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Two-Day Seminar on The Role of Magazines and Periodicals of Odisha for Social Prosperity Opens at CUO

A two-day national seminar titled "The Role of Magazines and Periodicals of Odisha for Social Prosperity" commenced today on 17 September 2024 at the Central University of Odisha. The seminar, organized by the Department of Odia Language and Literature in collaboration with Visva Bharati Praktani, Odisha, was inaugurated by Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The opening ceremony featured Dr. Mihir Kumar Sahu, President of Visva Bharati Praktani, Odisha, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Laxmikant Tripathy, President, Fakir Mohan Sahitya Parisad delivered the keynote address as the Chief Speaker. The event was also graced by Prof. N.C. Panda, Registrar I/c., and Prof. V.C. Jha, Advisor-Academic and Administration, who attended as Guests of Honour. Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Odia Language and Literature, coordinated the seminar and delivered the welcome address.

In his address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Tripathi underscored the importance of the visionary work of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, advocating for the translation of Tagore's ideas into Odia literature. He highlighted the contributions of social reformers such as Utkalmani Gopabandhu Dash and recommended translating these works into English, Hindi, and other languages to broaden their reach.

Dr. Sahu emphasized the role of periodicals in promoting regional literature and noted that alumni of institutions like CUO could play a pivotal role in societal development. Dr. Tripathy provided a historical overview of Odisha's periodicals, tracing their evolution from Kujibara Partika to contemporary publications and their impact on social reform.

Prof. Jha discussed the influence of Buddhist literature on social change and drew parallels with the role of periodicals during India's freedom struggle. He suggested that the seminar's outcomes should be documented to inform future policy decisions. Prof. Panda spoke on the transformative potential of literature in various languages, advocating for translations to foster a constructive societal mindset.

Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain, Assistant Professor of Odia, extended the vote of thanks. The seminar, attended by members of Visva Bharati Praktani, Odisha, CUO faculty, and students, will continue through 18 September 2024.

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