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Central University of Odisha Celebrates 79th Independence Day

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The Central University of Odisha (CUO) celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm at its Sunabeda campus on 15 August 2025, Friday. The Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. N. C. Panda, hoisted the National Flag in the presence of students, scholars, faculty, and staff members of the University.

In his address, Prof. Panda congratulated the University fraternity on its ongoing progress and recent developments. He highlighted the inauguration of key infrastructure project including the permanent academic block, staff quarters, and health centres by the Hon'ble Union Education Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. Prof. Panda also informed the gathering about the foundation stones laid for several upcoming infrastructure projects, expressing his gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister for his continued support.

Speaking on the role of education in nation-building, he urged students to make the best use of the University's academic resources. "Our nation will progress when our students, the future of India, contribute with their minds and skills," he remarked. He also emphasized the importance of moral and ethical growth among students.

The celebration was attended by Shri Duryodhan Sethi, Finance Officer and Acting Registrar; Prof. Rathi Kant Kumbhar, Head of the Department of Economics and Chairman of the Anti-Ragging Committee; and Prof. Bharat Kumar Panda, Head of the Department of Education. On the occasion a cultural programme was organised, performed by the students and faculty members. The programmes were coordinated by Dr. Chakradhar Padhan, Dr. Gaurav Ranjan, Dr. Nupur Pattanaik and Dr. Elisa Mohanty. Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer, Dr. Anjaneyulu Thotapally, NSS Programme Officer and Shri Pradeep Samantray coordinated the event.

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