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CUO Pays Tribute to Dr. Ambedkar on Mahaparinirvan Diwas

The Central University of Odisha commemorated Mahaparinirvan Diwas, on 06 December 2024, marking the death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, a visionary leader who reshaped India's social landscape. Prof. N.C. Panda, Acting Vice-Chancellor, and Registrar; Prof. S. K. Palita, Dean, School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources; and Dr. Kapila Khemundu, HoD, Dept. of Sociology along with faculty, staff, and students, paid heartfelt floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar, honoring his enduring legacy. Dr. Sunit Paswan, Assistant Professor of Hindi, delivered the welcome address, reflecting on the significance of Mahaparinirvan Diwas and Dr. Ambedkar's contributions.

In his address, Prof. N.C. Panda praised Dr. Ambedkar for his unparalleled contributions to post-independence India. He emphasized Dr. Ambedkar's vision of equality, justice, and freedom, which transcended all aspects of society, including social, economic, and political spheres. Prof. Panda noted that Dr. Ambedkar's drafting of the Indian Constitution was a monumental achievement, making it the largest written constitution in the world, and called upon students to study his writings to understand his vision for India's prosperity.

Prof. S.K. Palita highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's remarkable life and his contributions, particularly the framing of the Indian Constitution. He elaborated on Ambedkar's social philosophy, stressing his commitment to equality and social justice. Prof. B.K. Panda quoted a verse from the Bhagavad Gita (Yada Yada hi Dharmashya) to describe Dr. Ambedkar as a divine figure (Avatar of God), whose mission was to eliminate ignorance and establish true equality for the development of the nation.

Dr. Kapila Khemundu discussed Dr. Ambedkar's vision of social and democratic values, focusing on his belief in the principles of justice, equality, and fraternity. He praised Ambedkar as a visionary leader who was not only a great social thinker, but also a jurist, economist, educationist, and political leader.

Dr. B.K. Srinivas, Coordinator of the Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence extended the vote of thanks. Dr. Anjaneyulu Thotapally, NSS Coordinator, and Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer, coordinated the programme. Faculty members and students including Dr. Padma Charan Mishra, Dr. Nikhil Gauda, Dr. Chakradhar Padhan, Dr. Gurujit Singh Walia, Dr. Debabrata Panda, Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, Dr. Subhasmita Parida, Dr. Alok Baral, Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain, Dr. Raghunath Ojha, Dr. Nesha Sabar, Dr. Nabin Chandra Pradhan, Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Dr. Debashis Karmakar and many others were present on this occasion to pay tribute to the visionary leader.

The observance of Mahaparinirvan Diwas at the university reaffirmed Dr. Ambedkar's lasting influence on Indian society and the ongoing relevance of his values in today's world.

Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer