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Central University of Odisha Commemorates Shastriya Odia Bhasha Divas

The Central University of Odisha marked the Shastriya Odia Bhasha Divas with fervor and enthusiasm at its Subaneda campus on 11 March 2024. The Department of Odia Language and Literature orchestrated a seminar titled "Odia Bhashara Shastriya Manyata o Amara Dayitwa", which attracted distinguished scholars and intellectuals.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, graced the occasion with his presence and inaugurated the event. Dr. Ramakant Behera, former Principal of Upendranath College, Balasore, delivered a keynote address, while Prof. N.C. Panda, the Dean of the School of Languages, honored the gathering as a distinguished guest. Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, the Head of the Department of Odia Language and Literature, extended a warm welcome and provided insights into the program's agenda.

In his address, Prof. Tripathi underscored the significance of self-reliance for Odisha's progress in all spheres. Expressing concern over the state's dependency on other regions for basic necessities, despite celebrating a decade of Shastriya Odia Bhasha Divas, he urged Odisha's populace to channel their efforts towards personal and state development. Furthermore, he advocated for the introduction of Diploma and Certificate programs in the Shastriya Odia Language for non-Odia speakers to promote its wider adoption.

Dr. Ramakanta Behera, the keynote speaker, delivered a captivating presentation shedding light on the classical foundations of the Odia language during the event. Emphasizing our obligations and roles, he urged attendees to prioritize the usage of the Odia language and uphold its classical essence in their daily interactions. Furthermore, he advocated for embracing linguistic diversity while ensuring the preservation of Odia's distinct identity.

Prof. Panda eloquently portrayed the essence of Shastra and Language, drawing parallels from the Vedas. He emphasized the dissemination of Odisha's rich cultural heritage, particularly the revered Shri Jagannath culture, on a global scale.

Dr. Alok Baral, Asst. Professor of the Dept. of Odia Language and Literature extended the vote of thanks. The event witnessed a large turnout of faculty members and students from the University, demonstrating their keen interest and commitment to the preservation and promotion of Odia language and culture.

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