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Dear friends,

I extend my warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations to each of you on the momentous occasion of the 16th Foundation Day of the Central University of Odisha!

It fills me with immense pride to celebrate this milestone of our esteemed institution. I want to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support—whether through delivering and facilitating timely lectures, participating in committees, or organizing the vital events that ensure our institution runs smoothly. I truly appreciate how our entire community has united as a cohesive team, offering me invaluable cooperation.

Building a young institution requires significant effort and sacrifices from everyone involved. With your active support, as we navigate daily challenges, the wise words of Lord Buddha resonate in my mind:

You are community now. Be a lamp for yourselves. Be your own refuge, seek for no other. All things must pass. Strive on diligently. Don't give up.

My aspiration is to elevate this institution to a position of excellence in academics, sports, cultural activities, extension initiatives, and community engagement. The love and encouragement I receive from all of you are profoundly moving. I am confident that together, we can carve a path to realize our shared vision for our institution.

Once again, my heartfelt congratulations to all of you.

Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi

Vice-Chancellor
Central University of Odisha

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Registrar's Message



Dear esteemed readers,

It is extremely exhilarating for us that CUO has accomplished yet another year of academic excellence as we commemorate the 16th Foundation Day of our esteemed university. It is a moment of profound pride and introspection. Over the years, our institution has transcended its humble origins to emerge as a beacon of erudition, innovation, and academic preeminence. This commemorative volume stands as a testament to the remarkable odyssey we have embarked upon together chronicling the milestones, achievements, and the relentless pursuit of our shared vision.

As we reflect upon our journey, we are reminded of the myriad challenges we have surmounted and the unwavering dedication of our distinguished faculty, industrious students, and devoted staff. The evolution of the Central University of Odisha (CUO) in Koraput is a narrative of perseverance, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Each chapter of our history is a testament to the transformative power of education and the indomitable spirit of a shared vision.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to the growth and success of our university. Let us continue to unite in our efforts to build upon this strong foundation, nurturing a brighter future for generations yet to come. I also congratulate the editorial team of the newsletter for their initiative!

Prof. (Dr) Narasingha Charan Panda
Registrar (I/C)

Foundation Day Lecture

The Foundation Day Lecture at the Central University of Odisha will be delivered by Prof. B.N. Ramesh, a retired IPS officer and current Professor of Law and Management at Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad. Born on July 15, 1962, Prof. Ramesh has had a distinguished academic and professional career, beginning with his education in government schools and excelling in Civil Engineering, which led to his role as an Executive Engineer at Tata Engineering and Locomotive in Jamshedpur.

After clearing the Civil Service Examinations in 1987, he joined the Indian Police Services, securing a high rank and being allotted the West Bengal cadre. Throughout his 45 years in policing, he received numerous accolades for his service, including the National Police Academy Best Speaker Award

and various commendations for his contributions to law enforcement, such as cash rewards for significant anti-smuggling operations and counter-terrorism efforts. Prof. Ramesh is also recognized for his academic contributions, having published several papers on Law, Management, and Technology, and authored books including "Cross Border Mergers and Acquisitions: A Comparative Study between India and the USA" (2023). He is a strong advocate for national thought, inspired by figures like Adi Shankara and freedom fighters such as Chandra Sekhar Azad and Rani of Jhansi. Additionally, he mentors students through the Chandra Sekhar Azad Raj Dharma Foundation, helping many achieve success in civil services. He is also a member of the Telangana Bar Council.



Dr. B.N. Ramesh

CUO on a Growth Trajectory, Poised for Greater Success

The Central University of Odisha (CUO) is set to celebrate its 16th Foundation Day on August 29, 2024, marking a significant milestone in its journey since its establishment in 2009. Under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, the university is on a growth trajectory, poised for greater success.

Established by an Act of Parliament, CUO was part of a broader initiative by the Central Government to enhance the quality of education across states. Located in Koraput, an area predominantly inhabited by tribal populations, the university began its operations with five departments: Anthropology, English, Journalism & Mass Communication, Odia, and Sociology. Over the years, it has expanded significantly, overcoming initial challenges and moving to a new campus at Sunabeda in 2014. Recent achievements under Prof. Tripathi's leadership include the introduction of new undergraduate programs in Agricultural Sciences, Dairying, and Forestry Management, as well as an MBA in Supply Chain Man-

agement. The university has also hosted numerous international and national seminars, showcasing its commitment to academic excellence. Notably, it organized six international seminars within a span of 15 days in March 2023, a remarkable feat.

Additionally, CUO has made strides in faculty recruitment, adding over 50 new faculty members to address staffing shortages, which has significantly improved the academic environment. The university is actively involved in promoting traditional sports through events like the Paramparik Kreedha Mahotsav, further enriching its cultural engagement.

As CUO approaches its 16th Foundation Day, it stands ready to embrace a future filled with potential, driven by noble thoughts and a comprehensive blueprint for growth. The celebration will serve as a reminder of the collective efforts and achievements of the university community, inspiring all to continue striving for excellence.

- Dr. Pradosh Kumar Rath
Asst. Professor, Department of
Journalism & Mass Communication



Minister of Higher Education inaugurating CUO in 2009



Minister of Higher Education and the first VC of CUO at a press conference



Construction of CUO boundary wall in progress

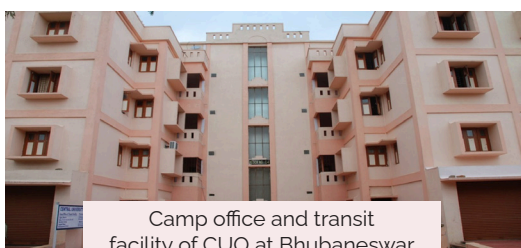


CUO boundary wall on the main campus site



Development of the main campus

Development of main campus under construction



Camp office and transit facility of CUO at Bhubaneswar

Trails of Year Gone By...

The last year has indeed been significant for the Central University of Odisha as it prepares for its 16th Foundation Day program on August 29, 2024. Here are some key highlights from the past year:

1. 15th Foundation Day Celebration: CUO celebrated its 15th Foundation Day on August 29, 2023. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, who served as the Saraswat Athithi. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, the Vice Chancellor, presided over the meeting.

2. Japanese Language Certificate Course: CUO inaugurated a Japanese Language Certificate Course on October 3, 2023. The event was attended by Shri Sato Koji, Director of the Japanese Foundation in New Delhi, and Sushri Hakamata Maho, representative of the ambassador of Japan to India.

3. Seminar on Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das: CUO celebrated the 146th birth anniversary of Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das on October 9, 2023, by organizing a seminar titled 'Relevance of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das' Thoughts in Contemporary India' at the Landiguda campus.

4. Training Program on Kuwi and Desia Languages: In collaboration with the Regional Institute of Education (RIE), NCERT Bhubaneswar, CUO successfully concluded a three-day training program on the fundamentals of Kuwi and Desia languages on October 11, 2023.

5. Meri Matti Mera Desh Campaign: On October 13,

2023, the university celebrated the 'Meri Matti Mera Desh' campaign with the Amrit Kalash Yatra across both its campuses, promoting national pride and cultural heritage.

6. International Seminar on Santha Kavi Bhima Bhoi: In collaboration with several institutions, including Guru Ghasidas Viswavidyalaya and the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, CUO organized a two-day international seminar on the legacy of Mahima Cult and Santha Kavi Bhima Bhoi on November 25-26, 2023. The seminar was inaugurated by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

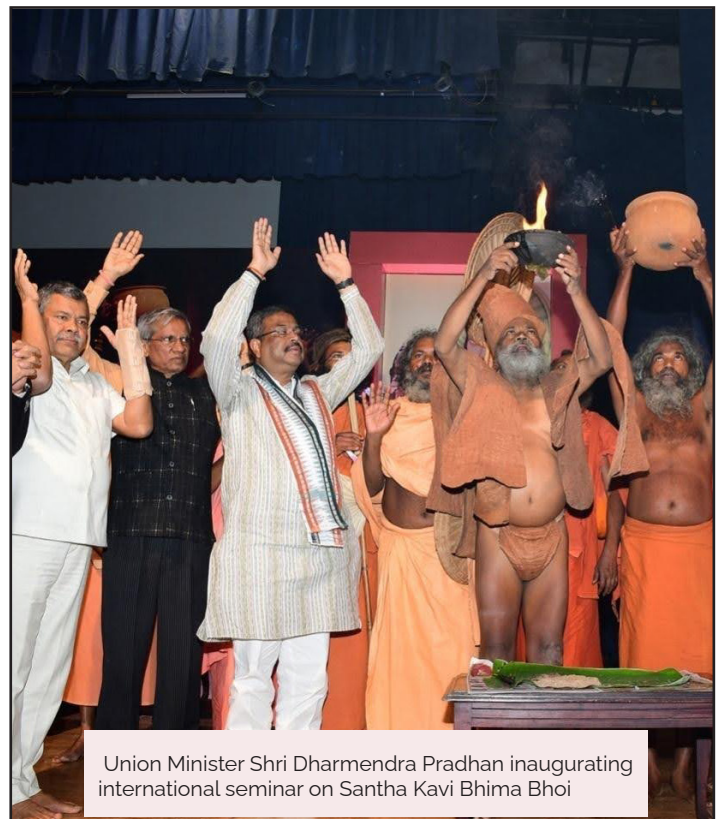
7. Hindi Navlekhak Orientation Programme: CUO, in association with the Central Hindi Directorate, inaugurated a five-day Hindi Navlekhak orientation program on November 1, 2023.

8. National Press Day Celebration: The Department of Journalism & Mass Communication celebrated National Press Day on November 16, 2023, by organizing an online national seminar on "Journalism in the Era of Artificial Intelligence".

9. International Seminar on NEP-2020: A two-day international seminar titled 'Transforming Indian Tradition and Ethos through NEP-2020: Multilingual and Multi-Disciplinary Culture of Education' was conducted on December 2-3, 2023. The seminar was organized in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh.



Inauguration of FTII workshop



Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurating international seminar on Santha Kavi Bhima Bhoi

10.National Seminar on Translation: The Department of Odia Language and Literature inaugurated a two-day National Seminar on 'Translation: Practices and Possibilities' on December 5, 2023.

11.World Soil Day: CUO celebrated World Soil Day on December 5, 2023, in association with the ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, focusing on the theme "Soil and Water: A Source of Life".

12.International Conference on Women and Sustainable Development: A three-day International Conference on 'Women in the 21st Century: Environment and Sustainable Development' was held from December 7-9, 2023, organized by the Department of Sociology in collaboration with the World Centre for Women Studies, University at Buffalo, New York, USA.

13.Workshop on Viksit Bharat @ 2047: A team of faculty members from CUO, led by Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, attended a workshop titled 'Ideas for the Vision: Viksit Bharat @ 2047' at the Raj Bhavan, Bhubaneswar on December 11, 2023.

14.National Seminar on Tribal Culture: On January 9, 2024, CUO inaugurated a two-day national seminar on 'The Contribution of Tribal Culture and Lifestyle in Enriching Bharat's Culture and Lifestyle'. This seminar was organized in collaboration with the Tribal Knowledge Research Centre (TKRC), New Delhi, and Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram of Odisha.

15.Seminar on Bharatiya Rama Sahitya: A seminar titled 'Bharatiya Rama Sahitya Parampara ka Punarmulyankan' was held on January 22, 2024, focusing on Ram Lalla Pran Pratistha at Ayodhya.

16.World Hindi Festival: On February 5, 2024, CUO celebrated the World Hindi Festival, part of a global initiative to promote the Hindi language. This celebration followed the global observance of World Hindi Day on January 10.



17.Hindi Literacy Campaign: During the World Hindi Festival, CUO launched a Hindi literacy campaign in Nuaguda village, starting on February 5, 2024.

18.Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony: On February 20, 2024, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for several infrastructure projects at the university, including an Administrative Building, with a total project cost of Rs. 129.79 Crore.

19.Special Lecture Series: The University launched a special lecture series titled 'Bharatiya

Baicharik Parampara' on February 21, 2024, featuring an inaugural lecture by Saint Swami Madhavananda Maharajji, focusing on the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita.

20.National Seminar on Folk Literature: A national seminar on 'Folk Literature of Northeast India' was organized on February 23, 2024, by the Department of Hindi in collaboration with Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra.

21.Film-Based Skill Courses: From February 8 to 23, 2024, the university, in collaboration with the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, conducted film-based skill courses for ST students, covering topics such as screen acting and screenplay writing.

22.Hindi Literacy Movement: On March 3, 2024, a special program for Hindi language advancement was held, involving local teachers and the university to promote the Hindi Literacy Movement.

23.Shastriya Odia Bhasha Divas: The university celebrated Shastriya Odia Bhasha Divas on March 11, 2024, with a seminar organized by the Department of Odia Language and Literature.

24.World Literature Conference: The "Beyond Horizons: Exploring the World in World Literature" conference was hosted by the Department of English Language & Literature on March 7-8, 2024.

25.Utkal Divas Commemoration: The university celebrated the 89th Utkal Divas on April 1, 2024, with a grand program.

26.International Conference on Ancient Indian Literature: From April 8 to 10, 2024, the Department of Sanskrit organized an international conference on "Science and Technology in Ancient Indian Literature in Modern Perspective."

27.International Seminar on Bharatiya Gnyan Parampara: On April 9, 2024, the Department of Sanskrit held a special technical session titled "Bharatiya Gnyan Parampara ke Alok me Kala aur Sahitya" in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi.

28.International Conference on Biodiversity: The School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources organized a two-day International Conference on "Recent Advances of Biodiversity and Agriculture for a Sustainable Future" on April 19-20, 2024.

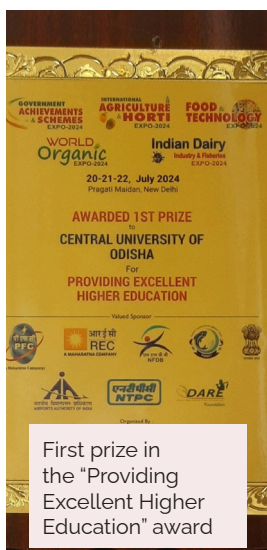
29.National Seminar on Statistics: The Department of Statistics organized a national seminar titled "Role of Statistics in Emerging India @2047: A Multidisciplinary Approach" on March 18, 2024.

30.Special Lecture on Moral Heroes: A special lecture titled "In Search of a Moral Heroes: Case from Odisha" was conducted on March 20, 2024.

31.National Seminar on Research Methods: The Department of Economics hosted a two-day national seminar on "Contemporary Research Methods in Social Sciences" on March 21-22, 2024.

32.National Seminar on Economic Challenges: A two-day National Seminar on "Viksit Bharat @2047: Economic and Management Challenges" was organized on March 27-28, 2024.

33.Special Lecture on Econometric Modelling: On March 27, 2024, the Department of Economics hosted a special lecture on "Econometric Modelling-Bridging theory and data analysis," enhancing understanding of econometric techniques.



34.National Conference on Mathematics: CUO hosted a two-day national conference titled “Mathematics in the 21st Century: Theory and Applications” on April 26-27, 2024.

35.Celebration of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Birth Anniversary: On April 14, 2024, CUO celebrated the 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar with a special lecture by Prof. Balu Ananda Chopade, focusing on Dr. Ambedkar's life and contributions.

36.National Seminar on National Education Policy 2020: A two-day seminar on “National Education Policy 2020: Challenges and Opportunities” was held on May 1-2, 2024, organized by the Department of Education in collaboration with Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, featuring key speakers like Sh. B. R. Shankaranand and Prof. Rohini Prasad.

37.Tribute to Rabindranath Tagore: CUO commemorated the 163rd birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore on May 8, 2024, with a tribute led by Prof. Chakradhara Tripathi.

38.Capacity Building Development Programme: A team of CUO faculty members participated in a two-day “Capacity Building Development Programme on Specific Learning Disabilities” at NIEPA, New Delhi, on May 16-17, 2024, focusing on enhancing skills for addressing specific learning disabilities.



Tiranga yatra at CUO

39.International Day of Yoga: The university celebrated the 10th International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2024, with an event themed “Yoga for Self and Society,” featuring Yoga Guru Mr. Jayakrushna Pradhan.

40.Hindi Sahitya Sammelan: CUO organized the 75th National Convention of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan on June 25, 2024, presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakradhara Tripathi.

41.Memorandum of Understanding (MoU): On July 18, 2024, an MoU was signed between Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of CUO, and Prof. N. Nagaraju, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Gangadhar Meher University.



75th National Convention of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan at CUO

42.Government Achievements & Schemes Expo-2024: CUO achieved first prize in the “Providing Excellent Higher Education” category at the expo held from July

20-22, 2024, at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The CUO delegation, which included Dr. Gurjeet Singh Walia, Dr. Jyotiska Datta, Dr. Ravita Pathak, and Dr. Elisa Mohanty, engaged with various stakeholders, showcasing the university's accomplishments.



Remembering partition horror at CUO

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43.International Indigenous Day: The University celebrated International Indigenous Day on August 10, 2024, at Kunduli Haat, Koraput, with the participation of Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi and other dignitaries.



Celebration of International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples

44.Partition Horror Day: On August 14, 2024, CUO organized an event to commemorate Partition Horror Day. The keynote address was delivered by eminent educationist Dr. Banchhanidhi Panda, with Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi presiding over the meeting.

45.Independence Day Celebrations: The 78th Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2024, with Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi hoisting the national flag. The university community also organized a Tiranga Rally on the eve of Independence Day.

46.National Space Day: CUO organized National Space Day on August 22, 2024 at its campus.

These events reflect CUO's dedication to fostering academic excellence, cultural awareness, and community engagement.

- Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, PRO, CUO



Celebration of Independence Day at CUO

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