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Central University of Odisha Hosts Special Lecture on the Significance of Go Mata in Indian Tradition

The Central University of Odisha (CUO) organized a special lecture to highlight the importance of Go Mata (cow) in Indian tradition on 27 January 2025, at its Sunabeda campus. The programme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, in the presence of Dr. Sanjay Kumar Pradhan, Dr. Jayanta Kumar Nayak, and Dr. Gagan Bihari Suar from CUO, along with Prof. Manas P. Goswami from NEHU.

In his address, Prof. Tripathi emphasized the significance of the Indigenous cow, underscoring the value of its milk, urine, and dung, as mentioned in ancient Indian Vedic texts and Puranas. He explained that while the Western view of the cow differs, the Indian perspective sees the cow as a revered mother figure, with deep roots in spiritual and cultural practices. He also spoke about the scientific benefits of milk from indigenous cows.

Dr. Nayak elaborated on the importance of the cow in Indian literature, citing references from the Rigveda, Atharvaveda, Mahabharata, Ramayana, and other ancient texts. He also highlighted the contributions of great historical figures and noted the protection of the cow in Article 48 of the Indian Constitution. Dr. Nayak further discussed the medicinal properties of cow's milk, urine, and dung.

Dr. Suar also touched upon the significance of the cow in Vedic and Puranic texts and voiced strong opposition to cow slaughter.

Dr. Prasenjit Sinha, OSD, compeered the event, while Dr. Sanjay Kumar Pradhan delivered the vote of thanks. Faculty members, research scholars, and students from the Department of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry attended the lecture in large numbers.

The event was well received, marking an insightful exploration into the cultural and scientific relevance of the cow in Indian tradition.

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