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Editorial

We celebrate the Foundation day of our University on 13th July every year. It is a day set aside to celebrate our significant development, revisit the University and reconnect with its continuing journey and to make resolution for the coming year to go one step forward. On this auspicious day, the purpose of releasing this newsletter is to share the happiness and sorrow among ourselves and to highlight notable contributions to the society that our University has made through different developmental activities.

During this one year journey we have observed 150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, International Day of Yoga, NSS Day etc. Various National seminars, Mock Parliament, Eye camp, Rath Yatra camp have been held to enrich our students' exposure and to spread awareness in the Community. It's a proud feeling that Sisira Behera, Assistant Professor of Odia has been selected for 'Kendriya Sahitya Academy Yuva Puraskar' for the year 2019. Gradually, more number of students have been qualifying national level test like NET, GATE; this trend signifies its growing academic excellence. With the aid and assistance received through RUSA and World Bank, we wish to witness significant infrastructural development in the University.

I take this opportunity to appeal all stake holders including students, alumni, faculty members, non-teaching staff, parents and general public to put forth their views and suggestions towards strengthening this University to become one of the best Universities of the country.

Prof. S. Kar
Chairperson, P.G. Council,
North Orissa University

From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk



I am glad to learn that North Orissa University is bringing out the 3rd issue of its Newsletter on the auspicious occasion of its 22nd Foundation Day on the 13th July 2019. The time of publication could not have been more appropriate.

The newsletter is a vital document that mirrors the University's activities and achievements in various fields over the past one year and it is regarded as a progress report using which the University can assess itself, identify its strengths and weaknesses, and work towards improvement.

Hopefully, the newsletter will help teaching Departments, office Sections and constituent Units (CDC, DDCE, Sports Council, NSS etc.) of the University to learn about and draw inspiration from each other.

(Prof. Pradeep K. Chand)
Vice Chancellor

11th Convocation



The 11th convocation of North Orissa University was held on 28.0.2019 presided by the Chancellor Hon'ble Governor of Odisha His Excellency Prof. Ganeshi Lal. In his address he lauded North Orissa University (NOU) for its remarkable track record in research and training the young minds. He vouched for a system of education that encourages creativity and self-reliance instead of producing mechanized minds while instilling the spirit of Indianness among the countrymen. The Chief Guest on this occasion, Dr Braj Bihari Kumar, Chairman of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), in his convocation address stressed on conducting research in the field of social sciences and emphasized to bring reform in Indian education system. Hon'ble Chancellor conferred honorary doctoral degrees (Honoris Causa) on four eminent personalities. They are former Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra (Doctor of Law), Former Professor of Physics Prof. Niranjana Barik (Doctor of Science), Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Prof. Ajit Kumar Mohanty (Doctor of Science) and former president of Odisha Sahitya Akademi Dr. Ramchandra Behera (Doctor of Literature). This apart, 24 students bagged gold medal, while 24,924 received Degree certificates. 1,978 Post-Graduate, 189 M.Phil/M. Tech., 58 Ph.D., 2 D.Litt. and 931 professional certificates were awarded in the Convocation.

The 21st Foundation day of NOU



The 21st Foundation day of North Orissa University was held on 13.07.2018. Padmashree Dr. Ajaya Parida, Director, Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Guest on this auspicious occasion. The meeting was presided Shri Dhira Basa of Mayurbhanj district and Dr. Ramachandra Nayak from Keonjhar district were felicitated with "Bhumiputra Samman" as worth "Sons of the Soil" for their outstanding contributions to the field of Odia Drama and Odia Literature respectively.

Our Pride



Our Vice Chancellor, **Prof. Pradeep K Chand** received the prestigious '*Prana Krushna Parija Award*' for the year 2019 at Sarala Bhavan, Cuttack on 2nd June 2019. The Award was instituted by 'Professor Parija Memorial Society' after the name of the renowned academician, scientist and former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Odisha, Prof. Prana Krushna Parija.

This Award was conferred on Prof. Chand in recognition of his significant contributions to the field of Plant Science in general and Plant Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering in particular in form of teaching and research, thereby motivating the young researchers throughout a career span of over three decades



Our faculty, **Dr. Sisira Behera**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Odia has been selected for the prestigious **Yuva Puraskar-2019** by Kendriya Sahitya Akademi for his book "*Bimugdha Uccharana*" published in the year 2016 by Odisha Book Emporium. Essays in the book were written when Dr. Behera was a research scholar at Ravenshaw University, and these were published in various journals. Later these were collected and included in one volume.

"*Bimugdha Uccharana*" consists of essays on the lives and works of 11 eminent litterateurs and cultural icons from Odisha. Some of these figures include Utkal Gourab Madhusudan Das, Nilakantha Das, Biswanath Kar, playwrights Bhanja Kishore Pattnaik and Ramachandra Mishra, humourist Faturananda, renowned short-story writer Manoj Das, Rajkishore Ray, Bhubaneswar Behera and others. The essays are characterized by their scholarly depth and have been rendered in lucid prose.

Academic Council Meet



examination by a committee (constituted for the purpose) followed by approval of same in the next academic council meeting.

A special meeting of Academic Council was held on 22.05.2019. The common CBCS Syllabus for Under Graduate courses was approved in this meeting. The uniform course structure in P.G. courses is also approved. New guidelines for P.G., M. Phil. and Pre-Ph.D. examinations were incorporated. The Vice-Chancellor proposed the Digital Score Sheet method for quantitative adjudication of Ph.D. theses. Prior to implementation, the digital mode of evaluation of Ph.D. theses will be subject to

New Syndicate Members



Prof. Manik Chandra Mahata
Retd. Professor of Zoology
Ranchi University, Jharkhand



Prof. U. B. Mohapatra
Head, Dept. of Botany
North Orissa University



Prof. R.C. Mohanty
Member, State Environmental
Appraisal Committee,
Govt. of India

Inauguration of Gandhi Photo Gallery



Hon'ble Chancellor Governor of Odisha Prof. Ganeshi Lal visited North Orissa University on 11.09.2018 and inaugurated a Gandhi photo gallery at the Conference hall of the University on the occasion of second preparatory meeting of the district level committee to commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The 100 selected photos of Mahatma Gandhi was exhibited in the hall. The event was organized by North Orissa University in collaboration with state convenor and founder of Antyadoya Chetana Mandal, Dr. Aditya Patnaik. The event was attended by hundreds of Gandhi followers from Mayurbhanj.

Earlier in the day, A special meeting was held in the Syndicate hall, where a powerpoint presentation highlighting various activities and achievements of the University was given to the Hon'ble Governor following which the Governor interacted with the students. He advised the students to steer clear of anxiety and mental stress. He urged the students to strive to become ideal citizens. He told the students to follow the ideals of the greatest proponent of Vedanta - Swami Vivekananda.



Celebration of International Day of Yoga



The 5th Annual event of the International Day of Yoga was observed on the 21st June 2019 in the Conference Hall of North Orissa University between 7 am to 9 am. The session was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Pradeep Kumar Chand. Guests of Honour on the day were Dr. Shyam Sunder Das, President of the Senior Citizen Forum, Baripada and Dr. Ramakanta Mohanta, District Coordinator, AYUSH. Prof. Susmita Kar, Chairperson, Post Graduate Council and Prof. Pramoda Kumar Satapathy, Registrar of the University were among the distinguished officers of the University who attended the programme. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Hima Bindu Maringanti, Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Mrs. Usha Satapathy, Coordinator, NSS Bureau of the University, being assisted by NSS Programme Officers namely Mr. Rudra Narayan Munda & Dr. Smruti Ranjan Das of the University as well as by Dr. Debesh Shankar Panda (Simanta Mahavidyalaya, Jharpokharia), Ms. Meera Senapati (Mayurbhanj College of Accountancy and Management) and Dr. Kailash Mishra (MPC [Autonomous] College, Baripada).

The programme progressed with the Lamp Lighting by the dignitaries on dais, followed by an elaborate introduction to Yoga by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Chand who gave a detailed deliberation particularly on its Indian origin and the significance of yogic lifestyle in everyday life. The International Yoga Day-2019 (IYD-2019) Protocol was conducted by Mr. Jitendra Parida, Asst. Professor of the University Department of Yoga & Naturopathy in association with Dr. Ramakanta Mohanta. There was a good number of performing participants including the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, office staff as well as faculty & students of the Post-Graduate Departments of the University and a few affiliated colleges in the vicinity. Everybody present on the event performed the Yoga course following the prescribed protocol. The IYD ended with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Susmita Kar.

Besides, several affiliated colleges in the District of Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar affiliated to the North Orissa University also observed the day (IYD-2019) in their respective premises as per the direction of UGC and in conformity with the recommended protocol.



Adieu Adieu Sir Happy send off to our colleagues who super annuated this year



Prof. Anaadi Ch. Gaan
Dept. of Odia



Prof. Akshay k. Bastia
Dept. of Botany

Teach Mayurbhanj: An Innovative Educational Drive



The School of Education, North Orissa University, has taken an unprecedented initiative named 'Teach Mayurbhanj: A Need-Based Educational Drive' which involved student volunteers comprising of 200 Post Graduate and Integrated B.Ed-M.Ed students to teach at elementary and secondary schools of Mayurbhanj district in collaboration with the Dept. of School and Mass Education, Govt. of Odisha and District Administration. The inaugural ceremony of the programme was presided over by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pradeep Kumar Chand, NOU in the presence of a prominent educationist Prof. Prakash Chandra Agarwal, Principal, RIE, Bhubaneswar who was

the Chief Guest of the function. The programme focused on partially catering the need of adequate teachers and providing educational support to different schools of Mayurbhanj district. As many as 69 High schools of the district have been covered in the 1st phase of the programme. In addition to this, it also aimed at improving the teaching skills and abilities of the prospective students-teachers.

A South African Academician as visitor to NOU!



North Orissa University is a part of multi lateral project for the development of scientific collaboration and innovation among BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries. **Dr. Inga Hitzeorth**, the Principal Investigator of the collaborative project, Deputy Director and Chief Research Officer, Biopharming Research Unit, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Cape Town, South Africa visited North Orissa University on 18th September 2018. Dr. Hitzeorth discussed the progress of the collaboration with Dr. Priya Ranjan Debata, Co-Investigator of the project, Assistant Professor of Zoology. She also delivered a talk in the auditorium of P. G. Department of Zoology, North Orissa University on the topic "Expression of Human Papilloma Virus Gene in Plants for Development of Vaccine". Besides, she also met the students, scholars and faculties of various P. G. Departments and exchanged her views regarding research in South Africa and importance of collaboration in developing scientific innovation and research.

We lost a family member



Rudranarayan Munda
(1981 - 2019)

*nainam chindanti sastrani
nainam dahati pavakāḥ
na cainam kledayanty apo
na sosayati marutaḥ*

Our beloved colleague, Mr. Rudranarayan Munda, Asst. Professor of the Dept. of Biotechnology met an untimely death on 03-07-2019. He was a benevolent and sincere person as well as an adorable teacher. He is survived by his wife, daughter, parents and brother. The University fraternity gathered to mourn his untimely death and a two-minute silence was observed in remembrance and prayer for the departed soul to rest in the heavenly abode of peace.

RUSA reviewing team visited NOU



Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is a holistic scheme of development for higher education in India. In 2016, Rs 20 Crore was sanctioned as RUSA fund for North Orissa University. Of the total RUSA fund amounting Rs 18 Crore received, 87.47% has been utilized by the University. RUSA reviewing team consisting of Prof. M. Das, Vice Chancellor, FM University, Balasore; Dr S.K. Samal, RDE (I/C), Balasore; Dr P.C Mishra, Coordinator, RUSA, FM University, Balasore; Dr J. Behera, Principal, M.P.C. Autonomous College, Baripada visited North Orissa University on 30.05. 2019. The team lauded the efforts of the University in timely utilization of funds and the various developmental works carried out under RUSA.

A glimpse of Cultural Fest and Sports at NOU



North Orissa University organized a Cultural Fest from 08.03.2019 to 16.03.2019 with events like Jhota, Quiz, English & Regional language Essay, English & Odia Debate, Song & Dance competitions. About 370 students participated in different events and bagged prizes. Sports and athletic events were held from 01.03.2019 to 19.03.2019. Sports events included Cricket prelims for Boys & girls, Carrom, Chess, Badminton, Volley Ball and Athletic competitions like 100mt race, Shotput, Javelin throw, Discus throw, Long & High Jumps and Musical chairs.

NSS Activities



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- NSS Bureau, NOU celebrated NSS day on 24.09.2018 with around 300 NSS volunteers from affiliated colleges, PG & Open unit of NOU.
- District Youth Parliament sponsored by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports was held on 28.01.2019 at NOU campus. Ms. Akanksha Singh, NSS volunteer of MPC Autonomous College, Baripada got selected from NOU nodal centre to participate in the State Youth Parliament where she got First Rank in Odisha. She participated in National Youth Parliament at New Delhi.
- NSS Bureau, NOU organized a mega Eye camp in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Eye hospital of Rasgovindpur. Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Chancellor and Governor of Odisha inaugurated the camp and addressed the beneficiaries and doctors in the camp. As many as 132 patients were treated at the camp and 13 were advised to undergo cataract surgery.

Career & Counseling Cell



Career & Counseling Cell of North Orissa University was setup with the initial funding received from the Department of Higher Education to provide need based coaching and industry oriented training to the students. The inaugural lecture of the Career & Counseling Cell, NOU was delivered by Mr. Prasanta Kumar Das, Addl. Secretary, DHE, Odisha on 18-01-2019. In his lecture, Mr. Das advised students to crave for book reading and perseverance. The lecture was attended by more than 150 students and faculty members of the University. The Cell is currently fully functional providing UGC/CSIR NET/GATE coaching, Written test related (General Knowledge, Arithmetic, Reasoning) coaching. This year onwards the Cell will provide training on MS Office & Computer Fundamentals and Spoken English to the students.

Inauguration of HRD building



On 21st March 2019 - the 11th Convocation day of North Orissa University, Hon'ble Chancellor, Governor of Odisha His Excellency Prof. Ganeshi Lal inaugurated the Human Resource Development (HRD) Centre in the NOU Campus in presence of Dr Braj Bihari Kumar, Chairman of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and Prof. P. K. Chand, Vice-Chancellor, North Orissa University. The HRD centre is poised to act as a training hub to conduct teachers training, workshops, seminars and induction programmes.



The Department of Odia at North Orissa University, Keonjhar campus in collaboration with Odisha Sahitya Akademi organized a seminar on the theme: “Prakruti Sahitya O Sabuja Samalochana” on 22 Feb 2019. The speakers in the seminar included Dr. Babrubahan Mahapatra, Dr. Sisira Behera, Sudhakar Dash, Bhagabat Lenka, Dr. Hiralal Dash and Renuka Khandelwal among others.



A National Seminar on "Participation of Indigenous Tribes in Biodiversity Conservation" was jointly organized by Centre for Similipal Studies and Department of Anthropology and Tribal Studies, North Orissa University January 21-22, 2019. This seminar was funded by ICSSR, New Delhi and North Orissa University. About 250 participants from the universities and research institutes from different states including registered in this two days seminar and deliberated on the theme of the seminar. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University as the Chief Guest. Besides, Prof. T. Subramanyam Naidu, Former Professor, Pandicheri University, Prof. Akhila Bihari Ota, Director, SCSTRTI, Bhubaneswar, Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa, Department of Anthropology, Utkal University, Mr Sashi Paul, Field Director, SBR were the Guests of Honour. Professor P.K. Chand, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor of North Orissa University presided over the inaugural meeting of the seminar. Prof. H.N.Thatoi, Director, Centre for Similipal Studies, North Orissa University was the Convener of the seminar and Dr. Mrs. M. Sahu, Faculty, Department of Anthropology and Tribal Studies, was the Organizing Secretary. The seminar was interdisciplinary in nature and focused on the study of conservation of biodiversity, tribal issues, ethno-medicinal practices, social issues, ethno-history, traditional and modern values and its impacts of their livelihood practices.

Seminar



of Sanskrit, NOU was the convenor and Dr Nibedita Pati, Asst. Professor, Department of Sanskrit, NOU led the organizing team. A total of 30 papers were presented at the seminar.

Formation of North Orissa University Literary Council



To promote the Odia language and literature in the University, 'Uttar Odisha Sahitya Parishad' (North Orissa University Literary Council) was constituted and was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Chand on 20-02-2019. It was day when Odia was recognized as a classical language by the Union Cabinet back in 2014. In his inaugural address, Prof. Chand termed this as a revolutionary step in the history of the University and expressed hope that this initiative will develop synergy between all the departments of the University. Chairperson, P.G. Council Prof. Susmita Kar in her presidential address, wished the long term success of the Literary Council and opined that the Literary Council will help in improving communication in Odia language among all the

functionaries of the University. The Council is functioning with Prof. Jagannath Lenka as President of the Literary Council, Dr. Bichitrnath Sahu as Secretary, Mr. Swarupananda Bissoyi and Ms. Ranjita Patra as Asst. Secretaries, Dr. Jatindra Nath Besra as Treasurer and all the University staff as ordinary members. This year the Council celebrated 'Shastriya Odia Bhasha Divas' and 'Utkal Divas'. In the days to come, the Council will conduct seminars on Translation, Children's Literature, Folklore & Mayurbhanj Literature, Grammar, Language Science and Natural Language Processing.

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