Journalism & Mass Communication & Member, MOOCs. The programme was well attended by students, research scholars and faculty members.

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