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## Bharateeya Paramparik Kreedha Mahotsav

21st and 22nd April, 2023

The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi,  
has lauded the 'Indian Traditional Sports Festival'



The Central University of Odisha at Koraput has recently received the best compliment of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Hon'ble PM posted on his Twitter 23rd April, 2023 with a comment of high praise for it. Talking to Twitter, the Prime Minister lauded the innovative sports festival undertaken by the University. He said, "Laudatory initiative by Central University of Odisha to organise the Paramparik Kreedha Mahotsava to spread awareness about India's rich sporting traditions and diversity."

Union Minister of State for Education. Dr. Sarkar shares his experience with multiple visually acclaimed photos from the festival on his Twitter. "I am impressed to see so many traditional sports forms and young sports persons of our country and its enthusiastic participants perform brilliantly and achieve success," he noted. It is worth mentioning here that Prime Minister Shri Modi has expressed his views on sports for the second time

in a week on Twitter. Due to this appreciation of the Prime Minister about the Central University of Odisha, there is enthusiasm in the University campus. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi expressed his sincere gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Minister of State for Education, Dr. Subhas Sarkar.



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## **CUO Remembers its Former Vice-Chancellors**



**Prof Surabhi Banerjee (28.02.2009 to 27.02.2014 )**



**Prof Sachidananda Mohanty 9 07.08.2015 - 28.02.2019)**



**Prof I Ramabrahmam ( 06.12.2019- 28.07.2021)**



राष्ट्रपति  
भारत गणतंत्र  
**PRESIDENT**  
**REPUBLIC OF INDIA**



### **MESSAGE**

I am happy to know that the Central University of Odisha, Koraput is celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

Since its inception, the Central University of Odisha has been persistent in its efforts to impart quality education and to promote all-round development of students. I am glad to know that the University has been providing educational opportunities to the people of the region. Founded with the vision of bridging the educational divide, the University has been committed to providing quality higher education to the youth of Odisha's less educationally developed districts, including Koraput, Balangir, and Kalahandi. I am confident that this University will strive for excellence in the field of multi-disciplinary studies and research.

I congratulate all the members of the University for organising the 16<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day celebration and extend my best wishes to the students for a bright future.

**(Droupadi Murmu)**

**New Delhi**  
**August 28, 2024**



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राज्यपाल, ओडिशा  
Raghubar Das  
Governor, Odisha



**MESSAGE**

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August 23, 2024

I am glad to know that Central University of Odisha at Koraput is celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on August 29, 2024.

While 16 years seem like a short period of time, but the University has made the best of these initial years offering a number of unique and important programmes and has carved a distinct identity. The stimulating and important point is that the University is growing, thriving and is committed to impart quality education in line with NEP-2020. I am sure it would continue to evolve to meet the needs of students in ever-new ways. Reflecting on the achievements, Foundation Day gives a sense of mission and purpose to strive and fulfil the aspirations of the people of the region and the state as well.

On this occasion I send my good wishes to faculty, staff, students and alumni and look forward to the continued successes that will surely characterise the University's continued development.

I wish the occasion all success.

( Raghubar Das )

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Dharmendra Pradhan



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भारत सरकार  
Minister of Education  
Government of India



## MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the "16<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day" of the **Central University of Odisha, Koraput** is being celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 and to mark this occasion, two new programmes, 2 Year M.Sc. (Botany) and M.Sc. (Zoology) are being launched in line with the National Education Policy 2020.

The Central University of Odisha at Koraput has been making around progress in terms of offering new courses, recruiting a good number of new faculties, building modern infrastructure and facilities for its academic growth and excellence. In the rapidly evolving higher education scenario in the country, the University, I am sure, will carve a distinct niche, firmly committing itself to the educational attainment of the youth of the region.

I wish the Foundation Day celebrations all success.

  
(Dharmendra Pradhan)

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### **Message**

I extend my best wishes to the entire Central University family on the occasion of its 16th Foundation Day. Over the years, Central University, Koraput has grown into a beacon of excellence in higher education, particularly in the region of Odisha. Its commitment and dedication towards innovation, inclusivity and community development is truly commendable.

Education is the cornerstone of a progressive society and institutions like Central University plays a vital role in shaping the future of the students. By nurturing young minds and empowering them with the knowledge and skills required to excel in their respective fields, the university has not only contributed to individual growth but also to the socio-economic development of the region.

On this special day, I congratulate the faculty, students, staff, and alumni for their dedication and hard work. I am sure that Central University, Koraput will continue to inspire and lead with the same passion and purpose, paving the way for many more milestones in the years to come.

**(Suryabanshi Suraj)**

प्रो. म. जगदीश कुमार  
अध्यक्ष  
Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar  
Chairman



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**University Grants Commission**  
Ministry of Education, Govt. of India



### Message

I am pleased to know that Central University of Odisha is celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. At this moment, I extend my warm wishes and congratulations to Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, Registrar and entire fraternity including its faculties, non-teaching staff, and our dear students.

I am also glad to know that Central University of Odisha with its academic and infrastructural growth have made it a leading institution that can fulfill the aspirations of the people of the region and the state as well. I applaud the University for launching two new programmes in Botany and Zoology in line with NEP-2020.

On this land mark occasion of their efforts, I congratulate them and wish the Foundation Day Celebration a grand success.

  
(Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar)

20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.



**Prof. K.V. Krishna Bhatta  
Chancellor**

Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 202

**Message from the Chancellor  
on the occasion of 16th Foundation Day**

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, office bearers of the Universities, respected faculty members, members of the administrative staff and my dear students,

My warm felicitations to you on the occasion of the foundation day of the university. During the last few years far reaching changes have taken place in different walks of life all over the world. On the one hand, when Bharat registering spectacular progress in every field of activity, the world at large appears to be gripped with multiple crises. People all over the world seem to be looking at Bharat for guidance and leadership at this hour of crisis. Bharat with its profound philosophy of life and mission of global well being has the capacity to guide the world at this critical juncture. The younger generation needs to rediscover itself, understand the value of the great heritage they have behind them and prepare themselves to fulfil their responsibility not only at the national level but at the global level as well.

While we have to acquire knowledge from every corner of the world where it is available, we need to rediscover our inner strengths and the rich heritage of knowledge that we are heir to.

I wish and pray at the feet of the Almighty that he may bless us with the ability to foresee the challenges and at the same time discover our own capacity to successfully live up to the challenges we are faced with and also provide leadership to the world in this hour of crisis.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.V. Krishna Bhatta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**(Prof. P.V. Krishna Bhatta)**



## From the desk of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

### CUO@16: The Vision for a Viksit Koraput



Prof Chakradhar Tripathi

### ***Jai Jagannath !***

The Central University of Odisha is coming of age. Based on its glorious past, the University is on its way to become a premier higher educational institution in India. Presently the CUO is resonating with the voices of a mini Bharat-Teachers from all parts of the country including Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have joined the University to take it to a new height by shaping a National Character through Unity amidst diversity. We currently have a strength of 65 regular teachers in levels of Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor. And many more to come....

Education is not simply a class lecture, notes, and examination thing; it is much more. It is a process of nation-building through human character-building. Education inspires a student to think about contributing to the betterment of society. Therefore, it should always be linked to society. The CUO is committed to nation-building through its academic programmes and innovative teaching pedagogy. The new UG courses which have been started are aimed to establish a social connect with the academia-Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Forest Management, Supply & Retail Chain Management- all these programmes are going to come up not only with skilled human resource but also open up a new vista of Atmanirbhar Bharat by production and marketing of FMCG products right from the laps of the nature mother of Koraput to the international market. Why should not we dream that the Animal Husbandry & Dairying Department will produce 100 % pure milk and the Department of Supply & Retail Chain Management will package & market them with a branding of CUO, Koraput? Koraput's very own country banana (*Desi Kadali*) is unique as it is rich in nutrients and does not decompose

but only dries over time. With these programmes should we not dream of marketing Koraputia *Desi Kadali* at the international forums? I am extremely optimistic. Steps are already being taken to start organic farming.

Talking about international collaborations, the CUO has forged a partnership with the Japan Foundation and running a Certificate Course in Japanese Language with resounding success. We are on the way to many such international partnerships and collaborations with foreign higher educational institutions. The head and eyes are surveying the world but our feet is firmly rooted in the ground of our very own Bharat, precisely in Koraput. We believe that Language is a vital vehicle of communication and empowers a person to climb the ladders of success. Through a partnership with the Central Hindi Institute (Kendriya Hindi Sansthan) the CUO has embarked upon a *Mahayagna*, titled as the Hindi Literacy Mission (Hindi Swaksharata Abhiyaan) where a group of dedicated, patriotic teachers of CUO led by the School of Languages are going around in different villages of Koraput and various colleges & universities of Odisha to enhance the skills of Hindi, the official language of India which will empower people at margins to participate more effectively in the affairs of the mainstream of society. Collaborative initiatives are also on at the National Level with reputed institutions like the Indira Gandhi Centre for Arts, New Delhi who visited Koraput in April 2024 for a study tour with a 60 member team comprising students & faculty. Both CHI & IGNC are considering to start regional centres at CUO campus at Koraput. That will be an exciting academic proposition as Koraput will have explicit representation and base at the national capital. Partnership with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is also an important milestone. The CUO is shortly coming up with a book in collaboration with G M University, Sambalpur.

The CUO is committed to the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020. The nation is in the process of adopting NEP and CUO is also on the job. The essence of NEP lies in the fact that it offers the independence to learners to study and write examination in their own language and removes the burden of English, which remains a bone of contention for students of remote and backward areas. The CUO has recently launched Primers in Kui & Desia Language, both spoken by the people of the undivided Koraput region in association with the NCERT, New Delhi. Going with the ethos of NEP which advocates the use of outcome based, skill based education the CUO through the Dep't of Journalism & Mass Communication, organized a 15 day Film Making Workshop for ST students in association with the Film & Television Institute of India, Pune (Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India) in February 2024 under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. In the same spirit, the CUO is also producing a research based documentary film on Bonda Tribe under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. The Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi has expressed its desire to hold a programme on Desia Literature at the CUO campus. The CUO has become a favourite destination of the National Level Government Institutions in recent times! In order to meet its mandate of tribal development through education, the CUO is regularly conducting Coaching for Competitive Examinations for SC/ST students through DACE. In an effort to make students aware about their own roots, the CUO has organized the *Paramparik Kreedha*

*Mahotsav* where tribal athletes from all over the country participated in a rare Olympic of our own sporting events like Manipur's *Thang ta* and Medinipur's *Raybenshe*.

**The effort was hailed as “laudatory initiative” by none other than Shri Narendra Modi, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India in his X-handle. We are grateful, Sir.**

The introduction of Gopabandhu Studies in UG is an effort to expose current batch of students to the great ideals of the makers of modern Bharat. Life & work of great sons of Odia soil, Utkal Gourab Madhusudan Das is being translated to Hindi and English.

The Faculty members of the CUO have been regularly travelling to attend seminars, conferences and workshops and making a mark for themselves. In recent times our Faculty members have visited countries like South Korea and Sri Lanka. Faculty delegations have made an emphatic mark in national level workshops at NIEPA, New Delhi, VC Conference of Eastern India Universities for NEP implementation at Gauhati and was awarded First Prize in the Government Achievements & Schemes Expo-2024 organized by NNS Media Group in Delhi in July 2024.

Infrastructure wise, the prospect looks promising. The new Academic Block (G+3) is on the verge of completion and very soon we will be functioning from there. The foundation stone for the Administrative Block also has been laid. The staff quarters are also going on in full swing. It is a matter of great honour that CUO was granted a sum of Rs 129 Crores and Rs. 479 Crores for infrastructure development whose blue print is also being made. The CUO has also been granted the Bhima Bhoi Chair.

**We express our gratitude to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon’ble Education Minister of India for their support towards CUO.**

The CUO believes that a student is an asset of the nation and in a responsible student lies the future of the nation. We aim to cultivate the academic leadership quality in a student and make them an equal partner in the University system. With pleasure, I state that the process has begun and the students of CUO have started taking responsibilities of taking the nation forward. I am happy that research scholar of Dept. of Bio Diversity was awarded by Hon’ble Education Minister. The students of CUO are creating a vibrant campus by participating regularly in various competitions and events organized by the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and the NSS Unit. The Tiranga Yatra was a great success in celebration of the hard earned independence of the country. With the darkness of dishonour shown to women in certain part of the country, the students organized a silent protest through a candle march. This is the consciousness we expect from the student community.

The academic fervour of the University reached a great height in 2023 with six international seminars in a row, a feat rarely achieved. The CUO has launched its Publication Unit in an effort to publish the seminar proceeds. Under the unit the Pictorial Booklet of Paramparik Kreed Mahotsav and a book titled, *‘The Journey of Development in India: Reflections on Economic & Communication Scenario’* jointly prepared by the Dep’t of Economics & Dep’t of J & MC. The Dep’t of Sociology tied up

with World Association for Women Studies to organize an international seminar in December 2023 which received a grant from the ICSSR, New Delhi. Plenty more seminars are in the pipeline. The admission process for the new two departments of Botany and Zoology have already started and it is expected that along with the Research Centre for Bio Diversity (in conceptual stage) the research in science will achieve a new height.

On the occasion of the XVI Foundation Day, I recall the contribution of my revered predecessor Vice Chancellors, Prof Surabhi Banerjee, Prof Sachidananda Mohanty and late Prof I Ramabrahmam and all those workers who have been here in CUO since its inception. I call upon all the stake holders and well-wishers to bless this august institution so that it achieves all the dreams to etch a permanent mark for Koraput in the map of Bharat in golden lines. I particularly urge the youth to see the dream of a Viksit Bharat through Viksit CUO and Viksit Koraput.' I extend my best wishes to all with the celebrated line of Swami Vivekananda.

***"Arise! Awake! And stop not until the goal is reached."***

## 16 FOUNDATION DAY LECTURE

### Institutions, Governance and Excellence The role of Youth in/for BHARAT -2047.



**Prof. B.N. Ramesh IPS (Retd.)**  
**Former DGP, West Bengal**  
**Professor, Maharashtra Law University,**  
**Aurangabad, Maharashtra**

#### **Institutions:**

Zucker and Scott defined institutions as, “Cognitive, normative and the regulatory structures and activities that provide stability and meaning to social behaviour..... Are transported by various carriers-culture, structures and the routines-and they operated multiple levels of jurisdiction.”

Every initiation has a purpose, time for maturity, stabilisation, hope and trust generation. The Indian examples include many ancient educational institutions at Nalanda et cetera. Great Scriptures were written and handed over from generation to generation through a continuous process. There is a continuity of this tradition in the time the invasions derailed the continuity.

Every institution starts as an organization with the purpose of long-term survival. There is an expectation of all stakeholders for the survival and pursuit of excellence at this time of origin of the institution. It is the purpose of the initiation to fulfil the legitimate expectation of the stakeholder.

#### **Historical background:**

There Were Eleven Great Indian contributors historically contributed to the growth of institutions in India. They are as follows.

1. S N DASGUPTA.
2. R C MAZUMDAR
3. S. Radhakrishnan.
4. Sir. CV Raman
5. Bala Gangadhar Tilak



6. Sri AUROBINDO
7. DAYANAND SARASWATI
8. J.C.BOSE
9. Swami Vivekananda
10. SWAMI RAMA TEERHA
11. SIR M VISVESWARIAH.

**POST-1947:**

1. IITs , Indian Institutes of Management, all India Institute of medical sciences, Indian space research Organisation, Indian institute of science, TFIR.
2. Science and technology
3. BioScience
4. FOOD technology
5. Green Revolution
6. White Revolution
7. Cooperatives
8. New banks by political leaders and social workers like Ambedkar JI, PATTABHI JI
9. New Industries b TATAS, BIRLAS
10. Self-management in education, industry, administration, management, medicine and
11. Establishment of Institutions of Higher Learning.

Current Reality:

1. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE/MACHINE LEARNING.
2. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, INTERNET of THINGS, 6 G
3. One Small Networked World.

**INSTITUTION VERSUS ORGANIZATION:**

Darwin's theory emphasises on survival. The best organization survive who are fast in response to challenging external threats. The solution lies in change management which involves the following.

1. Innovation
2. Diversification of products/services.
3. Constant learning.

4. ENHANCEMENT mentality.
5. Maximising profits.
6. Minimising interference.
7. Acquiring Legitimacy through approval by the environment, approval by globalizing ecosystem, social awareness, and sustainability.
8. Readiness towards modernization.
9. Michael Porter's theory of cost, leadership and differentiation.
10. Corporate Social Responsibility.
11. Stakeholder concept.
12. TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT concept.
13. KAIZEN and 6 sigma.
14. Credibility.
15. The reliability.
16. Balanced spirit.

"Institution is an organization that reaches legitimacy with the defined features such as

1. Serving the needs of stakeholders. According to Freeman, a stakeholder is "any group or individual who is affected by or who can effect the objectives of achievement of an organization." There are eleven categories of stakeholders which are as follows.
  1. Owners. 2. Consumer advocates. 3. Customers. 4. Competitors. 5. Media. 6. Employees. 7. Group of followers. 8. Ecologists. 9. Suppliers. 10. Governments. And 11. Local community organizations.
2. Performance of responsible management:
 

1953 was the year when the concept of CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY was introduced. CSR is a part of rational choice theory. It means maximising utility and minimising the risk at the same time and thus contributing to economic efficiency, social efficacy, and political effectiveness.
3. Promotion of human dignity and social justice: John Rawls introduced the concept of social pact. Corporate justice and social justice go together. Promotion of human Abilities and essential freedoms is important.
4. Performance of job, recognised by stakeholders:

Corporate/INSTITUTIONAL REPUTATION will spring through public recognition and social justification of distinctive features of the role of the institution in is - society. The distinctive elements of the features are Ecology, Environmental protection, Accounting, Ethics, Communication, Responsive Administration, Strategy, and Marketing. The most severely affected vital groups are Customers, Employees, Shareholders, and the general members of society.

5. ROLES and RULES:

"Institutions Are rules of the game and organisations are players". This was the opening of scholar North (1990). The definition given by Max Weber is not out of place. Organization is the operation of formal rules." When formal rules are found inadequate, routines are developed" (j.Valencia,2003).

6. ETHICS:

The oil Crisis in the Year 1973 and the Vietnam War followed by the Cold War replaced the state with nonstate actors as the establishment of the equilibrium among global trade functions. Ethics and efficiency go together in the long run. Examples are the organisations like the CUMMINS AND TATAS. Empirical studies prove that ethical organization/institution will solve social problems also.

7. Respect for Rules/regulations/law:

Richard Posner mentioned that the coercive instrument of the government exercises the balance in the market. Stigler questioned the capacity of the state to correct the market imbalance.

8. CHANGE MANAGEMENT:

According to scholar North (1990), "institutions are the formal and informal rules that offer both opportunities and constraints for organisational actions." Institutions undergo isomorphic and non-isomorphic changes. Isomorphic changes are common and inherent. Non-isomorphic changes contribute either to the growth or to the decay of the institution.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT.

10. POSITIVE ROLE for EMPLOYEES.

GOVERNANCE:

GOVERNANCE ENCOMPASSES the system in which an organization is controlled and operates and the mechanism by which it and its people or held to account. Ethics, risk management, compliance and administration are the three elements of governance.

#### EXCELLENCE:

Excellence is the quality of being a truly the best at a chosen something. The eightfold path for excellence is as follows.

1. Value addition to customers.
2. Sustainable future.
3. Enhancement of capacity.
4. Innovation/creativity.
5. VISIONARY LEADERSHIP.
6. AGILE MANAGEMENT.
7. TALENT MANAGEMENT.
8. Outstanding Results.

#### ROLE of YOUTH in India/2047:

YOUTH ARE not only the stakeholders but also the OWNERS of the future of this country. They need to create a vital institutions and also protect the established institutions and take them towards the perfection. Great nations are made by ABC. Institutions, governance and excellence are either together or do not exist in isolation.

By the year 2047, India can become the most developed country and also replacing the United States of America and China in the coming but Twenty-three years. The youth should not be dependent on external factors and must concentrate on the inherent ability to create happiness for themselves and the rest of society. A great India ensures a great world. Peace is an outcome and not an inherent condition for this journey. Valour and self-confidence are the two essential qualities youth require today to achieve the aim mentioned above.

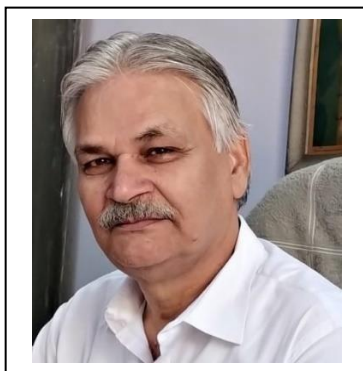
I promise to be with my sons and daughters, my brothers and sisters, my elders and all my countrymen in realising our dream of becoming the best in the world for them to come.

12. JAI HIND . VANDE MAATARAM, JAI CHANDRA SEKHAR AZAD, CHATRAPATHI SHIVAJI, CHANAKYA AND ADI SHANKARACHARYA

...DR B .N. RAMESH

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**Advisor (Academics and Administration)**

Dr. Vibhash Chandra Jha, Former Professor of Geography, Viswa Bharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal. He studied B.Sc. (Geology, Geography & Chemistry), M.Sc. in Geography (First Class First), and Ph.D.in Geography at B.H.U. Varanasi in 1976, 1978 & 1983 respectively. He also did P-1 and HUSACM1 courses in 1984 & 1985 & URW course in 1995, IIRS in Remote Sensing. Prof. Jha is a renowned Geographer and his area of Specialisation is Geomorphology, Cultural Geography, Geography of Buddhism, Geoinformatics and Geospatial Technology (Remote Sensing, GIS, & GPS).

Prof. Jha worked as Vice-Chancellor at TMB University, Bhagalpur, in 2019. He was the Visitor's Nominee in the Academic Council of North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. Presently Professor Jha is Advisor (Academics & Administration), Central University of Odisha, Koraput. Recently, he has worked as Consultant (Academics & Administration), CUO, Koraput June 2023-May2024.

Professor Jha was as Professor of Geography during 27<sup>th</sup> July 1997 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 for 25 years, Vidya-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati (A Central University), Santiniketan. Prof. Jha was a permanent faculty member of the Department of Geography, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan during July 1986-March 2023 having a total 43 Years of Teaching & Research Experience. He was a Member of the Executive Council of Visva-Bharati (2016-2017 and 2024-2027). Prof. Jha has also completed his tenure of Deputation for 3 years and 3 months as Director of National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO), Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India (ACC Approved Post), Kolkata, an organisation of National Importance during 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Prior to joining Visva-Bharati University in 1986, he worked as a Scientist/Engineer 'SD' (Geographer) for the National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, posted at IIRS Dehradun. He received the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (Department of Atomic Energy) Research Fellowship in Geology for his doctorate degree in Geomorphology. Dr. Jha was awarded second place in the International Photo-geomorphological contest at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada in 1993.



Professor Jha has enormous experience in institution building and has served in various positions like Coordinator for the Project Team from India Side on *INDIA-ASEAN Archaeological Atlas from Satellite Data-“Connectivity of Regional Culture: Finite Route & Infinite Values”* A Joint Venture between India and Thailand aiming at strengthening Bilateral relations between the ASEAN nations in the field of Science & Technology. This Project included the Thematic Mapping and descriptions of the Buddhist sites of the Nations, namely India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, and Cambodia. Dr. Jha was Member of the Government of India, National Delegation of the Ministry of Science & Technology to Thailand December, 2012, 2013 & 2014.

He has more than 147 research papers and 85 Maps, Atlases, and Monograph in NATMO to his credit, is the author of a research monograph on Himalayan Geomorphology and Editor and Chief Editor of edited books on Geomorphology and Remote Sensing, Land Degradation and Desertification and Cartography and Climate Change (Two Volumes). He was also a Member of the Advisory Board of UGC DST, DRS/SAP program in Kolkata, Burdwan University, and an Expert Member in various academic bodies of different Universities and DST. Particular mention may be made of the Vice-Chairman of the R&D Expert Committees on Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean, Planetary Sciences and Water Resources in the Department of Science & Technology and Biotechnology Government West Bengal. Member of Expert Committee for preparing a Document for the West Bengal State Geospatial Policy, June 2022. His research interests are Land Degradation and Desertification in tropical lands, Engineering Geomorphology, and Landscape Ecology.

## SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

### DEPT. OF ODISIA LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

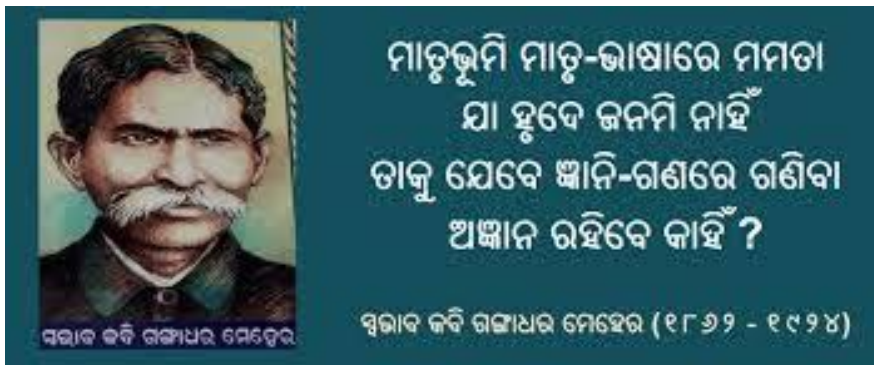
#### Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, M.A., Ph.D. Associate Professor and Head



Born in Baleswar of Odisha, Dr. Rudrani Mohanty did her PG in Odia from Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan, and Ph.D. from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, on the topic, *Odia Kabitara Gati o Prakiti*. She specializes in Modern Odia Poetry, Folklore, Tribal Lore, Modern Odia Prose and Journalistic Writing. Till date two nos. of Ph.D.s have been awarded under her from F. M. University, Baleswar. She was also awarded UGC Minor Research Project on, *Socio-cultural milieu of the Lodha society : A study* in 2006. To date, Dr. Mohanty has participated in 500 + seminars as a paper presenter and resource person. She has published 100+ papers in reputed journals and 13 nos. books from prestigious publishers like Odisha Sahitya Akademi and OSOU, Sambalpur. She has also convened 03 nos. seminars, lecture series and is Editor of departmental wall magazine and book titled, *Anubada: Prayas O Sambhabana*. She was also the Coordinator of the Committee for preparing Primers in Kui Desia language.

Apart from academics, Dr Mohanty has experience of a Casual Compeer and A grade drama artist in All India Radio, Cuttack. She is invited to deliver live commentary of Jagannath Car Festival from Doordarshan, Akashvani, ETV Odia and DIPRO, Mayurbhanj. She is also the recipient of prestigious awards like NSS Award of University, State & National Level, Akashvani Annual Award for Odia Radio Play, Dhalu, in 1997 and Best Leadership Award for CUO in Youth Festival Central Zone in 2014 & 2018.

Prior to her joining as regular faculty at CUO. Dr. Mohanty has an overall teaching experience of 37 years including her teaching years in Chatrada College, Mayurbhanj and CUO.





**Dr. Alok Baral (M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt., NET)**  
**Sr. Assistant Professor**

Born in Balangir, Odisha, on 07.07.1977, Dr. Alok Baral completed his Schooling and College at Prithwiraj High School & Rajendra College of Balangir, respectively. He did his PG and Ph.D. Degree from Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan. He completed his Ph.D. on “A Comparative Thematic Study of Eastern Indian Regional Novels” with special reference to Odia, Bengali & Assamese. Also, he completed his D.Litt. degree on “Odia Novels: Development of Theme and Crafts (1980-2015)” under Berhampur University. Dr Baral is a voracious reader and a good speaker and he is also a Serious Critic in Odia literature having more than two hundred research publications. Other than research articles, features, and edited books, he has total 16 nos. of books published such as *Bagha Gapa (2007)*, *Ashok Asaranti (2012)*, *Niladribhusan Natyjijnasa (2018)*, *Bhaga Kahani (2019)*, *Swana Galpa (2019)*, *Swana Kahani (2024)*, *Purba Bharatyā Anchalika Upanyas (2007)*, *Katha Jijnasa (2007)*, *Odia Sahityika Chhadmanaara Itihas (2016)*, *Uttara Adhunik Odia Natak (2017)*, *Odia Natakra Samikshyatmak Itihas: 1877-2018 (2018)*, *Upanyas Jijnasa (2019)*, *Galpa-Jijnasa (2019)*, *Natya-Jijnasa (2022)* & *Prasanga: Upanyas (2023)*. He published good numbers of poems in Odia and published more than three hundred informative brief book reviews. He has been awarded with prestigious awards and honour like, *Bhudhabaria Kabita Samman(1998)*, *Travel Grant of Sahitya Akademi (2002)*, *Kadambini Feature Award (2007)*, *First Jameswar Mishra Sahitya Samman (2011)*, *Sabda-jyoti Samman (2011)*, *Nirvana Yuva Prativa Samman (2012)*, *Srujanara Pahacha Prabandha O Feature Samman (2014)*, *Bhasa Shourabh Sammana (2016)*, *Surendra Research Academy Prabandha Samman (2017)*, *Ashok Chandan Smruti Samman (2017)*, *Kalinga Literary Youth Award-2018(2018)*, *Lekhalekhi Taruna Tarunya Juvalekhak Samman-2019 (2019)*, *Barsha Saraswat Samman-2024 (2024)*etc. Eight Ph.D. & Fifteen M.Phil. scholars awarded under his supervision.



**Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain (M.A., Ph.D.)**  
**Sr. Assistant Professor**

Born on 15th Aug 1978 at Ramachandrapur, Ganjam, Odisha, **Dr. Pradosh Kumar Swain** is an academician and researcher and his area of research and teaching includes **Modern Odia Poetry, Drama** and **Tribal Folk Culture**. He has started his academic journey from 2001 in Odia Language and Literature. He did his M.A., M.Phil., NET, JRF and Ph.D. Degree successfully from Utkal University. He cleared OES conducted by OPSC in 2010. And in the same year joined as Asst. Professor in Odia at Central University of Odisha, Koraput.

Dr. Swain published more than 50 research articles on reported journals of Odisha and outside. He has published 30 book chapters on popular literary books and six books on different aspects of Odia literature. Guided three Ph.D. scholars, five M.Phil. scholars and more than 80 PG students for their research work under his supervision during this last 13 years of service. He was felicitated and awarded by several famous organisations and

institutions of Odisha and outside. He is also involved in different literary organisations of Odisha as editor, coordinator and advisor. He has attended several seminars/conferences that promoted Odia language and literature and is involved in his areas of research and development. on his field. His journey in academics and his social involvement is really appreciable and inspiring.



**Dr Ganesh Prasad Sahu (M.A., Ph.D.)**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born in Baripada , Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. Dr Ganesh Prasad Sahu has completed early schooling and college career from Baripada only. After that he had his higher studies at Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan in Odia Language and Literature. Successfully completed PhD in Odia in the year 2004 on the topic “Nutana Kabitara Prushthabhumire Kabi Bhanuji Rao”. Research and critical approach towards literature is his most interesting passion. Linguistics, General Prose, Drama, Editing and Translation, and Modern Poetry are his main teaching areas at the Central University of Odisha. He has published research articles in reputed Odia journals. With 15 years of Teaching Experience, he has published 75 Articles, 15 Books Chapter, and 08 Books, contributed 15 Papers in National/Internation Seminars, and guided students in research work. Presently he is the [Coordinator of Recruitment Cell, Non-Teaching of this University.](#)



**Dr. Raghunath Ojha(M.A., Ph.D.)**  
**Assistant Professor**

A native of Puri district from Nuharkiri, Nimapada, Dr. Ojha has completed his M.Phil. & PhD degree in Odia from the Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West-Bengal, M.A. in Odia from Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha and he has cleared UGC NET also. Prior to joining this University, he has served as a Lecturer in Odia (State Selection Board, Odisha) at Godavaris Mahavidyalaya, Banpur, Khordha Odisha for 03 Years and have published one book, nine Book chapters in edited books, seven articles and a number of poems in various Journals. In addition to his academic pursuit, he also has presented many of his research papers in various State & National Conferences. His specialization ranges in the subjects of Linguistics, Research area Fiction, Criticism and Teaching area Linguistics, Prose, ancient literature and Modern literature. At present he devotes his research to Modern Odia Fiction.

## DEPT. OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE



**Dr. Nirjharini Tripathy M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor and Head**

Dr. Nirjharini Tripathy is an Associate Professor and HoD of the Department of English Language and Literature, Central University of Odisha, Koraput. Her native place is Sambalpur. She received her education for graduation and post-graduation from Gangadhar Meher University and Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, respectively. She received her PhD from Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. She has worked as an Assistant Professor and Associate professor for nineteen years at I.C.F.A.I., Teresian College, Mysore, Gangadhar Meher University, and Utkal University, respectively. Her research and

interests include Indian writing in English, Indian Knowledge system, post-colonial/Decolonial Indian literature, Translation Studies, African/Afro-American literature, Asian-American literature, Caribbean Literature, and drama/Theatre and Performance studies. She has authored several books in various national and international publications. A few of the books authored by her are:

1. Trauma and Terrorism in the novels of Don DeLillo, Mohsin Hamid, and Shafi Ahmed.
2. Women are Awareness in the writings of Mahasweta Devi, Mahesh Dattani and Manju Kapur.
3. The Myriad Facets of Women: A study of the novels of Manju Kapur.
4. 'The Starved' is an English translation of the play Bhubka in Sambalpuri, published by the international publisher Hachette United Kingdom.

She has published twenty-six research articles in various International and U.G.C. care-listed journals. She has presented eight papers at international conferences and delivered lectures as a resource person in around thirty national and international workshops, seminars, and conferences.

She has guided three MPhil scholars and three PhD scholars so far.



**Mr. Sanjeet Kumar Das M.A., M.Phil.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born in the Kendrapara district of Odisha, Sanjeet Kumar Das is a poet, translator, and educationist. His poetry collection, *Asima Jeevan*, was first published in 2021. His translation works include Dr. Narayan Sahoo's *And the Wretched* (2023), *Bewildered God* (2023), Dr. Niladri Bhusan Harichandan's *Salabega* and *Columbus* (2023), Shankar Tripathy's *Nabakalebar* (2024), *Waiting for Ramachandra* and *Sunya Purush* (2024), and *Metamorphosis* (2024), Dr. Bijoy Kumar Satapathy's *Soul of Kansa* and *Kokua* (2023) Dr. Bijay Mishra's play *Niranjana*

(2023) and Dr. Ratnakar Chaini's play *That Chanakya Lives* (2023), Harihar Mishra's *Demeaned Gajapati* (2024) and Kunja Ray's *Invincible Kharavela* (2024), Dr. Archana Nayak's *Amrapali* and Chittaranjan Chiranjit's *Bliss of Solitude*. He has published one edited book, *A Translingual Voyage: Select Indian Writings in English Translation*. He works as an Assistant Professor at the Department of English Language and Literature, Central University of Odisha, Koraput. He has been serving the university since 16 September 2009. He was the Programme Coordinator consistently for three years, from 2010 to 2013, for the Certificate Course on Effective



Communicative Skills offered by the British Council at Central University of Odisha. He headed the Department of English Language and Literature, CUO, for over ten years. Under his headship, an international conference titled "Imagining and Translating the 'Other': Engaging with Contemporary Indian Literature" was held on March 20-22, 2023..



**Dr. Anjaneyulu Thotapally M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Dr. Anjaneyulu Thotapally hails from Telangana State and is currently settled in Visakhapatnam; he boasts an impressive academic trajectory. He obtained both his M.Phil. and Ph.D. from the University of Hyderabad, where he also completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship. His academic foundation is broad, with Master's Degrees in English, Commerce, Education, and Linguistics.

He brings a wealth of experience to his teaching, having served in various academic institutions over the years. His primary areas of expertise include English Language Teaching, Learning, and Linguistics, and he has played a crucial role in the academic development of both UG and PG students. However, he has served as an Academic Counsellor for IGNOU and DRBRAOU, Hyderabad, where he guided students through complex linguistic and educational concepts.

His research interests are well-documented in his numerous publications, which include articles in UGC Care-listed journals and other prestigious international platforms. His scholarly work spans a wide range of topics, from the impact of social factors on English language learning in India to critical analyses of English textbooks and teaching methodologies in government schools. He is also the author of two books. His commitment to continuous professional development is evident in his participation in various workshops, seminars, faculty development programs, refresher courses, and induction programs. He has also actively engaged with the academic community by presenting papers at National and International conferences on diverse topics. Furthermore, he was appointed as the Programme Coordinator of the NSS Bureau at the CUO, where he has overseen various activities and served on multiple university committees.



**Dr. Prasenjit Sinha M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born in Anandpur Town of Keonjhar District, Dr. Prasenjit Sinha obtained his M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in English from Sambalpur University, Burla, Odisha. He specialises in Comparative Literature and Translation Studies. His area of interest and expertise includes British Literature, Translation, Criticism, Modern Odia Fiction and Business Communication. He has published articles and translations in scholarly journals and presented papers in national and international conferences. He

has also contributed chapters in edited books. Other than teaching and research he has also visited different educational and social organizations on special occasions as a

Resource Person and Chief Speaker. After joining at CUO 01.01.2024, he is also serving with the additional responsibility as the OSD to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Odisha, Koraput.



**Dr. Nesha Sabar M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Dr. Nesha Sabar hails from a remote village Rumbati of Rayagada district of Odisha. He has obtained his Ph.D. degree in English from the University of Hyderabad, M. Phil. degree in English Literature from The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad (EFLU-Hyderabad) and M.A. in English from Berhampur University, Odisha.

Prior to joining this University, he has served as a Lecturer in English at Govt. Science College, Malkangiri, Odisha (Through OPSC) for 07 Years and have published research papers in various Journals of National and International repute. In addition to his academic pursuit, he also has presented many of his research papers in various National and International Conferences across the country. His specialization ranges in the subjects of British Literature, American Literature, Environmental Literature, Gender Studies, Postcolonial Literature and Indian English Literature. At present he devotes his research to Tribal Literature, specifically on Lanjia Saora Tribe of Odisha.

## **DEPARTMENT OF HINDI**



**Dr. Chakradhar Padhan M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor**

Dr. Chakradhar Padhan joined as the Associate Professor in the Department of Hindi on August 23, 2023. He has been heading the Department. Previously he served as Assistant Professor (WBES) in the Department of Hindi, Darjeeling Govt. College, Darjeeling and Hooghly Mohsin College, Chinsurah, West Bengal from 2006 to 2023. Dr Padhan's research interest lies in the field of Ramayana in Hindi and Odia literature, Comparative literature and Translation Studies. He has published 10+ research articles in reputed journal in Hindi. He has published 3 books and 6 chapters in edited books. He has translated 'Geetanjali' in Sambalpuri language and also translated the poems of Gopabandhu Dasin Hindi. He has been awarded "Surya Antarbharti Bhasha Samman" by Surya Sansthan, Noida and "Sammelan Samman" by Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag. Dr Padhan hails from Tarakana village in Bargarh District of Odisha. He has completed his Schooling at Bhatli High School, Bhatli and Anchalik High School, Urduna. He pursued Hindi (Hons.) at Panchayat College, Bargarh and completed higher studies (M.A., Ph.D) from Visva- Bharati, Santiniketan. Apart from the academic interest he is also more passionate for various Artforms, folk arts and cultural activities inside and outside the University.



**Dr. Arale Shrikant Laxmanrao M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born in the village: Karla (Khurd), Nanded District of Maharashtra State, Dr. Shrikant Laxmanrao Arale completed Master of Arts and M.Phil. in Hindi from the University of Hyderabad. He did Ph.D. in 'Rasa Theory in Hindi and Marathi Poetics' from English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad (Telangana). Being UGC-NET qualified, he completed Postgraduate Certificate in Hindi Translation Studies from Hyderabad Central University, Distance Education and Virtual Learning Centre, Hyderabad.

He worked as Content Associate and Hindi Translator (Part time) at Iconma Private Limited, Hyderabad. He also served as Guest Lecturer in Bangalore University, Gnaa Bharathi Campus, Bangalore; Tamil Nadu Central University, Thiruvavur, Tamil Nadu and Assistant Professor and Head of Postgraduate Hindi Department at Shri Radha Krishna Goenka College, Sitamarhi, Bihar before joining at Central University Odisha on January 8, 2024. His articles and writings have been published in various journals. He has two books to his credit- *Rasa Vimarsh: Acharya Ramchandra Shukla and Dr. Keshav Narayan Watwe* (2016), Esha Gyandeeep Publications, New Delhi.



**Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born at Aurangabad District, Odisha, Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh has a strong foundation in Hindi Literature. Previously he served as a teacher under the Higher Education Department of West Bengal for sixteen years. He served as Associate NCC officer for 9 years, and NCC "C" Certificate holder also.

Dr. Singh's research interests lie in the field of women's discourse in Hindi literature. His work has been instrumental in advancing our understanding of the comparative study of Male and Female writers about women's discourse in Hindi Novels, comparative literature, and translation studies. Dr Singh did his 's Master of Arts in Hindi from the University of Burdwan in 1999, B.Ed. from the Calcutta University in 2006 and PhD from the University of Burdwan in 2014. His doctoral dissertation focused on 'Jainendra Evam Yashpal ke Upayason Mein Avibhyakat stri- Chethe Ek Tulnatmak Adhyan.' His expertise is reflected in his numerous publications. He has published 15+ research articles in prestigious journals and Hindi magazines. He has published 04 books and 09 chapters in edited books. Beyond his research endeavours, Dr. Singh is actively involved in the academic community. He serves on the editorial boards of Bengali Magazine 'Sankhnad' translated into Hindi and an editorial member of Hindi Magazine 'Shilpanchal Jyoti' Asansol. Dr. Singh's Contribution to the field have been recognized with 'Sammelan Samnan' by Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag 2024, 'Nation builder Award'-2022 Rotary Club, 'Hindi Bhasha Bhushan' - 2021, Sahitya Mandal Nathdwara, Rajasthan, Ram Awtar Gupt Shikshak Samman-2020, Kolkata, WB, Hindi Sewi Samman - 2014, Asansol Hindi Akadmi.



**Dr. Sunit Paswan M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Hailing from Bud-Bud village in Purb Burdhaman District of West Bengal, . He has Dr. Paswan completed his M.A, Ph.D. from Visva Bharti Santiniketan. Dr. Paswan's research lies in the field of Katha Sahitya in Hindi and Bengali literature, Tulnatmak Sahitya, Comparative Study Hindi-Bengali literature, Rabindra Sahitya He has published 11 research articles in a reputed journal in Hindi. He has published 3 books.

#### DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT



**Prof. (Dr) Narasingha Charan Panda, Ph.D.**  
**Prof. And Head and Dean, School of Languages**

Prof. N.C. Panda's contributions to Sanskrit and Indological Studies are genuinely remarkable. His extensive experience as a professor, researcher, and editor has enriched the academic landscape in India and abroad. His expertise, ranging in the subjects of Veda, Indian Philosophy, Buddhism, Art, Architecture, and other areas, has brought forth a wealth of knowledge and insights.

His role as the I.C.C.R. Chair and visiting Professor of Sanskrit at Silpakorn University in Bangkok highlights his global influence and commitment to promoting Sanskrit studies beyond borders. As the editor of the International Journal of Indology & Culture, he facilitates scholarly discourse and promotes academic exchange on a global scale.

Prof. Panda's authored and edited books cover diverse topics, showcasing his deep understanding and scholarly rigor from the foundational texts like the Upadesasahasri, Saundaryalahari, Samkhya-karika, Maha-vamsa, Aspects of Vedanta, Essays on the Gita, Life of Buddha, Gods and Goddesses in Indian Art and Literature, the Architecture of Manasara, Indian Temple Architecture, Durgaa Saptasati, Thirteen Principal Upanishads, The Mahanirvna Tantra, Ashoka (History & Inscriptions), Epics & Puranas in Sanskrit Literature, Temple Architecture of Orissa, The Ramayana: A Literary Study, Artha Samgraha, Brahma Sutra ( Text & Trans.), and Temple Architecture of India, Buddhist Stupas, etc. explore the Indian Art, Literature, and Architecture, his works contribute significantly to our understanding of Indian civilization and its rich cultural heritage.

Moreover, his tenure as Professor and Head of the Department of Sanskrit at the Central University of Odisha and his previous leadership roles underscore his dedication to academic pursuit, administration, and institutional development. Overall, Prof. N.C. Panda emerges as a distinguished scholar whose multifaceted contributions continue to shape and enrich the Sanskrit and Indological Studies field.

Prof. N.C. Panda is the Dean of the School of Languages, and he is also discharging the additional responsibility of Registrar (I/c). In His own words for 16<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day:

*Looking forward, we stand poised to seize new opportunities, to innovate, and to perpetuate our tradition of fostering intellectual growth and social responsibility. The future of CUO*

*Koraput is resplendent with promise, and together, we shall endeavour to elevate our university to the vanguard of higher education shaping minds, cultivating talent, and contributing indelibly to the advancement of our society.*



**Dr. Nabin Kumar Pradhan M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Dr. Nabin Kumar Pradhan has joined the Central University of Odisha as an Assistant Professor, on January 23, 2023. Dr. Pradhan brings with him a formidable academic background, holding a Master's degree in Sanskrit from Utkal University, an Acharya in Puranetihasa from the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati, and a Ph.D. from Utkal University. Additionally, he holds a Bachelor's in Education (B.Ed.) from the Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, and qualified UGC NET in 2015.

Dr. Pradhan's primary area of research interest lies in Veda and Puranetihasa, showcasing his dedication to the exploration and advancement of Sanskrit studies. His scholarly contributions extend beyond the academic realm, as he has published research articles in various journals of national repute. These publications reflect his profound insights into the intricate domains of Vedic and Puranic literature.



**Dr Sanjib Sarkar M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born at Tungidighi village under Uttar Dinajpur of West Bengal, Dr. Sanjib Sarkar completed M.A. in Sanskrit with Vedanta, Yoga, Bhagavad Geeta, Upanishads from National Sanskrit University (central university) Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. He also obtained PG diploma in yoga therapy & Stress Management. After obtaining M.Phil. Degree in Equation of Shree Krishnatattva with Advaitatattva corroboration (according to Shreemadbhagvadgeeta) in the year 2016. He was awarded Ph.D in the topic "A comparative study based on Anandagiri & Vanamala annotations of Taittiriopanishad shankarabhashya" from National Sanskrit University, Tirupati, 2020. He is also a B.Ed. and NET qualified.



**Dr. Debashis Karmakar M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Dr. Karmakar brings with him a strong academic background, holding an Acharya (M.A.) degree in Sanskrit from Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, and an awarded Ph.D. from Visva Bharati University. Along with, he holds a Bachelor's in Education (B.Ed.) degree from the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, and also UGC NET qualified.

Dr. Karmakar's area of expertise/interest lies in Vedanta (Philosophy), Puranic Literature, and also in the field of Sanskrit Translation and



advanced scientific Sanskrit thought. His contributions extend beyond the academic field, as his research articles in various journals and books of National and International repute. These publications reflect his deep theoretical insight into the complex domain of various aspects of Sanskrit, particularly Vedanta, Puranas, as well as various aspects of Indian culture.

## **SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY**



**Dr. B. K. Srinivas M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor and Head**

Born in an agricultural family in the Adilabad district of Telangana state, Dr. Srinivas pursued M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Hyderabad. His Ph.D. work was on 'Social Impact Assessment of Development in Semliguda Block of Koraput District, Odisha', and it critically analysed the issues of social impact on society in terms of changes in livelihood and culture, family and neighbourhood disruption, psychological trauma, mental displacement of affected people. The study also discussed about adverse environmental and health impacts of industries on natives.

Prior to joining Central University of Odisha, he served for 8 years in various institutions, Research Assistant in Rural Infrastructure Project sponsored by NCAER (National Council for Applied Economic Research) New Delhi & Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad for a period of 1 year, later served as Field Investigator in National Commission for SC/STs, Andhra Pradesh State Office, Hyderabad for 1 year. I also worked as Project faculty in Tribal Cultural Research and Training Institute (TCRTI), Tribal Welfare department, Andhra Pradesh for a period of 6 years.

After joining the Central University of Odisha as Assistant Professor of Anthropology on 02.01.2012, his teaching specialisations are in the areas Socio-Cultural Anthropology, Tribal Development, Research Methods, Theories of Society and Culture, and Indian Anthropology. Currently, three scholars are pursuing Ph.D. under my supervision, and he has successfully guided one M.Phil. Scholar.



**Dr. Jayanta Kumar Nayak M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
**Sr. Assistant Professor**

Born in Balasore, Odisha on 23.03.1977, Dr. Jayanta Kumar Nayak completed his schooling and college carrier from Oupada High School, Oupada; and U. N. College, Soro respectively. He did his Post Graduation, M.Phil., and Ph.D. Degree from Utkal University and , completed his Ph.D. on "Genetical, Socio-cultural and Environmental factors influencing alcoholic habits: An Exploratory Study of the Bondo Highlanders of Orissa". Dr Nayak is a voracious

reader and a good speaker and a serious researcher. He has published seven books, 12 book chapters, and 77 research articles in Scopus indexed and UGC Care Listed International and National Journals and Publishers. Out of his research publications, three are in Odia language, five are in Hindi, and 88 are in English language. The title of books published by Dr. Nayak are as follows: 'Misplaced Paradise – Tribe, state and extremism in India (2022), The Hill Korwas of Chattisgarh: A Study on Health and Nutritional Status' (2020), 'Gracious Living of Durua' (2019), 'Medical Anthropology of Tuberculosis: A case study on knowledge, attitude, and practices of patients towards tuberculosis in Odisha' (2018), 'Primateology' (2017), 'Fundamentals of Research Methodology: Problems and Prospects' (2015), and 'Constructive Community Drinking: A Genome based Socio-Cultural Study on Bondo Highlanders' (2012).

As a researcher, he has supervised 07 Ph.D. theses, 20 M.Phil. dissertations, and 81 P.G. dissertations. Earlier to his joining at Central University of Odisha, he also worked as a Senior Research Fellow in ICMR & in the Anthropological Survey of India (ASI). As a Project Scientist, he also worked in ASI. His contribution in the field of anthropology is indexed in the World ranking AD Scientific Index. His research interest areas are: Bio-cultural studies, Agricultural anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Haemoglobinopathy and Community Genetics, Complex Diseases, Behavioral Genetics, Nutritional Anthropology, Human Genome Analysis, Developmental Anthropology, and Tribal Studies. As a resource person and speaker, he has attended many National and International Seminars, Symposia, and Workshops in India.



**Dr. Basanta Kumar Bindhani, M.Sc., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Dr. Basanta Kumar Bindhani hails from Keonjhar district, Odisha. He holds an MSc from the Central University of Odisha and a PhD from the University of Delhi, where his research focused on "Sickle cell carrier status and associated comorbidities among scheduled castes and scheduled tribes of Odisha." Dr. Bindhani's academic contributions span both research and teaching. He has authored two

books and published 28 articles in prestigious national and international journals. His research interests cover a wide range of disciplines, including molecular and biochemical anthropology, medical anthropology, nutritional anthropology, public health, epigenetics, biosocial anthropology, tribal studies, and research methods. He has worked on several significant research projects with institutions such as ICMR-RMRC and Delhi University, advancing the understanding of tribal health and genetic studies.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



**Dr. Kapila Khemundu M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor & Head**

Born on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1972 at Nandapur, District Koraput Odisha, Dr. Kapila Khemundu completed MA (1999), M.Phil. and Ph. D. (2007) from JNU, New Delhi. He began research work as a JPF in NCERT, and then I worked with the National Foundation for Communal Harmony (an Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Home Affairs) GoI, New Delhi. He has also worked for some time with ISS, New Delhi and ISID, New Delhi and Gateway Research Worldwide. He taught for a short period to undergraduate students in Swami Sradhanand College, Delhi University. Even though he qualified for the Odisha State Civil Service Examination (2006), he continued teaching at the Central University of Odisha since 16.09. 2009. Completed one Research Project independently and 02 Research Projects are under progress. I have authored 1 book and published 35 articles in different journals and magazines. Reviewed 10 numbers of national and international journals. Organized 20 seminars/workshops/conferences and several lectures in the Department of Sociology.

With 17 years of Teaching and Research Experience, Dr. Khemundu has supervised 16 M.Phil, and three Ph. D. and One M. Phil and two Ph. D Scholars continuing their research under his supervision. There are more than 80 MA dissertations have also been supervised him, and a good number of dissertations are related to the issues of tribes and marginalized Communities. He is a Life Member of the Indian Sociological Society, Member of the Board of Governors, COATS, Koraput (A Centre of Excellence in Tribal Studies, MHRD, GOI).



**Dr. Deepthi Shanker M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor**

**Dr. Deepthi Shanker** is as an is an academicians with around 20 years of experience in 'Teaching', 'Research' and 'Administration' across IITs, IIMB and other prestigious institutes of excellence. She has authored several international, UGC-listed and Peer-reviewed journal articles; presented research papers in 50 plus International and National conferences/workshops. She has also served in editorial boards of journal/research group as an Associate and Managing editor and prepared several research reports in social sciences.

Dr. Shanker has a PhD in Sociology from Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore; Masters from Kuvempu University (Karnataka) and an MBA from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Sciences (NMIMS). She was awarded with Karnataka Sociological Association Gold Medal for securing highest marks in MA and was awarded with the prestigious M.N Srinivas Memorial Prize for an outstanding PhD thesis at ISEC, India. She has several publications of international repute and authored a book titled "*Mobility among Professionals in Bangalore City*". Her area of interest includes Stratification & Mobility studies; Sociology for India, Entrepreneurship studies; Globalization & Society, Development studies etc. She is a life member of Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and



currently the convenor of Research Committee (RC) -14 'Globalization & Society at ISS. She is also the active member of working group 'Sociology on Local-Global Relations of International Sociological Association (ISA). Dr. Shanker is a native of Bangalore and her hobbies include yoga, classical music, poetry and travelling.



**Dr. Nupur Pattanaik M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

A native of Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Dr. Nupur Pattanaik has completed her M.A. from Utkal University, and M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. She has also qualified for UGC-NET in Sociology. Her research interests include tribes, political sociology, environment & society, climatology, culture, and research methodology. She specializes in issues of gender, migration, tribal and labour sociology, social research, and theory. She has many publications in national and international journals, like Routledge, Sage, and Springer. She has been the Editorial Board member for Identities Journal, Routledge Taylor and Francis, and Sexuality and Culture by Springer Publications. She has published her writings in popular news media: Contexts, Women's Web, Feminism in India, Youth Ki Awaaz, Social Science Space, Down to Earth, The Sociological Review, The Wire, Sociology Lens. She has worked as a faculty member in Sociology in Universities like Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar. She is also the Assistant Warden of Girls Hostel of Central University of Odisha, Koraput. She is a life member of the Life Indian Sociological Society and the Indian Association for Women's Studies.



**Dr. Saubhagya Laxmi Singh M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born at village Soso in Keonjhar District of Odisha, Dr. Saubhagya Laxmi Singh completed her master's and doctoral degree in sociology from Pondicherry University. She has also considerable experience as a teacher from prestigious institutes such as Pondicherry Central University, and Director of Distance Education, PU. She also got selected for the ICSSR Post-Doctoral Fellowship for the years 2023-24. Her research interests span a variety of disciplines, such as agrarian studies, tribal studies, and gender studies.



**Dr. Elisa Mohanty M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Hailing from the coastal town of Berhampur in southern Odisha, Dr. Elisa Mohanty completed her Masters from University of Hyderabad and PhD from IIT Roorkee. She was the All Odisha Topper in the selection of Assistant Professors in Sociology conducted by Odisha Public Service Commission in December 2022, following which she worked as Assistant Professor and Head of P.G. Department of Sociology at S.C.S (Auto.) College Puri. In her doctoral research, she has examined the digital appropriation by women entrepreneurs of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in relatively underdeveloped sub-regions of Ganjam and Gajapati districts of Odisha in India. She holds publications in international journals of repute brought forth by publishing houses like Emerald, Elsevier, and Wiley. At the International Conference on “Navigating Sustainable Futures: Literary Reflections on Precarious Lives and the Anthropocene”, organized by the Dept. of HSS, IIT Patna, on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024, she chaired an offline session on “Ecological Echoes in Literature: Exploring Environmental Realities and Injustices” and presented a paper titled “When the Profane is Sacred: Ecofeminist Pathways to Sustainability”. She was part of the four-member team that represented CUO at the Govt. Achievements & Schemes Expo 2024 held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024 wherein the University bagged the first prize in the “Providing Excellent Higher Education” category. She is passionate in exploring issues at the intersections of gender, ICT use, ecology and development.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**



**Dr. Minati Sahoo M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
**Sr. Assistant Professor and Head**

Born at Baripada of Mayurbhanja, MA in Economics from Ravenshaw Autonomous College, Cuttack; M Phil in Economics from Utkal University and Ph.D. in Economics from Ravenshaw University. She has also qualified UGC-NET in Economics. She has also been the visiting faculty of KIIT school of management and Shruti Academy of Management. She has the teaching experience of more than 14 years and research experience of more than 10 years. Prior to joining Central University of Odisha, she has worked as a Lecturer in Economics in Ravenshaw University and Asst. Professor (Economics), Dept. of MBA, Trident Academy of Technology, Bhubaneswar. Her teaching interest includes macroeconomics, agricultural economics, environmental economics, international trade, industrial economics, and Research Methodology. She has 34 research articles publications to her credit in national /international journal and 35 chapters in edited books and 02 books as editor. Her research pursuits include Economics of Natural Resources, Gender Economics, Tribal Economics and Agricultural Economics. She has presented her work in 55 national and international seminar and conferences and has also graced a number of National Seminar/Workshops/Refresher Course as Resource person. She has also acted as reviewer in many international journals like Journal of Public

Affairs (John Wiley), Social Science & Humanities (Elsevier), Heliyon (Elsevier), Journal of Agriculture & Food Research (Elsevier), The Indian Economic Journal (Sage Publication).



**Dr. Prashanta Kumar Behera M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Dr. Behera hails from Cuttack, Odisha. He did his M.A. in Analytical and Applied Economics from Utkal University, M.Phil. in Economics from Ravenshaw University and Ph.D. in Applied Economics from Utkal University. He has qualified both UGC-NET & JRF in Economics. He is the founding Head of the Department of Economics. Prior to joining CUO, he was a Lecturer in Economics at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar. He has received the ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowship from NCDS, Bhubaneswar. He has published 15 research papers in national and international journals of repute and 15 chapters in edited books. He has presented 30 research papers at various national and international seminars/conferences organised by different institutions/universities across India. He has more than 12 years of teaching and research experience. He has successfully supervised 60 Master Degree dissertations in various areas of economics. He has received the best paper award at the National Seminar on “Contemporary Issues & Challenges in Finance and Taxation” organized by P.G. Department of Commerce, Berhampur University. As an editor, he has published two books and as a co-director, he has completed one ICSSR short term research project. His teaching and research interests include Development Economics, Tribal Economics, Agricultural Economics, Research Methodology, Environmental Economics, Financial Economics, Economics of Social Sector, Computer Application in Economics and Public Policy. He is currently the reviewer for the Journal of Public Affairs and the Journal of Studies in Dynamics and Change.



**Mr. Biswajit Bhoi M.A.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born at village Ganthiapali in Bargarh District of Odisha, Mr. Biswajit Bhoi completed his M.A. in Economics from University of Hyderabad in the year 2011 and qualified JRF-NET(UGC). His Research area/interest includes Agricultural Economics, Gender Economics, Labour Economics, Economics of Migration and Development, Health and Education Economics. His Teaching area/ specialization are Mathematical Economics, Development Economics and Basic Econometrics. He has guided more than 70 M.A. students for dissertation work on various socio-economic areas from 2013 to 2023. He has published ten articles/papers in various national and international journals and edited books, including conference proceedings. He has one edited book to his credit entitled ‘Sustainable Environment and Agriculture: An Indian perspective’. He has also participated in and presented papers at various national and international conferences.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

### DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION



**Dr. Nikhil Kumar Gouda, M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor and Head**

Born at Koraput, Odisha, Dr. Nikhil Kumar Gouda is a faculty with 20 years of experience in teaching, research and media industry spanning across seven states of India with a teaching philosophy of, “*Never teach, facilitate learning.*” A recipient of prestigious *NACO Fellowship* of the Ministry of Health, Govt. of India and part of *three research projects* from reputed funding agencies e.g., DST, New Delhi; ICSSR, New Delhi and NCRI, Hyderabad with a total grant of 80 Lakh, Dr. Nikhil specialises on *Health Communication* using cutting edge technology. With 18 research papers, 13 book chapters, 1 book and 1 MOOC module to his credit and Managing Editor of an UGC-CARE journal (*Journal of Media and Communication*), Dr. Gouda also enjoys vast experience in documentary making, print productions, and extension activities.



**Dr. Pradosh Kumar Rath, M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Sr. Assistant Professor**

Hailing from the city of Berhampur in Odisha, Dr. Pradosh Kumar Rath completed his master’s degree in Economics as well as Journalism & Mass Communication from Berhampur University. He was awarded Ph.D. in Journalism & Mass Communication in 2008 from the same University after being awarded NET-JRF (UGC) in the concerned subject. After joining CUO he acted as Head I/c of the Department from January 2012 to January 2023. He has 17 years of teaching experience with three institutions. His academic contribution includes two published books, 55 research papers, nine book chapters and presented papers at more than 50 seminars/conferences. He is also associated with other Universities/colleges/institutions as subject expert, Member of Board of Studies and other capacities. His specialized areas are Print Media, Communication for Development and Advertising. He has guided Six Ph.D. scholars and 14 M.Phil. scholars for award of degrees. Since joining in 2011, he has been actively involved in the University’s growth process. As a member of the Executive Committee, Academic Council, Board of Studies, Research Committee, Ordinance Formation Committee, Media Committee, and other important committees, Dr. Rath has been contributing actively towards the growth of the University since his joining at Central University of Odisha in December 2011. Prior to joining CUO, he was at Guru Ghasidas Central University from 2008-2011.



**Dr. Sourav Gupta, M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born at Kolkata, West Bengal, Dr. Sourav Gupta completed his M.A. in J& MC from the prestigious University of Calcutta with a First Class and qualified UGC-NET. He did his PhD from the Central University of Odisha on the topic, *Use of Theatre as tool of Communication for Development: A Media Aesthetics Study* in the KBK region of Odisha and went on to publish 25 research papers in reputed journals and as book chapters. His area of work includes Communication for Development, Media Aesthetics, Communication Theory & Research, Gender & Film Studies and Media Anthropology. Dr. Gupta, till date has authored 03 books and edited 03 books including titles, 'Theatre & Communication' and 'Development Communication: The Grassroots Reality' from Paradise Press, New Delhi. He has presented papers and delivered invited talks as Resource Person in 50 seminars, workshops & conferences of national and international level. He acts as a Reviewer of reputed journals like Media Mimansa and University of Jammu Journal.

Dr. Gupta is a member of the Board of Examiners at reputed institutions like IIMC, Dhenkanal, OSOU, Sambalpur, Berhampur University, University of Calcutta, Kushabhau Thakre Patrakarita Evam Jansanchar Viswavidyalaya, Raipur, Dep't of Women's Studies and Dep't of Drama, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. He is a member of International Association of Media & Communication Research. At CUO, he acts as Nodal Officer, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Nodal Officer, CUO-IGNCA Joint Initiative, Convener, MOU Committee and Member, Anti-Ragging Committee. He was HOD (i/c) of the Dep't of J & MC at CUO from January 2023 to March 2024. Prior to joining CUO, Dr. Gupta served Centre for Mass Communication & Media, Central University of Bihar (currently CUSB, Gaya) and Dep't of Department of Mass Communication & Journalism, Gurudas College, Kolkata as an Assistant Professor on contract. Apart from being an academic & researcher, Dr. Gupta is also a theatre practitioner and playwright of national repute.



**Dr. Gaurav Ranjan M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Native of Motihari District, Bihar, Dr. Gaurav Ranjan has completed his Master's in Mass Communication and Media and Ph.D. from Central University of South Bihar, Gaya. The topic of his Ph.D. thesis was "Development Communication Related Messages in Bhojpuri Folklore." Dr. Ranjan's areas of specialization include- Folk Communication, Cultural Communication, and Development Communication. He has a notable academic record, having published 25 papers in reputed journals and magazines. Additionally, he has experience as a research associate on an ICSSR project. He has been the Editor of several magazines including 'CUMEDHA (Central University of South Bihar, Annual Magazine), SAMVAD DARSHAN (Vishwa Samvad Kendra Magazine) & SURYA NAMASKAR (Jan Jagran Abhiyan Magazine). He was also elected as the President of 'Jagaran



Youth Parliament in Bihar' in 2014. He was the Co-convener of 'Chandragupt Sahitya Mohatsav' held at Bihar in 2023.

Dr. Ranjan has been recognized for his contributions with several awards, including the "Hindi Pragya Samman" by Vishwa Hindi Sahitya Parishad and the "Dr. Ram Prasad Singh Lok Sahitya Samman" by Bihar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan.



**Mr. Sumit Kumar Behera M.A.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Hailing from Jeypore, Koraput of Odisha, Mr. Sumit Kumar Behera has completed M.A. in Development Journalism and Electronic Communication from Utkal University in 2010 and joined the media sector. He specializes in areas including Environmental Communication, Social Media Communication, and Political Communication. In the media sector, he has worked extensively for both print and electronic media. He began his media career at Odisha Television Pvt Ltd (OTV), honing his skills in broadcast journalism; then moved to Orissa Post as a Senior Crime Reporter, where he delved into investigative journalism; and later joined News World Odisha as a Senior Correspondent, reporting on a wide range of topics. Currently pursuing his PhD at Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha, Prior to joining CUO May 30, 2024, he was a faculty member at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha.

## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



**Professor Bharat Kumar Panda, M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Professor and Head**

Born at Suanpada village of Kendujhar district of Odisha, Professor Bharat Kumar Panda after completing his higher secondary education in Odisha, completed his higher studies up to Ph.D. in Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. He has been engaged in research work related to Bharatiya science, society, culture, civilization, tradition and vision for many years. Prof. Panda has given his intellectual contribution in more than 50 seminars and workshops. Prof. Panda has expertise in Indian Education, Indian Philosophy, Education Philosophy, Measurement Assessment, Indian and Education Philosophy, Research Methodology, Language Education etc. Till date, Professor Panda has authored four books, more than eight chapters in different books and has published more than 27 articles in national and international journals. Prof. Panda is fluent in 8 Indian languages.

Prof. Panda along with his current responsibility as Head of Department of Education is also shouldering the responsibility of Professor in Charge Recruitment, Nodal Officer, NEP Implementation and Joint Director, Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC) of the University. Prior to joining the Central University of Odisha, Prof. Panda worked as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Education of Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, Maharashtra for eight years, before that he worked as an Assistant

Professor in Shri Sadashiv Campus of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (MHRD) for five years and before that he taught as Lecturer in KJ B.Ed. College under Kavi Kulguru Kalidas University for three and half year. During his 16 years of teaching experience, he guided 4 PhD scholars and more than 20 MPhil/PG level research works.



**Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi,**  
**M.A., M.Ed., M.Phil and Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor**

A native of Bhadrak District of Odisha, Dr. Ramendra Kumar Parhi has had Master Degree from Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, M.Ed. from Barkatullah University, M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Sambalpur University, Odisha. He holds a P.G. Diploma in Guidance and Counselling from NCERT (New Delhi) and qualified UGC-NET for JRF & Lectureship in Education. He has been contributing research papers to various national and international journals with repute. His books and research papers have been published in various journals of National and International repute. He is an author of over 37 research papers and 02 books of Education.

He received the 'Inspired Teacher' award for the year 2015 from the Hon'ble President of India and participated in the Inspired Teachers' In-Residence Programme at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, from 6th June 2015 to 12th June 2015. He has been adjudged as the best participant in the UGC-HRDC Orientation course organized by Sambalpur University and the Refresher Course organized by Ranchi University. He has actively participated in a number of national and international level seminars, workshops, and professional gatherings as a Resource person. He has successfully organized 03 National/International level Seminars as Organising Secretary.

He has been working as a Resource person, Academic counsellor, and Assignment evaluator in the IGNOU study centre since 2005. He is also discharging his duties as Associate Dean, Students' Welfare and Dean, Students' Welfare (I/c), Central University of Odisha. He has been working as a Member of BoS of the Education departments of various universities of India. He has been working as UGC Regional Coordinator for Eastern Region for Training of Master Trainers' in CBPR and Nodal Officer, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, CUO from 2021 onwards. His areas of specialization are Educational Psychology, Educational Measurement and Evaluation, Guidance and Counselling, Teacher Education, and Education for Tribal Children.

Dr. Parhi has been working as Associate Professor in the Department of Education, CUO since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024. Prior to joining the present position he has served as the Assistant Professor & HoD/Head In-Charge of the Department of Education, CUO since 2013 and also he was working as Asst. Prof./Lecturer in Education under SKM University, Dumka, Vinoba-Bhabe University, Hazaribagh and Ranchi University, Jharkhand since 2004.



**Dr. Ashok Kumar Erigala M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor**

Born at Narsipatnam, Vishakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Ashok Kumar Erigala did his Master's in Education, Psychology, Zoology, English, Anthropology and M.Phil. in Education and Ph.D. in Education. He did his PDF from Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad and another PDF from ICSSR, New Delhi. He is specialized in teaching Educational Psychology, Sociological foundations of Education, Research Methodology in Education and Pedagogy of Biological Science. His interest area of research are Educational Policy, Programs and Status with reference to Scheduled Tribes. He authored six books and eight book-chapters. He published a scale with National Psychological Corporation (NPC), Agra. He has twenty-three research papers in reputed National and International Journals in his credit.

He got a V. R. Rao Endowment Prize for the best Ph.D. thesis in 2011 from Andhra University. He has completed a Major Research Project funded by ICSSR, New Delhi in the year 2019. He has successfully guided five Ph.Ds. and currently supervising three research scholars. He served as a member of DRC, BoS, and School Board in Education, NEHU, and a member of State and District level School Monitoring Committee of Govt. of Meghalaya. He is also an editorial board member and reviewer for a good number of journals. Before his current posting at CUO as Associate Professor, he served as Assistant Professor in the Department of Education, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, for eleven and half years.



**Dr. Rahil Ahmed M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born in Pink City, Jaipur of Rajasthan state, Dr. Rahil Ahmed completed his M.A. (Political Science, Sociology, History, Public Administration, Human Rights) and M.Ed. and Ph.D.(Education) and Ph.D.(Political Science). He specialises in Research Methodology, Philosophical and Sociological foundation of Education, Education of the Deprived/Marginalized Groups. He has published numerous research papers in various journals. He has served as a member of National and International Conference Organizing Committees and also as an Honorary Programme Coordinator in the Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

Currently, he has been awarded with a Senior Fellowship (2022-24) from ICSSR. He has also worked as Co-Project Director in a Major Research Project on 'Evolution of Article 370: An Analysis' sanctioned by ICSSR under MHRD, Government of India from 2017-2019. Before joining at CUO, he has 12 years of work experience as an Assistant Professor at UG and PG levels. He has organised various programs like Village Development Programme, Education of underprivileged children, and Empowerment of women in Kachchi Basti. He has also helped in organizing Summer Camps for Skill Development for children of slums, Motivational Programmes for College and School students in and around Jaipur, Computer Learning Programme for Senior Citizens, and Workshops for Environment Awareness.





**Dr. Om Parkash M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born in Khajjiar village under District Chamba of Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Om Parkash completed their M.Sc. Mathematics and M.Ed. from Himachal Pradesh University Shimla. He did his Ph.D. in Education from Lovely Professional University Phagwara, Punjab, in 2023. He is also qualified in UGC NET in Education. He has published seven research papers and presented his work in 15 National Conference/Workshops.

Prior to his joining CUO, he worked as a Lecturer in Education for seven years and nine Months at JDS College of Education Kot, Pathankot, Punjab, and TGT, Mathematics, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanghathan for nine years.



**Dr. Ravita Pathak M.A., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Dr. Ravita Pathak, from the culturally rich Gaya district of Bihar, has pursued an extensive academic career in Hindi literature and education. She earned her Master of Arts in Hindi from Visva-Bharati Santiniketan in 1996, and was awarded a Ph.D. from the same institution in 2007, focusing on the philosophical aspects of Amrit Rai's stories. Her professional qualifications include a Postgraduate Diploma in Translation from S.B.I.O.A.I Chennai (2004), a Bachelor of Education from Magadh University (2010), and a Master of Education from Barkatullah University, Bhopal (2012). Dr. Ravita Pathak has made significant contributions to her field through research, publishing over 10 articles in reputed Hindi journals and authoring two books—one on value education and the other on Amrit Rai. This diverse academic and professional background has equipped her with a comprehensive understanding of Hindi literature, education, and translation, preparing me to contribute effectively to these fields. Prior to her joining the Central University of Odisha on January 23, 2024, she was the Head of Department and Teacher-in-Charge at Tagore Institute of Art and Education, Bonovilla, Birbhum, West Bengal, and prior to that, she served as a Part-Time Lecturer in Hindi at Mankar College, Mankar, West Bengal.

Dr. Ravita Pathak was honoured with a Senior Fellowship by the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, for 2015-16, focusing on "Godan men Paryavaranbodh."



**Dr. Avijit Pandit M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Hailing from the small town of Katwa, West Bengal, Dr. Avijit Pandit completed his Master's degree in Physics and Education (M.Sc. & M.Ed.) from Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh and very recently awarded with the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) in Education from Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia, West Bengal. His area of interests are science teaching, educational research, educational psychology, educational measurement and evaluation. During his academic journey he has published more than

10 research articles in different national and international journals and edited books. He has co-authored 5 textbooks of B.Ed. curriculum. He has presented papers in more than 25 national and international seminars.

Prior to his joining CUO on 22nd January 2024, he has been teaching in B.Ed. and M.Ed. classes in different higher education institutions across the country



**Mr. Gagana Bihari Suar M.A.**  
**Assistant Professor**

A native of Bhadrak, Odisha, Mr. Gagana Bihari Suar completed his M.A. in English Literature from Ravenshaw Unitary University, Cuttack. He has completed a Postgraduate Certificate Course from the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad. He did his M.Ed. degrees from Indira Gandhi Open University, New Delhi and also a UGC NET qualified. Currently, he is pursuing PhD on the status of

English Pedagogy in Odisha. He specializes in English Language Pedagogy and translating regional literature into English. He has contributed to the scholarly community through publications on the poetries of Jayanta Mahapatra and T.S. Eliot and presentations on English Pedagogy in Odisha. Additionally, he has translated works by Gopabandhu Das and stories by Fakir Mohan Senapati. His literary work has been recognized at national conferences, reflecting his commitment to advancing English pedagogy. Beyond academia, he has written poetry and developed e-content for B.Ed. students, contributing to the broader educational community.

Before joining CUO, he taught as a Teacher Educator in various government degree colleges across Odisha over the last eight years. Currently he explores innovative methodologies in teaching English with a focus on Sociolinguistics.

**SCHOOL OF BASIC SCIENCES & INFORMATION SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**



**Dr. Ashok Kumar Sahoo, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor and Head**

Hailing from Athgarh Sub-Division under District Cuttack, Odisha, Dr. Ashok Kumar Sahoo did his M.Sc., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in Mathematics from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. He also so completed MTech. (Comp. Sc.). His research interest is in Geometric Function Theory and Optimization using Computer Aided Design. Under his guidance, one student has completed her Doctor of Philosophy, one submitted, and three have registered.

Before joining CUO, he served as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at VSSUT, Burla, Sambalpur. He also worked as an Assistant Professor at ITER, SOA University, Bhubaneswar, and a Lecturer at Kaustav Institute of Self Domain, BPUT.



**Dr. Jyotiska Datta, M.Sc., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born in Malda, West Bengal Dr. Jyotiska Datta did his Master degree from Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur in the year 2011 and M.Phil. from Indian School of Mines Dhanbad in the year 2013. He completed his PhD degree from the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad, in the year 2020. He has eight publications in high impact factor SCI/SCIE journals. He recently participated KSMB SMB 2024 at Konkuk University, Seoul, South Korea.



**Sarbeswar Barik, M.Sc., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born in the Ankula village, Balugaon of Khorda district, Odisha, Dr. Sarbeswar Barik obtained a Master of Philosophy in Mathematics at Berhampur University and was awarded a P.G. Merit Scholarship. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree from Berhampur University in 2016. His area of research is Geometry Function Theory. He has published papers in journals with the Scopus and SCI indexes and presented papers at National and International conferences.

Prior to his joining CUO in 2024, he spent five years on contract as a lecturer in computer science also at CUO. Before that, he was an Assistant professor at the National Institute of Science and Technology, Berhampur, and an Assistant professor at the Hi-Tech Institute of Technology in Bhubaneswar for around five years each in both institutes. He also served as for approximately four years as a Lecturer in Mathematics at Samanta Chandrasekhar Institute of Technology and Management in Semiliguda, Koraput.



**Mr. Shubham Padhi, M.Sc., M.Phil.**  
**Assistant Professor**

Born in a small village in Kalahandi district, Odisha Mr. Subham Padhy completed his M.Sc. and M.Phil. at Sambalpur University. Demonstrating a strong commitment to research, he enrolled in a Ph.D. program at IIT, Bhilai. He also CSIR-UGC NET qualified. His research areas include probability theory and stochastic processes.

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**



**Dr. Rakesh Kumar Lenka, M.Tech., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor and Head**

A native of Bayalishmauza of Cuttack District, Odisha, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Lenka completed his B.Tech. (CSE) from BPUT, M.Tech (CSE) from MNNIT, Allahabad, and Ph.D. (CSE) from VSSUT, Burla, Sambalpur. He is qualified for GATE in four consecutive years (2009-2012). Dr. Lenka's research interests are in the fields of Blockchain Technology, Fog / Mist Computing, Green IoT, DFA-based Pattern Matching, and Model Checking. He has published over 65+ Research Articles in his name in reputed Journals and Conference Proceedings with a total citation of 1350+ (h-index of 18, i-10 index of 33). He has also completed a sponsored project titled "Secure Digitization of Land Records using Blockchain Technology", funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of Odisha. His teaching portfolio includes Operating Systems, Theory of Computation, Compiler Design, DBMS, Algorithms, Software Engineering, Software Project Management, Software Testing, Model Checking and Advance OS. He served as a reviewer of various reputed international journals and conferences.

He is a professional member of IEEE and International Association of Engineers (IAENG). His contributions are recognized with Best Paper Awards at prestigious conferences such as FICTA-2020, ICSCC-2017, and ICECE-2017, showcasing the impact of his research.

After joining at CUO, along with heading the Dept. of Computer Science, he is managing key administrative positions, including Controller of Examination, Samarth Nodal Officer, and Member Secretary of the Admission Committee. Prior to this, Dr. Lenka rendered his services as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering at IIIT, Bhubaneswar from 2012 to 2024.

## SCHOOL OF BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### DEPARTMENT OF BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

#### **Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.** **Professor and Head & Dean, SBCNR**



Born in Village Jibanpur under Bhadrak District of Odisha, Prof. S.K. Palita did his M.Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Zoology from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. His area of research includes studies primarily on faunal diversity, distribution, and ecology in forest, grassland, mountain, and aquatic ecosystems including mangroves. He has published 60 research papers in the International Journal, one book on 'Bats of Odisha', and several book chapters. He has handled research projects. He did his Ph.D. on the topic "Biological Studies of the White Tiger with Special Reference to Nandankanan Biological Park, Orissa, India". He is a reviewer of several international journals.

Currently, his research group works on faunal groups like bats, birds, butterflies, fishes, and earthworms in the biodiversity-rich northern Eastern Ghats region of Odisha. His group has discovered one new species of fish, *Garra laishrami*, and discovered two forest earthworm species *Megascolex jeyporeghatiensis* and *Megascolex quadripappilatus* from Koraput which are new to science. With a teaching career spanning more than 40 years, he has guided Ph.D. (07 no. awarded, 04 at CUO), M.Phil. (13 awarded), and Post Graduate students (around 100) in undertaking research activities.

Before joining CUO, he served more than 29 yrs in two Autonomous colleges of the state (Kendrapara Autonomous College and Nayagarh Autonomous College as a Teacher in Zoology) as a Faculty in Zoology.

He has shouldered several administrative responsibilities in the Central University of Odisha, including Chairman of the NAAC Steering Committee, Director, IQAC, Nodal Officer, NIRF, and Director of R&D. He writes popular scientific articles on environmental issues and nature conservation.



#### **Dr. Kakoli Banerjee M.Sc., Ph.D.** **Sr. Assistant Professor**

Dr. Kakoli Banerjee originates from Kolkata, West Bengal. She holds her M.Sc. degree in Marine Science from University of Calcutta in 2000 and Ph.D. from Jadavpur University, Kolkata in 2004. She is presently working as an Assistant Professor & Founding Head in the Department of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources at Central University of Odisha since 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2012. Prior to joining CUO, she has served as Guest Faculty in the M.Phil. Programme of University of Calcutta, M.F.Sc. Programme in West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, M.Sc. Programme in Burdwan University, University of Kalyani and West Bengal State University. Her area of specialization is Biodiversity Conservation with special reference to coastal ecosystem, coastal pollution,



climate change and carbon sequestration, aquaculture, coastal zone management, forestry, remote sensing & GIS. Prior to joining, she has served WWF-India, New Delhi from 2003-2007 as Project Officer, Research Associate in DST and MoES, Govt. of India projects from 2007-2011 respectively. She has about 18 years of post-doctoral research and 17 years of teaching experience. She was a recipient of Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India WOMEN SCIENTIST AWARD, in the year 2007. She is the recipient of PROGRAM EXCELENCIA INVESTIGADORA (PEIN) Fellowship Award in the year 2014 & EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROMOTION OF HEALTH THROUGH RESEARCH, APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SCIENCE (EUPHRATES) Fellowship Award in the year 2016 from University of Santiago de Compostela (USC), Spain respectively. She has received WOMEN SCIENTIST AWARD from NIT Rourkela in 2022 and GREEN AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH in 2023 from MSCB University, Baripada, Odisha. She has guided 57 PG, 16 M.Phil. and 04 Ph.D. students who have been awarded degree and 03 Ph.D. students are registered under her. She is credited to have 212 publications in SCI/Scopus and peer-reviewed journals and newsletters and has authored 18 books of post-graduate level. She has completed 8 Projects and 2 consultancies. She has been ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in University, 1502 in India, 7688 in Asia and 25,858 in the world in Agriculture and Forestry and 1<sup>st</sup> in University, 179 in India, 1029 in Asia and 3484 in the world in Fisheries among World Scientists by AD Scientific Index and maintaining this standard for 5 consecutive years in 2019-2024 respectively based on Google scholar h-index and i10-index.



**Dr. Debabrata Panda M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.**

**Sr. Assistant Professor**

Born in village Kalan of Jajpur district of Odisha, Dr. Debabrata Panda did his M.Sc. and M.Phil. degree in Botany from Utkal University and PhD from Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack in 2008. During his 20 years of Academic and Research experiences, he has been credited with 108 publications in International and National journals and published 08 Books and 30 book chapters. He has successfully guided 4 PhD thesis, 9 MPhil and 106 MSc.

dissertations at Central University of Odisha. He is also on the Member Editorial Board of the journal 'Annals of Plant and Soil,' Agra, India.

He has made significant contributions in the field of collection, evaluation and popularization of indigenous rice, millet and other wild crop species of Koraput for tribal food and nutritional security. Dr. Panda collected more than 130 vital genetic resources of Indigenous rice, 30 local finger millets, 30 local accessions of Niger, and 08 different wild edible Yams from different tribal pockets of Koraput and took the initiative for conservation and commercialization to boost the local economy of tribal people. His group identified some climate-resilient indigenous rice landraces (Kalajeera, Machhakanta, and Haldichudi) of Koraput, which showed a high level of tolerance to multiple abiotic stresses. He has identified one high protein and low glycemic index rice, "Kalajeera," a popular variety for better consumption by diabetic patients.

He was the recipient of DBT, Govt of India Post doctoral fellowship in 2008, and several awards from National and International levels, including Nature Conservation Award by the Orissa Environmental Congress and Prof. Gadadhara Mishra Memorial Plant Physiology Award by the Orissa Botanical Society (OBS) in 2023. Besides this, he received the prestigious International Award “Best Article Award” in 2004 from IRRI, Philippines. He has participated in the Festival of Innovation at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, to showcase the Innovation activity of CUO during 2016 & 2017.

Prior to his joining at Central University of Odisha from 21st May, 2012, he has served as Scientist-B at Rubber Research Institute of India, Meghalaya.

## **SCHOOL OF COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES**

### **DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**



**Dr. Padma Charan Mishra B.Tech., MBA, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor and Head**

Originating from Tensa in the Sundargarh District of Odisha, a township managed by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Dr. Padma Charan Mishra obtained an Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering from Chennai. In 2002, Dr. Mishra began his career as an Assistant Manager at The Bisra Stone Lime Company Limited in Biramitrapur, Odisha. While working there, he earned an MBA in Operations Management from IGNOU, New Delhi in 2012 and a PhD in Management from Siksha O Anusandhan in 2018. He also became a Chartered Engineer (Electrical Engineering) and a Member of the Institution of Engineers (India) in 2012. Dr. Mishra has published 26 research papers in esteemed Scopus, WoS, and ABDC indexed journals. He notably worked as a prominent Manager in revitalizing a public sector company, achieving profitability in 2020 after 45 years of consistent losses.

Encouraged by Prof. Uma Shankar Mishra, he transitioned to academia and joined the Central University of Odisha in January 2024 as a Founding Faculty Member and Head of the Department of Business Management. In addition, he coordinates the Departments of Logistics & Supply Chain Management and Animal Husbandry & Dairying. Currently, Dr. Mishra focuses on developing indigenous cow breeds and enhancing organic farming infrastructure and supply chains to support diverse farming communities.



## SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES

### DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS



**Dr. Gurjeet Singh Walia, M.Sc., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor and Head**

A native of Patiala, Punjab, Dr. Gurjeet Singh Walia has done Masters and Ph.D. in the field of Statistics from Punjabi University, Patiala. His area of research includes - Sampling Theory, Sample Survey, and Applied Statistics. He has qualified SLET in Mathematical Sciences in the year 2005 and qualified CSIR NET in the year 2011. He has more than 26 research publications in various National and International Journals to his credit. He has attended many National and International conferences and workshops. Prior to his joining the Central University of Odisha, he served as an Assistant Professor in the

Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics at Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana, Punjab, from July 2014 to Jan 2014. He has also served as a Lecturer in Biostatistics at SGRD Medical College, Amritsar, Punjab.



**Dr. Vikash Kumar M.Sc., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**

A native of Mokam Bigha, Jehanbad District of Bihar, Dr. Vikash Kumar did his MSc in Statistics from Central University of South Bihar, Gaya, Bihar and Ph.D. in Statistics from North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya. He has authored 7 research papers published in esteemed journals and possesses 2 years of teaching experience at Patna Women's College, Patna University.

His expertise spans various sub-disciplines within statistics, including Demography, Operation Research, probability theory, and applied statistics, making him a versatile academic professional. Dr. Kumar's research interests lie primarily in the areas of Demography, Sampling, data analysis, and the application of statistical methods to real-world problems. He is particularly focused on advancing statistical methodologies that can be applied to diverse fields such as social sciences, economics, and environmental studies. His work aims to bridge the gap between theoretical statistics and practical applications, ensuring that statistical tools are accessible and useful for solving contemporary issues. Dr. Kumar has also been actively involved in academic conferences and workshops, where he shares his research findings and collaborates with fellow statisticians.



**Dr. Pradip Kumar, M.Sc., Ph.D.**

**Assistant Professor**

Native of Chandauli District of Uttar Pradesh, He Has completed M.Sc. (Statistics) and Ph.D. from Banaras Hindu University. His area of research includes Statistical Inference, Bayesian Inference, Distribution Theory and Applied Statistics. He has published nine research papers in various national and international journals.

Prior to his joining at Central University of Odisha, Koraput on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, he worked as Statistician-Cum-Assistant Professor (From July to January 2024) in the Department of Community Medicine, Mahamaya Rajkiya Allopathic Medical College, Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. He has also worked as Guest Faculty in the Department of Statistics, University of Delhi and Department of Statistics, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi. He was invited as a resource person in Vishwakarma University, Pune and Mahatam Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**



**Dr. Manjushree Singh M.Tech., Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor**

A native of Jaleswar of Balasore, Odisha, Dr. Manjushree Singh, earned her M.Tech. and Ph.D. in Soil & Water Conservation Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur. Her research areas are remote sensing & GIS, River Basin Management, Precision agriculture, and hydrological modelling. She brings extensive research and field experience to her new position, as evidenced by over 23 research publications in esteemed national and international journals, authorship of 3 books and 10 manuals,

and 5 recommendations for the scientific and farming communities.

During her tenure, she held various professional responsibilities including Head of the Agricultural Engineering Department. Before joining Central University of Odisha, Koraput on July 24, 2024, she has served in the Navsari Agricultural University (NAU), Gujarat for past 11 years. She has served as a farm manager and Principal Investigator (PI) on 3 plan projects, and Co-PI of 2 other agency projects. Additionally, she handled more than 8 departmental research projects. Along this she established a Remote Sensing, GIS, and Hydrological Modeling lab at NAU, Navsari and editor of Indian Research Journal of Extension Education, Agra and International journal of Agricultural Invention. Beside these she confers many guest lecture and lead lecture in different organizations. She also earned more than 10 awards like Young Scientist, Best Teacher, Best Paper, Best Poster and more.



**Dr. Debadatta Panda M.Sc., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor (Genetics and Plant Breeding)**

Native of Ranapur, Nayagarh District of Odisha, Dr. Debadatta Panda has completed her Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from OUAT, Bhanuapatna, Odisha and Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in Genetics and Plant Breeding from NAU, Navsari. She has obtained the Ph.D. degree in Agriculture with specialization in Genetics and Plant Breeding from TNAU, Coimbatore. She has worked in the area of Cotton Breeding, Chickpea breeding and Pre-breeding in Cotton. She has cleared many prestigious examinations like ICAR-NET (ASRB) and GATE and has published six research papers, one review paper, and seven book chapters, including chapters on artificial intelligence and synthetic biology in relation to agriculture, three popular articles in journals, and edited two books of national and international repute. She also participated in more than 15 seminars and conferences at different levels. She is keen to work and explore further in the advanced areas of molecular biology, genomics, genome editing, epigenetics and advanced plant breeding tools. She believes in idea that the cumulative impact of every small contribution has a compounding and meaningful impact on the world. Prior to her joining at CUO, she has worked as Guest Faculty in Dept. of Agriculture for a period of 11 months.



**Lieutenant Dr. Anupam Dakua M.Sc., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor (Extension Education)**

A native of Ganjam district of Odisha, Lt. Dr. Anupam Dakua completed his B.Sc. (Agriculture) from College of Agriculture, Bhubaneswar, OUAT. After that he joined in the Department of Extension education in the College of Agriculture and completed his Masters' degree in Extension education from OUAT. He belongs to the specialisation of *Agricultural Extension Education*. During Master degree he did research on '*Study on Impact of WADI programme on the sustainable development of tribals in the Keonjhar district of Odisha*'. He completed his Ph.D. from Banaras Hindu University (BHU) from the Department of Extension Education, Institute of Agricultural Sciences. He did his doctoral Research on '*Study on Depeasantisation in Nayagarh district of Odisha*'. He has also qualified ASRB-ICAR-NET.

Along with participating in many National and International Seminars, Conferences and Workshops, he delivered many Radio-talks for the Framers of Odisha. He has published number of research Articles in National and international Journals, book chapters, popular articles. He has received the *Young scientist award in Agriculture Extension* by Vigyan Varta in April, 2021. He was awarded as *Young scientist Award in the Global Iconic Education Award* in November 2021. He was felicitated as a *Notified Teacher by the Sikhyak Kalyan Foundation* in December 2021.

Along with this he has been selected as member of editorial board of many National and International Journals. He has delivered many guest lectures in the *Gopabandhu Academy of Administration*, the state Civil service Academy of Odisha. In addition to this he has completed the *Pre Commissioned Course (PRCN)* in *Officers Training Academy (OTA)*, Kapmttee and conferred the title of *Lieutenant*.



**Mr. Suman Samui M.Sc.  
Assistant Professor (Agronomy)**

A native of Hooghly District, West Bengal, Mr. Suman Samui has completed M.Sc. (Ag) in Agronomy Department from Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, West Bengal in 2020. He has been awarded with the Best M.Sc. Thesis Award from the Indian Society of Agronomy for his M.Sc. research work. He has qualified ASRB ICAR NET with 72% marks in Agronomy. His research area includes Agronomic Crop Production, Organic Farming, Municipal Bio-waste Management, Conservation Agriculture, and Weed management. He has published 5 research papers in research journals, three book chapters, and one booklet till now. Prior to his at CUO joining he worked as Guest Faculty in the same department at CUO, Koraput since 2023 upto his new joining.



**Dr. Lopamudra Behera M.Sc., Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology)**

A native of Cuttack district of Odisha. Dr. Lopamudra Behera did her graduation in B.Sc. (Ag) from Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and M.Sc.(Ag) in Department of Plant Pathology from Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. She has completed her Ph.D. from Department of Mycology and Plant Pathology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Her research title for the Ph.D. programme was “Microbial synthesis of silver nanoparticles, characterization and evaluation of the efficacy of silver nanoparticles against sheath blight of rice caused by *Rhizoctonia solani*”. She has qualified ASRB ICAR-NET. She has been awarded with UGC Research Fellowship and received Young Researcher award by ESN Publications in 2019. Her area of specialization is on Plant-Microbes Interactions and biological management of plant diseases. Dr. Lopamudra has published 11 research papers in renowned national and international journals, 05 book chapters in international publications and more than 10 popular articles in different magazines. She has published one practical manual (Entitled “A Laboratory Manual on Plant Pathology Biochemical and Molecular Techniques”) in BIOTECH BOOK, New Delhi along with other researchers. She has participated in various national and international seminars, training programmes, workshops and presented research papers in seminars.

## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY



**Dr. Subhasmita Parida M.Sc., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor (Forestry)**

A native of Jagatsinghpur District of Odisha, Dr. Subhasmita Parida has obtained B.Sc. (Forestry) from Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar, M.Sc. Forestry (Silviculture & Agroforestry) from Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur and Ph.D. Forestry (Silviculture & Agroforestry) from Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh), India.

During the professional education period, she has achieved different recognition like topper in PG and PG programme, UGC Fellowship holder for PhD programme and also qualified ASRB- ICAR NET in Agroforestry and UGC NET JRF in Environmental Sciences. Besides these, she is the co-author of two Books on Forestry, Theory and Practice of Silviculture and Silviculture of Important Trees. She has published 10 research papers, one book chapter and two books. Along with this, she has undertaken research work on the efficacy of different biodegradable containers in the forest nurseries. Also has carried out research work on productivity of gambhar based agroforestry systems in central India condition. Dr. Parida has bagged State level Young Research Scholar Award by Society for Ecological Sustainability, Bhawanipatna, Odisha and Student of the Year Award by The Society of Tropical Agriculture, New Delhi. She also participated in various national and international seminars, training programmes, workshops and presented research papers in seminars.



**Miss Aiswaryalakshmi Ar M.Sc.**  
**Assistant Professor (Forestry)**

A native of Ernakulam, Kerala, Miss Aiswaryalakshmi Ar has completed MSc. Forestry degree programme from Kerala Agricultural University in 2023. She has qualified both UGC-Net in Environmental science and ICAR ASRB-Net in Agroforestry. Her research interests include Silviculture, Agroforestry, Forest management, and General forestry. She has published several articles and book chapters in the forestry sector and presented papers in national and international seminars and conferences. Prior to her joining at CUO, she worked as a guest faculty in the College of Forestry for a tenure of six months.



**Mr Jyotiraditya Das M.Sc.**  
**Assistant Professor (Forestry)**

A native of the Balasore district of Odisha, Mr. Jyotiraditya Das did his B.Sc. in Forestry from Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He completed his Master' degree in Forestry with a specialization in Silviculture from Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan, Himachal Pradesh. He also qualified JRF from Silviculture and Agroforestry and also qualified ASRB-ICAR-NET. His area of research interest is mostly in the field of qualitative and



quantitative nursery stock production in different forest species, Forest Botany, and dendrological study of forest plants. He has published research articles and book chapters in different journals and also participated in different national and international conferences.

## **SCHOOL OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**



**Dr. Sanjay Kumar Pradhan M.Vsc., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor**  
**(Animal Husbandry & Dairying)**

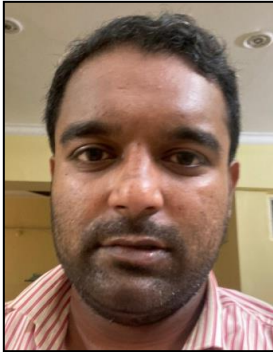
Born in Palalahada of Anugul District, Odisha, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Pradhan earned his MV Sc. from IVRI, Ijatnagar, Uttar Pradesh, and completed his Ph.D. at NAU Navsari, Gujrat. Dr. Pradhan's professional journey is marked by extensive research accomplishments, with over 15 publications in esteemed national and international journals, along with authorship of three books and five manuals. He is the recipient of the Young Scientist Award, Best Ph.D. Thesis Award, best Poster and presentation award in various scientific forums related to agriculture and veterinary science. His expertise is also recognized through five recommendations for the scientific and farming communities.

Prior to his joining CUO, over the past 11 years, he has contributed significantly to Navsari Agricultural University, where he held various roles, including Head of the Animal Science Department. Notably, he served as Technical Officer to the Honourable Vice-Chancellor and Technical Officer to the Dean of Agriculture at Navsari for more than 5 years during his tenure as an assistant professor.



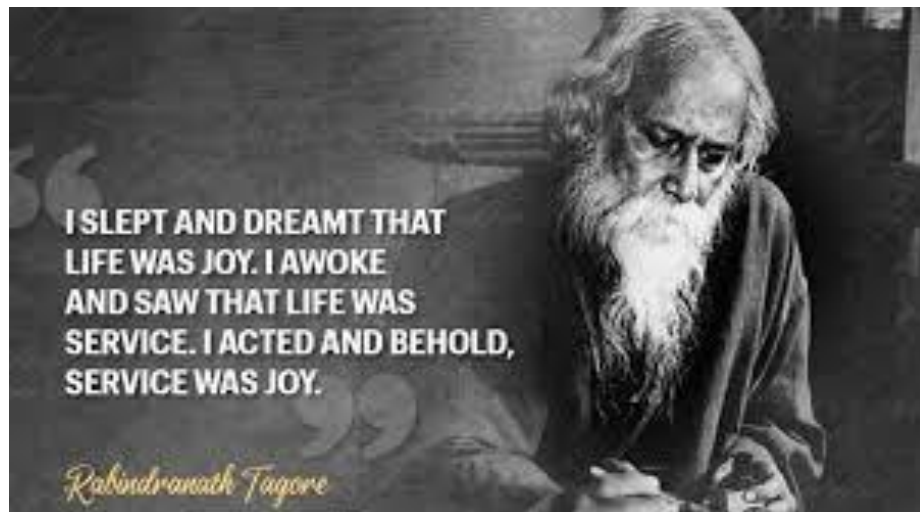
**Dr. Anusha Kokkilagadda M.Tech., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**(Animal Husbandry & Dairying)**

A native of Bapatia District, Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Anusha K. basically a Dairy Technologist, pursued her M.Tech. and Ph.D. in Dairy Microbiology from National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana. After her graduation, she worked for six months in quality assurance at Parag Milk Foods Pvt. Ltd. Palamaner, Andhra Pradesh. She was also handling a research project funded by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India. She has published 10 research papers and review articles in international journals and presented research papers and posters in several national and international conferences. She is a Life member of the Indian Dairy Association and the Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India). Prior to joining CUO, she worked as an Assistant Professor in the College of Dairy Technology, SVVU, Tirupati, for 3½ years.



**Dr. Chandrasekhar B M.Tech., Ph.D.**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**(Animal Husbandry & Dairying)**

Hailing from Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu, Dr. Chandrasekhar B. earned his B. Tech in Dairy Technology (2011-2015) from Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat. Subsequently, he pursued his M.Tech. in Dairy Microbiology from ICAR-NDRI, KARNAL (2015-2017) with the help of ICAR- Junior Research Fellowship, awarded by ICAR, New Delhi. He was conferred with a certificate for outstanding research accomplishments for his master's thesis by ICAR-NDRI. He has done his Ph.D. in Dairy Microbiology from ICAR-NDRI, where he was awarded the prestigious CSIR Junior and Senior Research Fellowship by CSIR, New Delhi, to pursue his Ph.D. Programme. He has research publications in international and national journals of high repute. He served as Assistant Professor in Dairy Microbiology at Warner College of Dairy Technology, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (formerly Allahabad Agricultural Institute), Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh for more than 2years.





**MILESTONES OF PROGRESS OF THE UNIVERSITY DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS**  
**Inauguration of Tribal Digital Literacy Centre and Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence:**



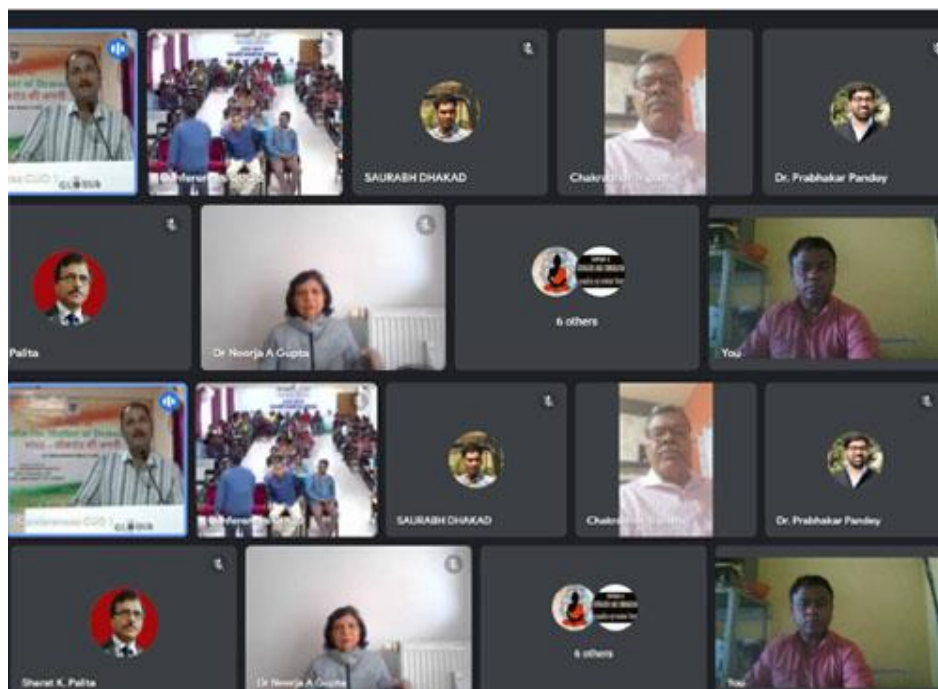
The Central University of Odisha organized the Janajatiya Gourav Diwas to commemorate the sacrifice of Bhagawan Birsa Munda, eminent tribal freedom fighter, on 15 November 2022. On the occasion Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of CUO inaugurated the Tribal Digital Literacy Centre and Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence, initiated by the Central University of Odisha.

### Special Lecture on 'Indian Ethos in National Education Policy-2020:



The Central University of Odisha organized a special lecture on Indian Ethos in National Education Policy-2020 at its Landiguda Campus on 16 November 2022. The Special lecture was delivered by Prof. Baldeo Bhai Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Kushabhau Thakre University of Journalism & Mass Communication, Raipur. Prof. Siba Prasad Adhikary, former Vice Chancellor, FM University, Balasore was the guest of honour

### National Webinar on 'India- The Mother of Democracy':



As a part of Celebrations of the Constitutional Day under the aegis of Azadika Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), the Central University of Odisha, organized a national webinar on 'India-the Mother of Democracy' on 30 November 2022. Prof. Neerja A Gupta, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Sanchi University of Buddhist - Indic Studies, Bhopal (M.P.) delivered the lecture on this occasion.

### Special Lecture on 'Active Living and Sports for All':



A special lecture Programme on 'Active Living and Sports for All' was organized on 05 January 2023 at the University campus, Sunabeda. Prof. Jatin Kumar Harjivandas Soni, Former Vice-Chancellor, Swarnim Gujarat Sports University delivered the lecture on this occasion.



**International Conference on 'Rashtriya-Antarashtriya Kshitij Par Hindi Ki Das Eban Disha' at CUO:**



The Department of Hindi, CUO organized an International Conference on the topic 'Status and Direction of Hindi on national and international horizons' from 15 to 17 March. The Conference featured eminent language scholars from abroad including Dr. Pustpita Awasthi, Netherlands; Dr. Micca Vita Macchi, Finland; Dr. Sarita Budhu, Mauritius; Dr. Suresh Chandra Sukla, Norway; Dr. Sila Prasad, USA, Dr. Sanjeeta Verma, Nepal; Dr. Kanchana Jha, Nepal; Dr. Ajit Singh Sikand, German; Dr. Nilu Gupta, California; Dr. Bibeka Mani Tripathi, China. Prof. Jang Bahadur Pandey, Visiting Professor of Hindi is the Organizing Secretary.

**Union Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan visit the CUO:**



Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India visited the Central University of Odisha on 01 April 2023 and addresses the University community. In his visit he laid the Foundation Stone of the Sports Complex, inaugurate the Work Station and Language Lab of the University.



**International Conference on “the Importance of Sanskrit Language in India and the World” from 18 to 19 March 2023:**



The Department of Sanskrit, CUO organized the conference on “the Importance of Sanskrit Language in India and the World” from 18 to 19 March 2023. The eminent dignitaries attended the conference are Padma Shri Prof. Chirapat Prapandavidha, Thailand; revered Panaloka Wadingala Thero, Sri Lanka; Dr. Dharmayasa, Indonesia; Prof. Kashinath Neuopan, Nepal; Dr. Phillip, Poland. Prof. N. C. Panda, Dean, of the School of Languages was the Convener of the programme.

**International Conference on “Imagining and translating the ‘Other’: Engaging with Contemporary Indian Literature” from 20 to 22 March 2023:**



The Department of English Language and Literature, CUO, Koraput organised an International Conference on the topic – “Imagining and translating the ‘Other’: Engaging with Contemporary Indian Literature” from 20-22 March 2023.

**International Conference on “Pravashi Odia Sahitya” from 23 to 25 March 2023:**



The Department of Odia Language and Literature, CUO, Koraput organized on “Pravashi Odia Sahitya” on 23 to 25 March 2023. The International resource persons include Dr. Jayshri Nanda from the UK, Dr. Sunanda Mishra Panda from Canada and Dr. Subrat Kalyan Patnaik from Saudi Arabia joined the conference in virtual mode.



**International Conference on 'History of Development in India: Reflections on Economic & Communication Scenario in the 75th Year of Independence' from 27 to 28 March 2023:**



The Dep't of Economics and the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication organized a 2 day International Conference on the topic, 'History of Development in India: Reflections on Economic & Communication Scenario in the 75th Year of Independence'. The conference focuses on Economic Development and its various facets and the role of media in socio-economic development in India.

## Two Days Bharateeya Paramparik Kreedha Mahotsava Concludes at CUO:

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has lauded the 'Indian Traditional Sports Festival' of The Central University of Odisha:



 **Narendra Modi** @narendra... · 36m  
Laudatory initiative by Central University of Odisha to organise the Paramparik Kreedha Mahotsava to spread awareness about India's rich sporting traditions and diversity.  
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 **Dr. Subhas Sarkar** @Drsu... · 1d  
Attended Bharatiya Paramparik Kreedha Mahotsav organised at Central University of Odisha, Koratpur today. I was astonished to see such varieties of Bharatiya sports forms and the yo...



The two days Bharateeya Paramparik Kreedha Mahotsava organized jointly by the Central University of Odisha and Kreedha Bharati concluded on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 with the valedictory ceremony at the Sports Ground of CUO. The Central University of Odisha at Koraput received the best compliment of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Hon'ble PM posted on his Twitter this morning with a comment of high praise for it. It is to be noted that the 'Bharateeya Paramparik Kreedha Mahotsava' (Traditional Sports Festival of India) was organized on the campus of the University for two days from April 21 to 22. Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Education Dr. Subhash Sarkar inaugurated the programme.

**Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, the Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Odisha bestowed with the memorial honour of 'Acharya Shiv Pujan Sahay':**



Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, the Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Odisha is being bestowed by His Excellency Shree Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar ji, the Hon'ble Governor of Bihar ' the memorial honour of Acharya Shiv Pujan Sahay ' on the occasion of 42nd Annual Conference of Bihar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Patna on 06 May '23.



**Opening a Japanese Language Course at CUO:**



Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha, calls on Mr. Koji Sato, Director General, the Japan Foundation, New Delhi, on 1st August 2023 on opening a Japanese Language Course at the University.

**Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, CUO addresses UNMESH 2023, Asia's Largest International Literature Festival, at Bhopal:**



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Odisha, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, graced the UNMESH (Festival of Expression) 2023, Asia's Largest International Literature Festival held at Ravindra Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, today on 04 August 2023.

## Central University of Odisha celebrates 15th Foundation Day



The Central University of Odisha celebrated its 15th Foundation Day on 29 August 2023 at its Landiguda Campus in Koraput. The Hon'ble Union Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan graced the function as the Saraswat Athithi. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of the University presided over the meeting and Prof. Vibhash Chandra Jha, Former Vice Chancellor, TMB Bhagalpur University delivered the Foundation Day lecture.



## National Seminar on 'Status and Potential of Hindi in Odisha' at Central University of Odisha



A day-long National Seminar on 'Status and Prospects of Hindi in Odisha' was held at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput on Wednesday, on September 27, 2023. The inaugural ceremony of the national seminar was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University.

**Utkalmani Gopabandhu Jayanti observed by Dep't of Journalism & Mass Communication**



The birth anniversary of the great Odia Freedom Fighter, Social Worker, Journalist, Author and Poet Utkalmani Gopabandhu Dash was celebrated by the Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The programme comprised elocution competition, seminar and Street drama.

**Central University of Odisha to Empower Local Language (Kuwi & Desia) Education in Historic Training Program:**



The Central University of Odisha (CUO), under the visionary leadership of Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in collaboration with RIE (Regional Institute of Education), NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training), Bhubaneswar organized a transformative Training Programme focused on Kuwi and Desia Languages for School Teachers. This pivotal event took place from October 9th to October 11th, 2023, within the campus of Central University of Odisha in Sunabeda.



**Central University of Odisha Launches Innovative Hindi Writing Camp for Non-Hindi Speakers:**



In a unique initiative aimed at promoting the Hindi language among non-Hindi speakers, the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, in collaboration with the Central Hindi Directorate, Ministry of Education, Government of India, inaugurated a five-day Hindi Navwriting Camp on 01 November 2023.

**Central University of Odisha inaugurates two days International Seminar on NEP2020 on 02-03 December 2023:**



A two-days International Seminar on 'Revamping Indian Tradition and Ethos through NEP-2020: Multilingual and Multi-Disciplinary Culture of Education' was inaugurated at the campus of Central University of Odisha on 02 December 2023. Prof. Prakash Chandra Bhattarai, Associate Dean, School of Education, Kathamandu University, Nepal was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Other guests were Shri Mahendra Kumar, Higher Education Wing In-charge, ABRSM from Gorakhpur, Dr. Narayan Mohanty, Executive Member, ABRSM. Eminent speakers delivered their talks in technical session were Prof. G.C. Nanda, Retd. Professor of Education, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Prof. Kanhu Charan Sahoo, Professor at Vidya Bhavan, Visva Bharati, Shanti Niketan, Prof. Faisal Al Rfouch, University of Jordan, Jordan, Prof. B.B.Mishra, former Professor, Mizoram University, Prof. B.N.Panda, former Head, Dept. of Education, NCERT, Bhubaneswar and Prof. Rebat Kumar Dhakal, Kathamandu University, Nepal and Dr. R K Parhi, HoD I/c, DEDN & Organising Secretary.

## National Seminar on 'Translation: Practices and Possibilities' at CUO



A two-day National Seminar on the theme 'Translation: Practices and Possibilities' was inaugurated at the Department of Odia Language and Literature (DOLL) of the Central University of Odisha at the Sunabeda Campus on 5th December 2023. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University inaugurated the seminar and presided over the inaugural session of the Seminar. Prof. Basanta Kumar Panda, Director, Center of Excellence for Studies in Classical Odia, Govt. of India attended as the Chief Speaker. Prof. Nrusingha Charan Panda, Registrar I/c and Dean School of Languages; Prof. Kalidas Mishra, Department of English, Sambalpur University and Shri Krishna Singh, Eminent Social Activist attended as the Guests of honor.



**International conference on 'Women in the 21st Century: Environment and Sustainable Development' concludes at CUO:**



The three-day International Conference on 'Women in the 21st Century: Environment and Sustainable Development' started on 7 December 2023 and ended at the main campus of the Central University of Odisha on 9 December 2023. The Department of Sociology organized it in collaboration with the World Centre for Women Studies, University at Buffalo, New York, USA. Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha conveyed his good wishes and hoped that the conference would serve as a forum to provide key inputs for policymakers and inspire the young generation to research the field.

### **New Feathers in the Academic Programme of CUO:**



The Central University of Odisha introduced three new undergraduate programmes and one postgraduate programme from the academic year 2023-24. These are four-year B.Sc. programmes in Agriculture Science, Dairy Science, and Forest Management and two-year PG/MBA Programme in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

**CUO organizes seminar on the occasion of Ram Lalla Pran Pratistha at Ayodhya:**



The Central University of Odisha organized a Seminar on 'Bharatiya Rama Sahitya Parampara ka Punarmulyankan' on 22 January 2024 in the University campus on the occasion of Ram Lalla Pran Pratistha at Ayodhya. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi presided over the programme and delivered the presidential address through virtual mode. D.I.G. of Police (South Western Range), Koraput, Shri Charan Singh Meena, IPS was the Chief Guest and Shri Manmohan Goyal, General Manager, NAD, Sunabeda was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.



## Central University of Odisha Launches Hindi Literacy Campaign in Nuaguda Village



On the auspicious occasion of the World Hindi Festival, the Central University of Odisha (CUO) initiated a groundbreaking Hindi literacy campaign in Nuaguda village. The campaign, which commenced on February 5, 2024, marked a pivotal moment stemming from discussions held during a university seminar. Led by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, a vibrant procession traversed from the university campus to Nuaguda village, symbolizing the university's commitment to community engagement.

**Film based Skill Workshop for ST students by FTII, Pune on 8-23 February 2024**



Under the Azadi Ka Amrit mahotsav the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune conducted a 15 Day Film based Skill Workshop for ST students of Central University of Odisha from 8 -23<sup>rd</sup> 2024.

**Central University of Odisha Hosts Two-Day National Seminar on NEP 2020: Challenges and Opportunities:**



The Central University of Odisha recently held a two-day National Seminar focusing on "National Education Policy 2020: Challenges and Opportunities" at its Sunabeda Campus. Organized by the Department of Education in collaboration with Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, the seminar spanned from 1 May to 2 May 2024. The seminar concluded with a valedictory programme today on, 02 May 2024.



**CUO inaugurates the National Conference on "Mathematics in the 21st Century: Theory and Applications" Today, on 26 April 2024**



The Central University of Odisha commenced a significant event, a Two-Day National Conference on "Mathematics in the 21st Century: Theory and Applications." Organized by the Department of Mathematics, this inaugural ceremony witnessed the presence of eminent figures from across the country. Among the distinguished attendees were Acting Registrar of the University, Prof. Narsingha Charan Panda, and notable mathematicians such as Prof. Mukuta Mani Tripathy from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Prof. Avanish Kumar from Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, Prof. J. K. Prajapat from Central University of Rajasthan, Kishangarh, Prof. A. K. Mishra, Former Director of Institute of Mathematics & Applications, Bhubaneswar, Prof. Bhawani Sankar Panda from IIT Delhi, Prof. Prasanta Chatterjee from Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj (RTM) Nagpur University, Prof. G. S. Khadekar from Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj (RTM) Nagpur University.

**Study Tour by Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi at CUO, Koraput in April 2024.**



A 60 member team of Faculty and Students of Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi visited CUO from 6 - 11 April 2024. The CUO is going to sign an MOU with IGNC.



**International Conference at CUO concludes with an emphasis on achieving self-reliance by conserving Biodiversity and Agriculture for a Sustainable Future:**



The School of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources at the Central University of Odisha recently concluded its two-day International Conference on "Recent Advances of Biodiversity and Agriculture for a Sustainable Future" on 20 April 2024. Held at the University's main campus, the event brought together scholars and scientists to delve into critical topics surrounding biodiversity and agrobiodiversity.

**CUO holds Special Seminar with IGNCA, New Delhi on Bharatiya Gnyan Parampara ke Alok mein Kala aur Sahitya:**



Under the three days International Seminar of the Department of Sanskrit, the Central University of Odisha held a special technical session on Bharatiya Gnyan Parampara ke Alok me Kala aur Sahitya, jointly with Indira Gandhi Centre for Arts and Culture (IGNCA), New Delhi at its Sunabeda Campus on 09 April 2024. As the IGNCA team is on a visit to Central University of Odisha on a field study, a Special session was held in joint collaboration under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi. Others present on the dais were Prof. Arun Bharadwaj from IGNCA, Prof. Lakshmi Nivas Panday, Vice-Chancellor, Darbhanga Sanskrit University, Prof. D. C. Choubey, South East Asian Studies, IGNCA, Prof. Narasingha Charan Panda, In-charge Registrar and Finance officer of the University, Prof. Anil Kumar from IGNCA and Prof. Sudhir Lal, IGNCA.

**CUO holds International Conference on “Science and Technology in Ancient Indian Literature in Modern perspective”:**



A three day International Conference on “Science and Technology in Ancient Indian Literature in Modern Perspective” was inaugurated at the Central University of Odisha on Monday, organised by the Department of Sanskrit. The Seminar to be continued during 8-10 April 2024 was graced by eminent Vice-Chancellors from four Universities and other delegates. The Programme was formally inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi. Other dignitaries present on the dais were Professor Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Vice Chanellor, National Sanskrit University, New Delhi; Professor GSR Krishna Murty, Vice Chancellor National Sanskrit University, Tirupati, Professor Hareram Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, Kavi Kulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek, Professor Laksmi Nivas Panday, Vice Chancellor, Kameswar Singh Darbhanga Sanskrit University, Bihar, Prof. V.C.Jha, Consultant, Academic, Central University of Odisha. Prof. Narasingha Charan Panda.



## "Beyond Horizons: Exploring the World in World Literature" Conference Wraps Up Successfully in Koraput



The picturesque highlands of Koraput were the setting for the triumphant conclusion of the international conference, "Beyond Horizons: Exploring the World in World Literature," which took place from March 7 to 8, 2024. Hosted by the Department of English Language & Literature at the Central University of Odisha, the conference served as a gathering point for literary figures, scholars, and enthusiasts to delve into the multifaceted and transcendent realm of world literature. Professor Chakradhar Tripathi, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, delivering the closing remarks. Notable dignitaries included Professor Alan Johnson from Idaho State University, USA.

**CUO organises National Seminar on Role of Statistics in Emerging India @2047: A Multidisciplinary Approach:**



In a bid to delve into the pivotal role of statistics in India's evolving landscape, the Department of Statistics, CUO organized a one-day national seminar titled "Role of Statistics in Emerging India @2047: A Multidisciplinary Approach." Held on March 18, 2024, at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, the event saw esteemed dignitaries and scholars congregating to explore the subject.



## National Seminar Explores 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Economic and Management Challenges at CUO:



The Central University of Odisha commenced a two-day National Seminar on "Viksit Bharat @2047: Economic and Management Challenges" on March 27, 2024. The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi, in the esteemed presence of Prof. Bidhu Bhusan Mishra, Vice-Chancellor of Sambalpur University, Prof. N C Panda, Registrar of CUO, along with renowned academic and industry experts including Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Retd Executive Director (Corporate Services) of MECON Ltd, Ranchi, Prof. Pabitra Kumar Mishra from Central University of Punjab, Prof. Irala Lokananda Reddy from University of Hyderabad, and Dr. Manoranjan Biswas, Executive Director (IR and Safety) of MECON, Jagadalpur.

## Hon'ble PM lays the foundation stones of three semiconductor projects



Central University of Odisha organizes a seminar on 'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat' on the occasion Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated three semiconductor projects collectively valued at nearly Rs 1.25 lakh crore today, marking a significant step towards India's technological advancement under the 'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat' initiative. Preceding the live broadcast, the university held a seminar on 'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat,' featuring a lecture by Prof. Jyoti Prakash Kar from NIT Rourkela, who underscored the global significance and demand for semiconductors.

## 2 Day National Seminar of Economics Department concludes at CUO



The 2 day National Seminar on, 'Contemporary Research and Methods in Social Sciences' organized by the Dept. of Economics, Central University of Odisha, Koraput successfully concluded today at the CUO campus with the Valedictory Session deliberations and award of certificates to the participants. The dais featured Prof Chakradhar Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CUO; Prof. Prashant Ku. Panda from Pondicherry University, Prof Minaketan Behera from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

## Central University of Odisha Shines at Government Achievements & Schemes Expo-2024, New Delhi



The Central University of Odisha (CUO) made a notable mark at the Government Achievements & Schemes Expo-2024 securing the first prize in the "Providing Excellent Higher Education" category on 21 July 2024. Organized by NNS Media Group, the expo was held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, from July 20th to 22nd, 2024, and showcased a variety of accomplishments and initiatives from across the country.



**Inauguration of the 75th Amrit Mahotsav Convention of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan at Central University of Odisha, Koraput**



The 75th Amrit Mahotsav Convention of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, jointly organized by the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan and the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, was formally inaugurated on 23 June 2024 at the main campus of the Central University of Odisha, Koraput.



**MoU with GM University, Sambalpur :**



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Odisha Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi and Hon'ble ViceChancellor of Gangadhar Meher University Prof. N. Nagaraju signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 18 July 2024, in the office of the Vice-Chancellor at CUO main campus, Sunabeda. The event was witnessed by Prof. N. C. Panda, Registrar I/C of CUO, and Padma Shri Prof. Damayanti Besra.

**CUO celebrates International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples at Kunduli Haata**  
**Theme:**



Central University of Odisha observed the International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples at Kunduli Haat area on 10 August 2024 i.e. out of the University campus. The program is themed on Empowering Local Tribal Youth & Creating Mass Employment Opportunities in Eco-Tourism. The Programme was formally inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi. Also present on the occasion were Prof. Bishnu Charan Barik, former Vice Chancellor, Sambalpur University, as key-note speaker; Prof. Sharada Ghosh, Principal, Institute of Hotel Management, Bhubaneswar, as Guest of Honour; former Member of Parliament Sh. Jayaram Pangi, Mr. Debi Prasad Prusty, Adviser, Adivasi Bikash Parishad and Convener, Netaji Subhash Birth Soil Yatra, G. John, Social activist, Mr. Jugabrata Kar, entrepreneur and social activist, Ms. Talina Pradhani, District Tourism Officer, Ms. Pritisudha Jena, District Culture Officer.

**Committee and Sub-Committees for 16<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the Central University of Odisha on 29 August 2024**

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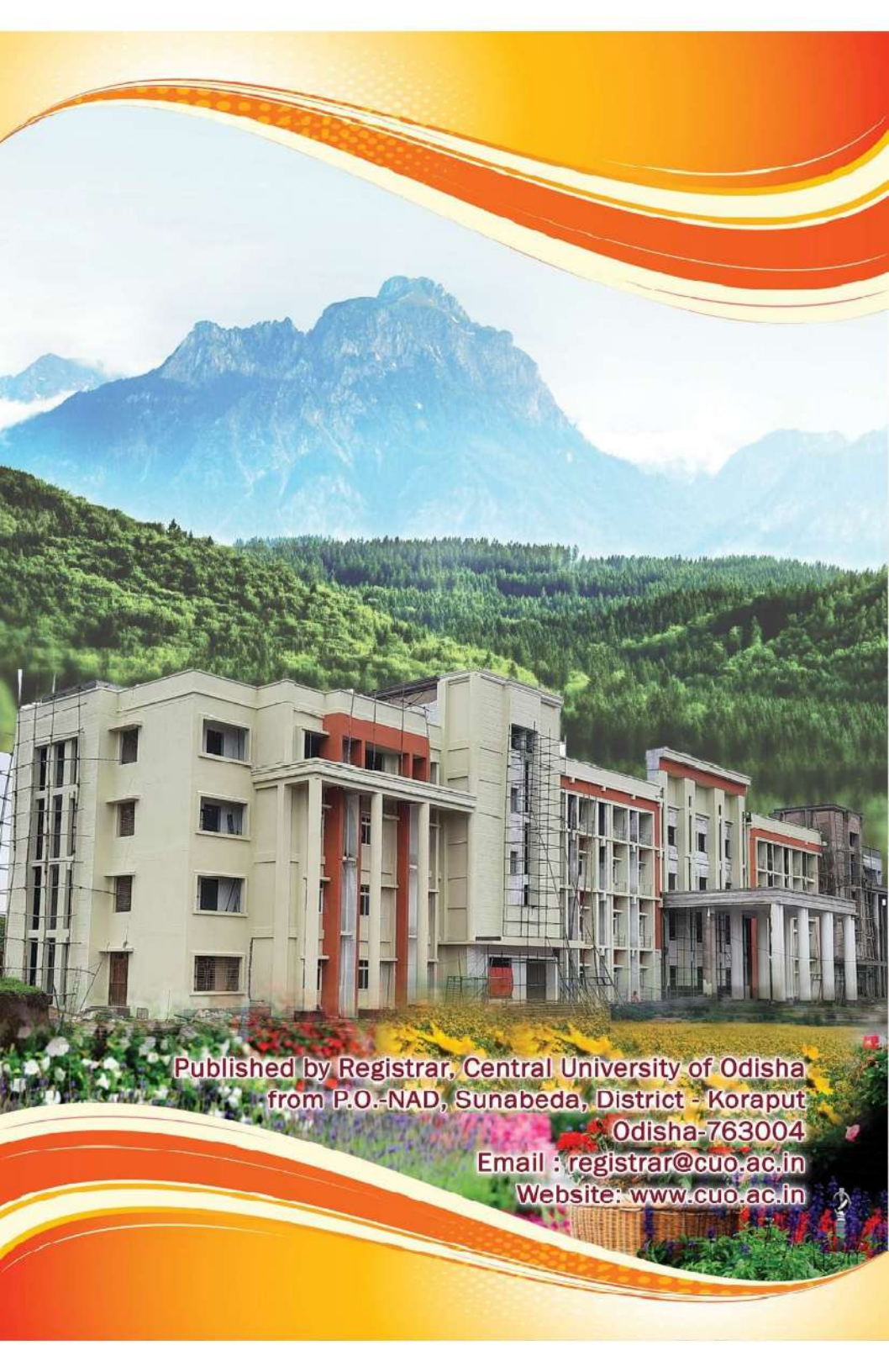
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