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Central University of Odisha Commences Special Lecture Series on *Bharatiya Baicharik Parampara*

The Central University of Odisha launched a Special Lecture series titled '*Bharatiya Baicharik Parampara*' on February 21, 2024, within its Sunabeda campus. The inaugural lecture was delivered by the esteemed Saint Swami Madhavananda Mharajji from Brindaban, with a particular emphasis on the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. The event was graced by the presence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, who presided over the program and delivered the presidential address.

Prof. Tripathi underscored the importance of positive thinking and critical inquiry in academic pursuits, asserting that such approaches are pivotal in grooming students to steer society towards the right path. Quoting the revered Odisha saint, Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi, he reminded attendees of the timeless wisdom encapsulated in the phrase, "Mo Jiban Pachhe Narke Padithau Jagata Udhar Heu" which has garnered recognition even from the United Nations. He urged students to uphold the values of respect and tolerance when engaging in scholarly discourse.

In his enlightening address, Swami Madhavananda Mharajji expounded on the profound teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, affirming that it encapsulates the essence of life and peace as elucidated by the great saints throughout history. He emphasized that the Gita created by Lord Krishna acts as a guide to religious living, describes one's duties and provides information about various aspects of existence. He asserted that adherence to the principles espoused in the Gita leads to a life of fulfilment and prosperity, advocating for an understanding of Saint Ramakrishna Paramhansa prior to delving into the Gita, and elucidating the concept of Dharma as the divine order.

The event was coordinated by Prof. Hemraj Meena, Director I/c. of the Rajbhasha Cell, who delivered the welcoming address. Dr. Chakradhar Padhan, Head of the Hindi Department, extended gratitude in the vote of thanks. The event saw a robust turnout of faculty members, research scholars, and students alike, underscoring the widespread interest and appreciation for the rich philosophical heritage of India.

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