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CUO Celebrates 117th Birth Anniversary of Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das

From Koraput to the World: CUO Promotes Odia Heritage on Madhusudan Das's Jayanti-Prof. Tripathi

The timeless thoughts and visionary ideals of Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das continue to inspire generations, said Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha (CUO), during the celebration of his 117th birth anniversary in the University campus on 28 April 2025.

Prof. Tripathi emphasized that Madhusudan Das's efforts to preserve Odia culture, language, and identity remain vibrantly alive today. "At CUO, we are proud to carry forward his legacy by translating major Odia literary works into Hindi and English, making them accessible to a wider audience," he said.

The University has notably carried out the publication such as *Gopabandhu Rachnavali* (in eight volumes), *Pandit Gopabandhu Das: Ek Parichay*, and *Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das ki Odia Rachanavali* in Hindi. In English, CUO has brought out works such as *Voice of Justice: Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das*, *Educational Philosophy of Major Thinkers in Odisha*, *In the Glory of Cows: A Tale of Grace (Go-Mahatmya)*, *Stories of Fakir Mohan Senapati*, and *History of CUO – Part 1 (2009–2010)*.

In addition, CUO has published several significant works in Odia, such as *Prabashi Odia Sahitya: Atita O Bartaman*, *Gangadhar Sahitya Alochana Sangraha*, *Anubada: Prayoga O Sambhabana*, *Shabari* (a literary magazine), and A Seminal Book on Sahid Laxman Nayak thus contributing to the global dissemination of Odisha's rich literary heritage.

Prof. Tripathi called upon the University community to follow the noble ideals of Madhusudan Das and strive to make Odisha proud and self-reliant. Prof. Tripathi reaffirmed CUO's commitment to honoring the spirit and vision of Madhusudan Das through academic and cultural initiatives that promote Odia heritage across linguistic boundaries.

The event also featured an address by Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean of the School of Languages, who outlined five key pillars of Madhusudan Das's philosophy: the importance of knowledge, law and justice, patriotism and nation-building, a strong Odia identity, and self-sufficiency.

Dr. Alok Baral, Assistant Professor of Odia, and Dr. Satya Sarangi elaborated on the life, contribution, and enduring legacy of Madhusudan Das. Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain, Head of the Department of Odia, delivered the welcome address, while Dr. Chakradhar Padhan, Head of the Department of Hindi, proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Ganesh Prasad Sahu, Asst. Professor of Odia compeered the programme.

A large number of faculty members, staff, and students attended the event, paying homage to the "Pride of Odisha."

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