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CUO Faculties bag ICSSR project worth Rs.23 Lakhs



The Central University of Odisha has been awarded with a research project of Rs. 23 Lakhs by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. The project proposal was submitted against a Special Call for Collaborative Research Projects on Vision Viksit Bharat@2047.



The proposal titled, *Sustainable Livelihood, Food Security and Rural Transformation through Millets for Viksit Bharat: Primary Data Evidence from Southern & Eastern Indian States*, was submitted by a team of researchers which included two CUO Faculties, Dr. Minati Sahoo, Assistant Professor & HOD (i/c), Dep't of Economics as the Project Director and Dr. Sourav Gupta, Assistant Professor, Dep't of Journalism & Mass Communication as the Co-Project Director.

The external members (Co-Project Directors) in the team include Prof Prasant Kumar Panda, Professor & HOD, Dep't of Economics, Pondicherry University, Dr. Rajashree Padhi, Assistant Professor, Dep't of Political Science and Public Administration, Central University of Jharkhand and Dr. Chittaranjan Subudhi, Assistant Professor, Dep't of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu. The project was selected after being shortlisted through scrutiny and a round of interview with the team by ICSSR experts.

Prof Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUO congratulated Dr. Sahoo and Dr. Gupta and asserted that the CUO is committed to the fostering of a strong and socially relevant research culture. Prof Tripathi hoped that the research project will throw new light on the role of tribal culture in building a Viksit Bharat by 2047 in the lines of the dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji. Prof Tripathi also thanked Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Government of India, for his support towards the development of the CUO.

Dr. Minati Sahoo, the Project Director informed that the project is expected to generate empirical data about the impact of millets on sustainable livelihood and food security and how millets is transforming the food & lifestyle culture in rural India with a focus on eastern and southern states including Koraput. It will also explore the impact of media and communication in bringing about the rural transformation for adoption of millets as a food habit. The duration of the project is one year.

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