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Central University Odisha, Koraput, Hosts National Seminar on Northeast India's Folk Literature

Central University Odisha, Koraput, organised a remarkable one-day national seminar on the theme of 'Folk Literature of Northeast India' on 23 February 2023 on its Sunabeda campus. The Department of Hindi, in collaboration with the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, meticulously organised the event.

The inaugural session, chaired and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, commenced with insightful discussions on the significance of research in folk literature. Notable figures like Prof. Sunil Baburao Kulkarni, Director of Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, participated virtually as the Chief Guest, along with esteemed guests Swami Madhavananda Maharaj Ji and the University's Registrar, Prof. Narsingh Charan Panda.

Prof. Kulkarni delved into the concept of folk in Indian tradition and its evolution, while the seminar's coordinator, Prof. Hemraj Meena, shared insights on the languages, dialects, scripts, and literary treasures of Northeastern states.

Swami Ji captivated the audience with his discourse on spirituality intertwined with folk literature, stressing the profound impact of language and the invaluable contribution of folk narratives to India's cultural mosaic. Prof. Panda echoed these sentiments, advocating for Hindi's broader recognition and the nurturing of a new tradition in folk literature.

The subsequent session saw contributions from scholars across diverse regions, including Ms. Manomala Hazarika, Dr. Narasimhalu, Dr. Chandrashekhar Singh, Dr. S. Srinivas Rao, Mr. Premchand Orang, Dr. Lokeshwar Prasad Sinha, Dr. Chakradhar Pradhan, and Dr. Devashish Karmakar. Prof. Pankaj Sahai guided this session, fostering discussions on various facets of folk literature, enriching the seminar with fresh perspectives.

Eminent scholars from across the nation, alongside faculty members, research scholars, and students of the University, graced the seminar with their presence, including Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Dr. Mayuri Mishra, Dr. Soumya Ranjan Das, Dr. Sunit Paswan, Dr. Shrikant Arle, Dr. Ganesh Prasad Sahu, Dr. Kapila Khemundu, Dr. Nirjharini Tripathi, Mr. Sanjeet Kumar Das, and Dr. Phagunath Bhoi.

The inaugural session concluded with Dr. Chakradhar Pradhan, Head of the Hindi Department, expressing gratitude, setting the stage for an intellectually stimulating discourse on the rich tapestry of Northeast India's folk literature.

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