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Editorial



I am delighted to know that Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University is going to publish its 6th issue of Newsletter covering the highlights of the curricular and co-curricular activities that had been performed in the previous year. 'Great things are done by a series of small things brought together'. This is aptly applicable to our activities undertaken in past one year. With the easy of pandemic situation our faculty member have actively engage in teaching and research field. They have taken special care to expose their students and strengthen them to keep abreast with the latest developments by arranging National and International Seminars / Workshops etc. a series of such events have been conducted throughout the academic year cutting across the discipline. The Newsletter covers these in a detailed manner. Undoubtedly the knowledge that have been acquired in the process shall help us to touch the pinnacle of success.

Prof. P.K. Satapathy
Chairman, P.G. Council
MSCB University

From Registrar's pen

I am very much pleased to know that a brief account of activities of Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University in the preceding year is placed in the Newsletter. The University as a learning centre thrives to have a student friendly environment. Their life should be easy in the campus, so that they can pursue their goal in a committed way. Infrastructure is the building block of the system to smoothen out the odds. Therefore, emphasis is laid on to create different infrastructure facilities. Last year we have created a lot of infrastructural facilities, which includes Construction of Gymnasium Building for ladies, Bank and Post Office Building, C.C. Road to Gents Hostel, Boundary Wall in the Ladies Hostel (2nd Campus), Concrete Pavement from main gate to administrative Building, and Garden in front of Convention Hall, Outdoor Stadium, Construction of lawn and development of garden near Maharaja Statue and 200 Seated 2nd Gents Hostel, etc. In addition to these we have adopted operation of e-office. For smooth functioning of day-to-day affairs including issues related to student, research scholar, faculty member, and staff.

Sri Sahadev Samadhin, OAS (S)
Registrar, MSCB University



From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

I am happy to know that the Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University bringing out the Newsletter that will showcase the events and happening of the University as a whole.



We are living in an age of momentum of knowledge and innovation where the key to success lies with the ability to create new knowledge and discover new ideas. Let our University stay in tune with the changing world. We should all rededicate ourselves to quality research, welcome new approaches in teaching and learning. Apart from strengthening the teaching-learning process, research and extension programme, special focus on value based education, sports, extracurricular and other similar activities, to foster global competencies among the students, is our priority.

I feel glad that our University could maintain the academic calendar despite disruptions occasioned by Covid, complete the examinations and declare results within a short period of time. We made some improvisation in the implementation of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) using 'Open Elective' papers for PG students which will strengthen knowledge and make them more competent. Other notable achievements of our University include organisation of 'First Odisha Inter-University Competitions (Games & Sports)-OIUC 22' which saw a footfall of nearly 1250 participants from 15 Universities for 14 events both for Men and Women; DAE-BARC-BRNC 'Outreach Theme Meeting' with delegation of 26 eminent nuclear scientists led by Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Director, BARC; 'First Annual Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo Lecture delivered by Dr. Jonathan Mark Kenoyer, Professor in Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, Certificate Distribution and conferring degrees to D.Lit, Ph.D, Postgraduate and Under graduate students and many more such events. This year, the University is getting ready to get accredited by NAAC for which I wish the cooperation of all the stakeholders.

I strongly hope that our University continues to contribute to the development of a value based and responsible society by means of commitment and dedication of the teaching community and other stakeholders. I congratulate the Editorial Team on the excellent work done in bringing out this Newsletter.

I am sure that the newsletter will become a must-read chronicle on happenings around us.

I wish a bright future for the University. Thank you all.
Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa
Vice Chancellor,
MSCB University

24th Foundation Day

The 24th Foundation Day of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University (erstwhile North Orissa University), Baripada, was celebrated in the Convention Hall of the University on 13th July 2021 following COVID-19 guidelines. The meeting was held in a blended mode with the Chief Guest, Prof. Pooran Chand Joshi, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi and Prof. Asoka Das, Vice-Chairman, Odisha State Higher Education Council joined online through Google Meet platform. The meeting was presided over by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa, who focused on the need of scientific and academic collaborations to elevate the University. Further, he highlighted the challenges faced by the faculties and students during the pandemic situation and how everyone is trying their best to overcome these hurdles. On this occasion Prof Asoka Das expressed that the heritage of the University is an amalgamation of North Orissan art, culture and biodiversity indicating Similipal Biosphere Reserve and the cumulative intellect of the people of Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj. Prof. Pooran Chand Joshi, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi, apprised about the "Vidyavistar" programme of Delhi University for collaborating with Universities in remote areas. He emphasized that Universities are on cross roads as Government of India has rolled out the New Education Policy which has many dynamic provisions for the benefit and empowerment of students leading to multidisciplinary choice of subjects. On the occasion of Foundation Day, Bhumiputra Sanman, 2021, was awarded to Padmashree Daitari Naik as son of the soil of Keonjhar for his unique efforts in the field of Social Work and to Professor Ajit Kumar Mohanty as son of the soil of Mayurbhanj for his exemplary contribution in the field of science. Prof. Umaballav Mohapatra, Vice Chancellor, Rajendra University, Bolangir, was felicitated on this occasion for superannuating last year from the University service. Non-teaching employees Shri Tapan Kumar Patra, Senior Assistant and Mrs Arati Jena, Peon, were also felicitated for their commendable performances and sincere services to the University. Kumudini Memorial Award was presented to Miss Subhasmita Das and Miss Dibyajyoti Naik, for securing highest marks in M.Sc, Zoology. On this occasion, the Newsletter and Annual Report was released by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The meeting started with a welcome address and introduction of the guests by Prof. Anil Kumar Biswal, Chairman, P. G. Council. The Annual Report was presented by Shri Sahadev Samadhia, Registrar and vote of thanks was proposed by Comptroller of Finance, Shri Sukadev Tarai. The Foundation Day programme was coordinated by Dr P.Parida, Dr K.L.Barik, Dr C.Mahapatra, Dr B.Hansdah, Shri S.Bissoyi, Dr S.S. Basa, Shri H.K.Mohanta, A.K.Mohanta and Shri N.R.Das.



International Webinar Organised by Department of English

The international webinar organised by the department of English on 7th August 2021. The webinar covered one of the core areas of English literature, namely literary modernism titled 'Mapping Modernism: Movements and Concepts'. The webinar has its resource persons, Dr Aruni Mahapatra, Assistant professor, University of Alabama, and Dr Lalit Kumar of University of Delhi.

Leadership Conclave on Heartful Campus

A Unique Online Faculty Development Programme on "Heartful Campus" was organized by the Heartfulness Education Trust on 24th September 2021. The event was aimed to discuss about the importance of spiritual health and other good practices of life. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K. K. Basa inaugurated this event and expressed his view on the ability, hard work and leadership of each human being. Various eminent speakers from the trust such as Krishna Sachdeva, Dr Sarita Rani, Sushama Divalkar, Namrata Tanti and Priti Pie have discussed on diversifying importance of spiritual health and other important aspects of behavioural society to the participants. Dr J.K. Mantri, Dr P. Parida and Mr. S. Bissoyi coordinated the programme.



International Seminar by Department of Economics

The Department of Economics, MSCBDU has organised an International Seminar on "Memory and Intransient Growth" in blended mode on 25th October 2021. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K. Basa inaugurated the seminar. At the outset Prof. A. K. Biswal, Chairman P.G. Council, delivered the welcome address. Dr. A.K. Patra, Head, Department of Economics, introduced the Resource person to the

audience. Prof. Tapas Mishra, Professor and Head, Department of Banking and Finance at Southampton Business School, University of Southampton, UK, delivered his talk as Resource Person. In his address he highlighted that the permanent growth pattern of the economy is primarily decided by the past growth rate and some other unaccounted factors. Dr. K.K. Sahu proposed the vote of thanks. More than 80 members, cutting across discipline have taken active participation in the programme. The seminar was coordinated by Dr. M. Mallick, Dr. P.K. Jena and Dr. S.S. Basa.

Special Lecture on the occasion of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo

Commemorating the 150th Birth anniversary of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo, Prof. Jatindra K. Nayak delivered a talk on "Life and contribution of the Maharaja" in a virtual platform on 2nd Nov, 2021. The meeting was presided by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K. Basa and attended by the faculty members, staff and students of University.



Yoga for All

A value-added course "YOGA FOR ALL" coordinated by the Department of Yoga and Naturopathy was initiated on 5th Nov, 2021 in the Conference Hall of Department of Chemistry and there was great enthusiasm among the students to participate in the course.

World Science Day

The 'World Science Day' was celebrated in the Convention Hall of the University on Nov.10th, 2021. On this occasion Prof. Surajit Ghosh, Dept of Physics, Vidyasagar University presented a talk and elaborated on the significance of World Science Day in present day scenario. The meeting was presided by Chairman, PG Council, Prof.A.K.Biswal. Faculty members along with students attended the meeting.



Youth Empowerment

A value-added course on "Youth Empowerment" coordinated by the Department of Economics commenced on 12.11.2021 with huge participation of P. G. students of different departments of MSCB University.

Workshop on 'Phylogeny, Homology Modelling and Molecular Docking

An IDP-OHEPEE sponsored 10 days virtual workshop on "Phylogeny, Homology Modelling and Molecular Docking" was organised by the Department of Biotechnology, from Nov.20-30,2021. The Resource persons from OUAT, Bhubaneswar, NIT Warangal, Raiganj University, West Bengal has delivered their lectures and shared their ideas. The workshop was attended by many faculty members, research scholars and students.

A Sacred Grove in MSCBU Campus

An awareness drive on the role of sacred groves in biodiversity conservation was launched at the APJ Abdul Kalam Biodiversity Park of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University on Tuesday, 23rd November 2021. The campaign was organized primarily to promote ecological awareness among students of the University. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa lauded some of the finest conservation practices of



Adivasis and urged the gathering to appreciate and learn from rich tribal cultures. Padma Shri Dr. Damayanti Beshra, was felicitated by the University on this occasion. She spoke on the intimate links between tribal cultures and sacred groves, which act as vital sites of ecological conservation. Chairman PG Council Prof. Anil Kumar Biswal highlighted the importance of the sacred grove. Mr. Sahadev Samadhia, Registrar, emphasized the harmonious coexistence of the tribals with nature and its significance at present time. Comptroller of Finance Mr. Sukadev Tarei reiterated the unstinting commitment to biodiversity protection of the University. The occasion witnessed a gathering of more than 250 students and faculty members of different P.G. Departments. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Jatindranath Besra, Dr. Bishnupriya Hansdah. Dr. Suwendu Satpathy proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Training on 'Kahan' - a data compilation software by Times Group

A Training Workshop was organised on November 23rd, 2021 by the IQAC cell on "Training on Data Compilation Software" to ease data handling for NAAC. The meeting was attended by faculty members of several P.G. Departments.



International Seminar in blended mode by Department of Zoology

An International Seminar was organised by the Department of Zoology, on 25th Nov, 2021 in blended mode. Dr Prangya Das, Senior Scientist and Assistant Professor, Cooper University Hospital, New Jersey, USA, orated and nicely expressed on "Role of small molecules in the treatment of inflammatory diseases". The Seminar was attended by the students and faculty members of several PG Departments.

Symposium on Ananda Sankar Das

A symposium on Mr Ananda Sankar Das, a noted playwright of Mayurbhanj, was organized in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi on 27th November 2021. The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K.Basa and was presided by the noted litterateur Dr. Bijayananda Singh. The Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Bishnu-priya Otta. The faculty members, students as well as many admirers of Mr. Das from Mayurbhanj attended the function.



Observation of International AIDS Day



AIDS Day' and exhorted the cadets to carry forward the awareness campaign for dissemination of knowledge for prevention of AIDS.

The NSS P.G. Unit of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University observed the International Aids Day on 1st December 2021. To mark the occasion, a big awareness rally was organised from the University main entrance to Takhatpur circle, in which students, faculties and non-teaching staffs of the University participated. Later, a meeting was addressed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K.Basa, highlighting the relevance of observation of 'International

National Seminar Organised by Dept. of Hindi

A National Seminar was organized by the Post Graduate Department of Hindi on 14th December 2021. The theme of the seminar was "Necessity of Translation". Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Kishor K. Basa, Chief Guest on this occasion emphasized that Research is a noble component of the University and expressed hope that students will gain knowledge to learn more from eminent researchers

and intellectuals in such platforms. Chief Speaker of the event, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Mishra, Former Secretary General, World Hindi secretariat, Mauritius delivered the keynote address. He narrated his valuable experience in translating 99 Odia books to Hindi. The meeting was chaired by Prof. A.K.Biswal, Chairman, PG Council. Ms. Sasmita Pani, Department of Hindi, introduced the guest and Dr. S.K.Sahu, Deputy Director, Self-financing courses coordinated the entire event.



Research Scholar Conclave



A Research Scholars' Conclave was held at the University on 14th & 15th December 2021. Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K.Basa, inaugurated the conclave as Chief guest and addressed the scholars by emphasising that research is the soul of the University and it should be people-centered for the betterment of society. The poster exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. R.P.Mishra, former Secretary General, World Hindi secretariat, Mauritius. The conclave was chaired by Prof. A.K.Biswal, Chairman PG Council. Chief speaker of the conclave, Dr. Sanghamitra Patnaik, Senior scientist at Krishi Vigyan Kendra in her keynote address, discussed various aspects of agricultural research for human welfare. Shri S.Samadhia, Registrar, in his address highlighted the various government incentives for research. Dr. J.K.Mantri, Convener, tendered the welcome address and Dr. P.R.Debata offered vote of thanks. On 2nd day of the conclave Dr. A.C.Panda of Institute of Life Science, Bhubaneswar talked in detail about the circular RNA and answered the queries of the participants. As many as 67 researchers of the University showcased their research using posters and interacted with the visitors of the conclave. The conclave was attended by the faculty members, research scholars and students of the University and constituent colleges. The event was coordinated by Dr. A.K.Jena, Dr. P.K.Jena, Dr. B.Hansda, Dr. P.K.Swain & Mr. S.Bissoyi, Dr. S.Sahu, Dr. G.Dhangadamajhi and Dr. J.N.Beshra.



'35th Annual Conference of Orissa Chemical Society' Organized by Department of Chemistry

35th Annual Conference of Orissa Chemical Society and National Seminar on Frontiers in Chemical Sciences (FCS-2021) was organized by P. G. Department of Chemistry, Maharaja

Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University, during Dec.18-19, 2021. The objective of the seminar was to discuss the recent developments, importance and societal benefit of chemical science. The conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MSCB University Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa as Chief Guest and Former Director, NCL Pune, Prof. Swaminathan Sivaram as Guest of Honour. Renowned Scientists and academicians from different parts of our country delivered and discussed their scientific findings. Santi Swarup Bhatnagar Awardee Prof. S. Sivaram delivered a talk on 'Future of Chemistry'. The scientific programme included different technical lectures, award lectures, general body meeting etc. In the valedictory function different awards were distributed.

Awareness Campaign on Controlling Similipal Fire

The Similipal biosphere reserve was ravaged by devastating forest fires during 2021. The fire had a severe impact on the lives of plants, animals and the biodiversity of the area. Starting from December 2021 to January 2022, a continuous awareness campaign was organized by the Department of Social Work under the guidance of Dr S.K.Satpathy. In the presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof K.K.Basa, District collector Shri Vineet Bhardwaj (IAS), Superintendent of Police Shri Rishikesh D Khilari, Shri S.Samadhia, Registrar, Comptroller of Finance Shri S.Tarei, the students cum NSS volunteers has rolled the awareness vehicle to many degree colleges and village areas of Mayurbhanj district to make them aware of the menace of forest fires, helps them to understand the magnitude of the problem and the role they can play in reducing it.



National Seminar on 'Similipal: Communities, Biodiversity and Conservation'



A Two days National Seminar on 'Similipal: Communities, Biodiversity and Conservation' was organized by 'Similipal Study Centre' of the University funded by IDP-OHEPEE, Government of Odisha, on 20th & 21st December 2021. This event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K.Basa. On this occasion he put forth his view on the Conservation and Protection of Similipal by the mutual collaboration of Government, local people, NGOs and Educational Institutions. Chief Guest Dr. Debabrata Swain (Lokayukta) has discussed on the historical perspective, geographical spectrum and present climatic conditions of Similipal. Further, he emphasized on the protection of tigers and other rare animal as well as plant species of Similipal. Invited Speaker Shri M Yogajayanand (Regional Chief Conservator of Forest) has briefed on the responsibility of forest guards and other forest divisional people to restore Similipal. Speaking on the occasion Prof. S.K.Dutta (Retired Professor of Zoology, MSCBU) has highlighted the diversity, peculiarity and significance of herpetofauna found in Similipal. Prof. A.K.Biswal, Chairman P.G. Council pointed out the diversity of floral distribution in Similipal and compared with the flora of Himalayas. The Convenor of the event, Prof. H.N.Thatoi delivered the inaugural address with a brief idea on the thrust of research on conservation of plants and animals within Similipal. The co-convenor Dr. C.Mohapatra extended vote of thanks. The Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha arranged an exhibition for different forest products during these two days seminar. Faculty members, students and forest personnel attended the seminar.

Awareness against Witchcraft

Since old days, 'Witch' lynching continues to be as one of the biggest social menace in rural areas of Odisha especially in Mayurbhanj district. Our NSS volunteers and other affiliated colleges organised a motor rally on 24th December 2021 to aware the tribal and other rural area people on Witch. District collector Shri Vineet Bhardwaj (IAS) has flagged off the vehicle in presence of Shri Rishikesh D Khilari, Superintendent of Police, Shri S.Samadhia, Registrar, Comptroller of Finance Shri S.Tarei, Dr.S.K.Satpathy (Dept.of MSW), Dr.S.R.Das (Dept. of MBA) and others. The main aim of this programme is to educate the tribal people that how these blind beliefs are harming the social fabric, with a special focus on tribal communities especially Santhal and Kohla, who strongly believe on witchcraft. The NSS volunteers distributed leaflets and performed street play on witchcraft and superstition on various problems of real life.



Distribution of Warm Cloths

NSS PG Unit of University initiated 'Winter Clothes Donation Drive' in the month of January, 2022. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. K.K.Basa, inaugurated the event. The drive continued till Makar Sankranti with donations collected from staff and students of the University which was later distributed to rural inhabitants around Mayurbhanj district. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Basa thanked all the faculty and staff for initiating such noble work and advised them to continue such programs in the coming days.

Observation of 'National Youth Day'

The NSS P.G. Unit of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University observed the 'National Youth Day' on 12th January, 2022. On this occasion the chief speaker Dr. G.Pani delivered a lecture on 'Swami Vivekananda - A Young Ideal'. Later, the Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K. Basa has encouraged the youths by delivering a speech on 'Role of Youth in Society's Progress'. The meeting was attended by students, faculties and staff members of the University.

National Seminar Organised by Department of Library and Information Science

A One-day National Seminar on 'Recent Trends in Library and Information Science' was organized by the Department of Library and Information Science on 13th January 2022 in blended mode. Seminar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K.Basa. Prof. Basa emphasised the need of library and information science in the present context. Prof. A.K.Biswal, Chairman, PG Council presided the meeting. Prof. Bulu Moharana (Sambalpur University), Prof. R.K.Mohapatra (Tripura University), Dr. R.K.Das (IIT, Mumbai) and Dr. Rashmita Mohanty (Tolani College Mumbai) delivered their lectures on various aspects on the recent developments of 'Library and Information Science'. Dr. S.K.Sahu proposed vote of thanks. Dr. N.K.Sahu, Ms. S.Nayak and Dr S.S.Basa coordinated the programme.

Observation of 'International Mother Tongue Day'

'International Mother Tongue Day' was commemorated at MSCBU, 2nd Campus, Keonjhar on 21st February 2022. Prof. B.Mohapatra, Head, Department of Odia, addressed the gathering on the topic 'Role of Technology in Dissemination of Education in the Vernaculars'. He emphasized on the need for better understanding and admiration of mother tongue among students. On this occasion students and staff actively participated.



Workshop-Cum-Training Programme for Tribal Youth



A three-day training programme on "Making Tribal Youth self-reliant: Skill Development training to graduating tribal youth of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University" was organized by the Department of Anthropology and Tribal studies, MSCB University in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Chennai from 07th to 9th March 2022. In the inaugural session Prof. K.K.Basa, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Prof. P.K.Satpathy,

Chairman, P.G Council graced the occasion as Chef Guest and Guest of Honour. During the workshop Resource persons spoke largely on the role of youth in nation building, in local resource management and mobilization of community resources, mapping of resources, career enhancement, life skill development, entrepreneurship development and livelihood promotion of tribal youths through arts and crafts. The basic objective of the programme was to train students about the entrepreneurship so that after graduation they can generate their income and enhance their livelihood options.

Celebration of International Women's Day

International Women's Day 2022 was celebrated by 'Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell' of MSCB University. Prof. P.K.Satapathy, Chairman P. G. Council, chaired the session and Prof. Himabindu M., focused on the theme 'Break The Bias' with a welcome note. Prof. P.K.Satapathy highlighted the socio-economic-cultural-political achievements of women and emphasised on the action for gender parity. Prof. Susmita Kar, discussed on the contribution of women in the socio-political sphere as well as in global peace

& security and stressed to equip them with self-defence technique. Dr. B.Hansdah proposed a formal vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, participants and members present.



National Webinar on 'Passages through India' organised by Department of English, 2nd Campus

A national webinar on the theme of colonialism and travel was organised by the department of English, MSCBU, Keonjhar Campus on 17 March 2022. Titled, Passages through India, the online seminar featured three scholars who spoke on the significance of travel in the context of colonialism.



Field Trip Organised by Department of Geology

To provide hands-on experience in research, Department of Geology, MSCBU, 2nd Campus, Keonjhar, arranged a two-day field trip of 1st Year PG students to 'Raisuan-Dhrupada-Ranki-Naranpur' regions of Keonjhar during 12th & 13th April 2022 and field tour-cum-dissertation work of 2nd Year PG students to Geological Survey of India, Raipur from 27th May to 6th June 2022.

First Odisha Inter-University Competition



In a landmark achievement to its credit, Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanj Deo University hosted the first Odisha Inter-University Competitions (Games & Sports) with the sponsorship of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha. The event was held from 11th to 14th March 2022.

The inaugural function was conducted at Baripada Stadium. Shri Saswat Mishra, (IAS) Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education graced the occasion as Chief Guest. He declared the opening of the event after unfurling the flag and igniting the sacred flame. Shri Vineet Bharadwaj, (IAS) District Collector, Mayurbhanj, was the Guest of Honour. In his address he expressed that holding of such a mega sports event in Mayurbhanj is a matter of pride and brings glory. Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa, Vice Chancellor addressed the gathering on the importance and benefits of games & sports. The function was concluded by a formal vote of thanks by the Registrar Shri S.Samadhia. A total of 9 outdoor games and 5 indoor games for both men and women were played at different stadium around the campus. In this programme, more than 1250 players and 200 sports personnel across fifteen Universities of Odisha participated.

The closing ceremony of the programme was organised on 14th March 2022. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Basa distributed Medal and Cash prize to winners of different events, put off the game torch and down the flag as a mark to declare the games closed. At the end the vice Chancellor thanked all the stakeholders directly and indirectly associated with the event for their whole hearted support to make the programme a grand success. Prof. P.K.Satapathy, Chairman P.G. Council, Shri S.Samadhia, Registrar were present among others. Dr. I.Naik, Secretary Sports Council, and Mr. P.R.Dash, PET of MSCB University have coordinated the entire event. Faculty members, staff, and students of the University, sports fans of Mayurbhanj joined the event to cheer the participants and created a festive atmosphere.

'H.K.Sahoo Seminar' Series organised by Department of Geology

The First 'H.K.Sahoo Seminar' Series was held on 31st March 2022 under the aegis of Department of Geology, MSCBU, 2nd Campus, Keonjhar. Prof. Manoranjan Mishra, Rajendra University, and Prof. Sreerup Goswami, Utkal University, delivered their talk on the occasion in virtual mode.

National Seminar Organised by Department of English



The P.G. Department of English and Odia of MSCBU jointly organised a National Seminar on the "Importance of Japanese Language in India" on 13.03.2022. The event was inaugurated by Prof. P.K.Satapathy, Chairman, P.G. Council, put forward his introductory remark and introduced the guests. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. N.K.Panda, highlighting the scope of the topic and its relevance to the benefits of Indians. Prof. K. C.Satapathy and Prof. P.K.Patra from

Utkal University shared their views on the topic. On this occasion two books (Out of Nothingness and Achintya) written by Dr. S.S.Dandapat, Department of English, MSCBU, were released. The National Seminar begins with a welcome note by Dr. B.Sahoo and concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S.S. Dandapat. The programme was attended by students and staff.

**National Seminar Organised by Department of Odia,
MSCBU, 2nd Campus, Keonjhar**

A national seminar on the topic “Myth ra Nabikaran O Sampratika Odia Sahitya” was organised by the department in physical mode on 11th March 2022.. Prof. B.K.Satapathy (Utkal University) and Prof. B.C.Samal (Visva Bharati University) graced the occasion as speakers. On this occasion Prof. Samal, emphasised the need to understand the idea behind ‘Myth’ to appreciate it better. Prof. Satapathy, remarked that ‘Myth’ act as bridge between the past and the present. The event was presided by Prof. B. B.Mahapatra, Head, Department of Odia. Dr Sisira Behera proposed the formal vote of thanks.



DAE-BRNS Outreach Theme Meeting



A DAE-BRNS Outreach Theme Meeting on "Societal Applications of Nuclear Science and Technology" (SANST-2022)" was jointly organized by the Department of Atomic Energy(DAE), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Institute of Physics (IOP), National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) and Maharaja Sriram Chandra BhanjaDeo (MSCB) University, in association with Indian Association of Nuclear Chemists and Allied Scientists (IANCAS) during March 25-27, 2022 to commemorate AzadiKa Amrit Mohotsav. The basic objective of the programme is to create awareness regarding societal applications of nuclear science and technology amongst the academicians and faculties engaged in Teaching and Research at different Universities, colleges and Research Institutes of Odisha.

The Outreach Theme Meeting was inaugurated by Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Director, BARC as Chief Guest and presided by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MSCB University Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa. Renowned Scientists from different disciplines of BARC, viz., Dr. P.K.Pujari, Director, Radiochemistry & Isotope Group, Dr. A.K.Tyagi, Director, Chemistry Group, Dr. S.M.Yusuf, Director, Physics Group, Dr. T.K.Ghanty, Director, Biosciences Group was present and address the august gathering highlighting the societal benefit of Nuclear Science in their respective domain. Prof. Asoka Kumar Das, Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC; Dr S.Panda, Director, NISER; Dr K.K.Nanda, Director, IOP addressed on the occasion about the present-day facilities available in the respective institutions. The Theme Meeting was successfully ended with a valedictory function followed by a Cultural programme that includes the World famous Chhau dance. Students, faculties and learned members of the locality were present in the event.

National Seminar jointly organised by Department of Zoology & ZSO

A Two days National Seminar on 'Research for Protection of Animals' was organized by Department of Zoology in collaboration with Zoological Society of Orissa on 29th & 30th March 2022. Chief guest Padma Shri Prof. Aditya Prasad Dash, Vice Chancellor, AIPH, Bhubaneswar inaugurated this event and emphasised in his deliberations on the role of rare species, their existence and improvement on elimination of seven major infectious diseases. Prof. S.K.Dutta,



President, ZSO has focused on the role and function of Zoological society and its impact on welfare of mankind. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MSCB University, Prof. K.K.Basa has expressed his concern on the protection of rare species in Similipal and the impact of climate change on biodiversity. Prof. H.K.Sahu was the Convener of this event. At the outset Dr G.Sahu, Secretary, ZSO, highlighted the detailed fixture of the programme. Dr Puspanjali Parida, Dr Cuckoo Mohapatra, Dr. P.R.Debta and Dr G.Mohanty have coordinated the function. Students and staff were present and actively participated in this two day programme.

Celebration of 87th Utkal Divas

P.G. Department of Odia organized a seminar on 'Yuge Yuge Swabhimani Odia' on the eve of 87th Utkal Divas on 01st April 2022. The Seminar was on the journey of Odisha to recall the sacrifice and honour of great leaders for the formation of the Odisha state. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K. Basa, inaugurated this event as Chief guest and on his inaugural address, reiterated few glorious moments that went into gaining a separate identity for the state that was once a part of Kalinga ruled by



Ashok and Kharavela. Chief Speaker Prof Rajendra Samal discussed the importance of mother tongue and motherland. Various other speakers like Dr Narayan Behera (MPC Auto. College, Baripada), Dr P.Parida (Dept. of Zoology, MSCBU), Dr S.K.Satapathy (Dept. of Social Work, MSCBU) have shared their thought on formation of separate Odisha state. In the present context Odisha needs to showcase its rich history to the world community. The function was attended by faculty members, students and staffs.

International Seminar Organised by Department of Physics

Department of Physics, MSCBU has organised an International Seminar on "Emerging Trends in Physics" in blended mode on 23rd April 2022. Prof. K.K.Basa, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated the event as Chief Guest and the session was presided by Prof. P.K.Satapathy, Chairman, P.G. Council. In this seminar, Dr. Debakanta Samal, Associate Professor-G, IOP, Bhubaneswar and Dr. Mrutunjaya Bhuyan, faculty at Center for Theoretical & Computational Physics, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia were delivered their talks as resource persons. All the faculty members and students actively participated in the seminar discussion.



Seminar on Excellence in Education



A Seminar on 'Excellence in Education' was organized under the aegis of IQAC cell of the University, on April 27, 2022. Prof. P.K.Satapathy introduced the guests and BK Umarani delivered the theme address. Rajayogi B.K.Ramnathji from Mount Abu delivered the keynote address on education, stressing the importance of meditation and societal focus in students to excel in their careers. Rajayogi B.K.Nathmalji spoke on value education and the role of youth in shaping the society. Finally, a formal vote of thanks was given by Prof. HimaBindu M, Director, IQAC.

Celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

A state level seminar to celebrate the 150th Birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo was organized by the University on 26th April, 2022 in association with Mayurbhanj District Aurobindo Study Circle. The theme of the seminar was "Relevance of Sri Aurobindo in a Troubled World". Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K.Basa attended the function as Chief Guest. In his address Prof. Basa hailed Sri Aurobindo as a great Yogi for ultimate hope and a revolutionary conceiver of spiritual consciousness.





Dr.S.K.Mishra, retired Dy. Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Odisha in his online address opined that mankind shall not be destroyed despite all the odds that world is facing today and Sri Aurobindo's teachings will help one and all to attain self-consciousness. Prof. P.K.Satapathy, Chairman P.G. Council expressed hope that Aurobindo's philosophy can guide mankind in this troubled world. Among the other speakers Sri Bhagirathi Mahapatra, Zonal coordinator, Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Committee, Educationist Shri Kalpataru Patra and Shri Prabhat Nayak discussed about the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo. Sri P.K.Mahapatra, Managing Trustee, Mayurbhanj Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Trust presided over the meeting while Dr. Bichitrnath Sahoo, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Odia offered the vote of thanks.

Foundation Stone Laid Ceremony of Open Stadium

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa, laid the foundation stone of University Outdoor Stadium on 6th May 2022. Chairman P.G. Council, Registrar, Comptroller of Finance, Secretary Sports Council, PET, Teaching and non-teaching staff and Chairman-cum Managing Director of OPHWC, Bhubaneswar were present on that occasion. The proposed construction includes two double story building, Play ground with grassing beds, Turf Cricket Pitch, etc.



Inauguration of Gymnasium for Ladies

The Gymnasium extension building, exclusively for Girls, in the main campus was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa, MSCB University on 6th May 2022. Chairman PG Council, Registrar, Comptroller of Finance, Faculty members and Staff of the University were present on site.

Symposium Organised by Department of Santali

Kendra SahityaAkademi, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the Department of Santali, MSCB University, Baripada organised a one day Symposium, titled "Movement of Santali Language, Script and Literature" on 21st May 2022. The function was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. K.K.Basa and Chaired by Padma Shri Damayanti Beshra.



Keynote Address was delivered by Sri J.N.Besra, Head, Department of Sanatali. The Symposium consisted of two sessions, one each devoted exclusively on 'YuvaSahiti' and 'NariChetana'. Staff and Students were present on this occasion.

First Annual Maharaja Sriram Chandra BhanjaDeo Lecture



The First Annual Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo Lecture was organised at convention Hall on May 20th, 2022. The first annual lecture was delivered by Professor Jonathan Mark Kenoyer, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. At the outset, Professor Kenoyer paid homage to Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo. In his lecture titled "The Indus Civilization: New insights into its origin and legacy", Prof Kenoyer through new lights of research on Indus Valley Civilisation. He made a point that people came to live in cities at Harappa not for climate change, but for economic benefit, shared ideology and security from bandits. The findings of the Seals implied the presence of landowner merchants, ritual specialists. The pottery figurines found in Harappan sites represent shared material culture. On the basis of studies of the teeth of cattle, the diversity of food habits of the human population of Harappa was also reconstructed. Harappa had the diversity of population and diversity in cultural practices integrated through shared ideology and economic benefit. Professor Kenoyer argued for the presence of matrilocality culture at Harappa. Further he insisted upon learning from the good method of town planning from the Harappans. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Professor Kishor K. Basa presided over the meeting. Professor P.K.Satapathy, Chairman Post Graduate Council delivered the welcome address and introduced the guest. Sri Sahadeb Samadhia, Registrar, proposed the vote of thanks. The meeting was attended by faculty members, staff and students.

National Workshop Organised by Department of Computer Science

A National Level Workshop on "Python Programming" was organized by the Department of Computer Science, MSCBU during 20-26 June 2022. The function was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof Kishor Kumar Basa. He emphasized the increasing importance of building and test Machine Learning models in python codes along with its prowess in data visualization and analytics. The inaugural session started with the welcome note of the Convener, Dr. Janmenjoy Nayak highlighting the brief history and motivation behind the developmental aspects of Python programming. Prof. P.K.Satapathy, the Chairman, PG Council, has addressed the importance of Python language at all level. The invited resource person Ms. Urvashi Nag from CSIR Lab, Chandigarh has opined about the real life applicability and usage level of Python at different level of science and engineering. Dr. Sharmila Subudhi, the co-convener has tendered the vote of thanks. Dr. S.S.Basa and Dr. P.S.Mishra were the organizing chairs for the event. The weeklong workshop attracted more than 150 participants across 8 different States of India. The objective of this programme is to train the aspirants to analyse large scale data using Python programming through hands-on training.



International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day was observed in MSCBU Campus on 21st June 2022. Students, Faculty members, Staff including Chairman, P.G. Council and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor participated in the programme with great enthusiasm.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony



The University organized an event on the banner 'Certificate Distribution' on 19th June, 2022 at convention hall. On this occasion, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa distributed the degree certificates to one D.Lit. and 112 Ph.D. awardees. Further, 44,204 graduate students were also awarded their degrees. This notable step was taken at the greater interest of Researcher and Students. The event was attended by Chairman, P.G. Council, Prof. P.K.Satapathy; Shri Sahadev Samadhia, Registrar; and Comptroller of Finance Shri Sukdev Tarei. The entire event was conducted by the Controller of Examinations Prof. Laxmidhar Giri. The event was attended by Faculties, Staff, Parents and Principals of constituent degree colleges. This event is followed by a meeting of the Principals of affiliated colleges with the University authorities.

Happy Send-Off



Adieu Sir...Prof. A.K.Biswal, Department of Botany, who superannuated on 31st March 2022



Bidding Farewell to Shri J.K.Sethi, Deputy Registrar, who superannuated on 30th June 2022

