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Central University of Odisha Celebrates Utkal Divas

The Central University of Odisha marked Utkal Divas in a befitting manner at its permanent campus in Sunabeda on 01 April 2025. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi inaugurated the event as the Chief Guest. Dr. Manoranjan Pradhan, Head of the Department of Education, Vikram Dev University, Jeypore, graced the occasion as the Chief Speaker, while Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean of the School of Languages, attended as the Guest of Honour. The event was organized by the Department of Odia Language and Literature.

Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain, Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the significance of Utkal Divas. A special lecture on "Relevance of Nationalism for Viksit Bharat in the Context of Odia Literature" was a key highlight of the program.

Prof. Tripathi, in his address, emphasized the richness of the Odia language and Odisha's glorious history. He urged Odias to take active interest in addressing contemporary challenges. Dr. Pradhan delivered an insightful speech on nationalism's role in shaping a developed India through the lens of Odia literature. Prof. Panda recalled the beauty of the Odia language and the glory of ancient Utkal. He reflected on the linguistic and cultural ties between Sanskrit and Odia.

The program commenced with a Shanti Mantra recitation by Dr. Nabin Kumar Pradhan, Assistant Professor, Sanskrit Department. Dr. Satya Narayan Sarangi delivered the vote of thanks. Shashwat Dandia, a student from the Odia Department, anchored the event, while Sujata Mohapatra captivated the audience with an Odissi dance performance. Research scholars concluded the event with a soulful rendition of "Bande Utkal Janani" by Kantakavi Laxmikant.

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