

# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ODISHA, KORAPUT

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### **Central University of Odisha Hosts Talk on the Future of Artificial Intelligence**

The Department of Sociology at the Central University of Odisha (CUO) organized a brainstorming lecture on "The Future of Artificial Intelligence: Leveraging Blockchain for Transparent and Trustworthy System" on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The Lecture was delivered by Dr. Rakesh Kumar Lenka, Associate Professor, and Head of the Department of Computer Science, Controller of Examinations and Registrar (I/c) of CUO.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi extended his best wishes for the successful conduct of the program. Dr. Kapila Khemundu, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, delivered the welcome address and emphasized on the impact of AI on teaching and research. Dr. Bharat Kumar Panda, Professor and Head of the Department of Education raised concerns pertaining to AI and chronicled its influence on the discipline of Education. Dr. Deepthi Shanker, Associate Professor of the Department of Sociology, reiterated the need for academics to stay relevant in the age of disruptive technological advancements. Dr. Elisa Mohanty, Assistant Professor of Sociology coordinated the session and moderated the discussion.

Dr. Lenka's talk focused on the disruptive potential of AI and its impact on an array of sectors like healthcare, education, finance, and governance. He delineated the rubrics of operation of AI, blockchain technologies, hashing algorithms, and Apps to an interdisciplinary audience. He also reflected on the dominance of cognitive, non-manual tasks in a digitized society and the need for requisite training in Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and AI to counter automation-induced job loss.

Faculty members including Dr. Deepthi Shanker Dr. Aditya Keshari Mishra, Dr. Nupur Pattanaik, Dr. Saubhagya Laxmi Singh, Dr. Manas Ranjan Malik along with faculty members and students of the Departments of Sociology, Education, Economics, Computer Science, Business Management, and Logistics and Supply Chain Management made the program dialogic and interdisciplinary through their active participation. Miss Monalisha Jena, MA 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester managed the programme and Mr. Rajesh Kumar Sahu MA 4<sup>th</sup> Semester student of the Department of Sociology offered the vote of Thanks.

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