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Plantation Drive at CUO Highlights Commitment to Environmental Awareness

The Central University of Odisha (CUO), in collaboration with Rashtradeep Prasar Samiti, organized a plantation programme at its Sunabeda campus on 18 August 2025, Monday, aiming to raise awareness on forest conservation and environmental protection.

The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (I/c), Prof. N. C. Panda, in the presence of Prof. Rathi Kanta Kumbar, Professor of Economics; Dr. Anjaneyulu Thotapally, NSS Coordinator; Dr. Subhasmita Parida, Assistant Professor of Forestry; Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer and Dr. Jalendra Tripathy, Dr. Surendra Kanhar, Shri Chaitany Hantal and Somanath Samantray from Rashtradeep Prasar Samiti along with faculty members and students of CUO.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Panda highlighted the vital role of trees in sustaining ecological balance and their contribution to oxygen production. He extended his best wishes for the success of the initiative.

Around 70 saplings, including medicinal plants, were planted during the drive, reflecting CUO's ongoing efforts towards environmental stewardship. The event was coordinated by Er. Sriram Parhi, Executive Engineer of the University.

— *Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, PRO, CUO*