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**Central University of Odisha celebrates Saraswati Puja**

The Central University of Odisha celebrated the Saraswati Puja on the auspicious occasion of Vasant Panchami on 02 February 2025 in its campus. The event was marked by the consecration of a newly crafted brass idol of Goddess Saraswati in a traditional and ceremonial manner. The university campus resonated with spirituality and cultural festivity throughout the day.

The event was led by Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean, School of Languages and HoD, Department of Sanskrit, as the Chief Patron. Dr. Ashok Sahu, Registrar of the University, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Faculty members and staff from various departments also gathered to participate in the sacred event.

The puja commenced at 9:00 AM with ritualistic fervour, meticulously organized by the Sanskrit Department. Dr. Virendra Kumar Sarangi, a distinguished scholar of Sanskrit and faculty of the Department, performed the religious rituals. Amid the chanting of Vedic mantras, students and faculty members offered floral tributes and prayer to Goddess Saraswati with great devotion.

Key contributors to the event's smooth execution were Dr. Sanjib Sarkar, Dr. Naveen Kumar Pradhan, Dr. Debashish Karmakar, and Mr. Satyavrat Mishra from the Sanskrit Department. The enthusiastic participation of students also played a significant role in the ceremony's success.

Following the puja, the department arranged for the distribution of prasad to all attendees, including students, faculty members, and staff. The ceremony concluded in a peaceful and dignified atmosphere.

This event symbolized the university's respect for cultural heritage and its commitment to reviving Indian traditions. The Sanskrit Department's dedicated efforts not only ensured the success of the puja but also enriched the university's cultural landscape.

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