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Every Person Should Act Honestly & Responsibly Towards Environmental Protection:VC

In line with the theme declared by the United Nations of 'Only One Earth' and reiterating its commitment towards creating a sustainable tomorrow, the premier educational institution of the State Utkal University observed the World Environment Day with a plantation drive within its premises. Joining as the chief guest on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sabita Acharya said adequate plantations are needed in view of the escalated scale of global warming. There is a need to create awareness among the public about plantation.

Every person should act honestly and responsibly towards environmental protection. Vani Vihar is surrounded by 400 acres of lush greenery, which has greatly enhanced the university's pride and prestige. Let



us all be one; build a green and beautiful earth, she advised. Among others, Registrar Dr. Avaya Kumar Nayak, RUSA Coordinator Prabodh Kumar Hota, HRDC Director Dr. Navaneeta Rath, Dr. Jagneshwar Dandapat, Dr. Snigdha Das, Manoranjan Senapati, Dr. Rabindra Garada were present. Organised by the Rural Outreach Team of RUSA 2.0, the event raised awareness on environmental protection. This year marks the Golden Jubilee of the historic UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1972, which led to the designation of 5th of June as the World Environment Day with the theme "Only One Earth" highlighting the roles and responsibilities of all the global citizens for the planet.



Traditionally, Utkal University has always been a symbol of human empowerment and epitome of intellectual advancement for the state of Odisha. Being the oldest University of the State, It continues to represent aspirations and occupy a place of pride in the minds of all of us, be in

Odisha or Outside. For me, It will be a matter of great pride and intense emotional fulfilment to participate in transforming it to an University of excellence and put it on the world map amongst great universities. This can only be done if all of us at Utkal University work in unison in complete togetherness to make this a place of learning vibrant with new ideas and innovations in an atmosphere of congeniality amongst students, faculty and the administration

Utkal University stands for society. Transformation of our society into a more open and progressive one is highly essential in contemporary times. A free society can be founded on our intellectual independence and pursuit of free thinking. Mahatma Gandhi had opined that freedom does not refer to political freedom alone. It also encompasses financial, social, academic and spiritual freedom. The varsity has been playing a crucial role in the holistic development of integral freedom including all aspects of human existence.

Making things transparent at all levels is the need of the hour. This can further transform the university into a proactive institution. Our realisation of self knowledge, self confidence and self responsibility can justify our existence within the university community, and I am confident that all members of Utkal university will stand up to that commitment all the times.

Prof. Sabita Acharya
Editor-in-Chief
Vani Prajna



Utkal University Faculty's Research Persian Inscriptions Discovered from Baulapatna Ancient Heritage and Modern Culture to be Brought to Light

The ancient Persian inscriptions were discovered in Baulapatna village of Satapada panchayat under Krishnaprasad block in Puri district. These Persian inscriptions tell us a lot about Odisha's ancient heritage, innovation and culture. These inscriptions appear to be of 10th or 11th century.

Baulapatna village under Satapada panchayat in Puri is located at 110 km away from Bhubaneswar. Some inscriptions of temple were recovered during digging of Mahisigadhua Pond in Baulapatna village located at the coast of Chilika between Polanga and Jhaunghera. Assistant Prof. Dr. Anam Behera (Department of

ancient Indian history, culture and archaeology, Utkal University) conducted an archaeological survey around Baulapatna and Satapada based on the

information given a resident named Bhabagrahi Jena.

A Pindi has been established at Baulapatna with different sandstone excavated from Mahisigadhua Pond. Stone inscriptions used in Pindi was vague, thus, a cement lining was applied over it. This cement layer was removed from the surface of the inscription and later found it out as a writing. It was found to be a Persian inscription after consultation with many experts. These stone inscriptions were sent to Nandikishore Swain, Supritending

Archaeologist (Archaeological Survey of India, Mysore) and Panchanan Mohanty, Professor of Linguistics (Hyderabad Central University) for research and found to be a Persian inscription.

During the survey, it was known from the elderly people that the pond digging was done around 50 to 60 years ago and oldschool

tools and equipments were used. It resulted in discovery of many useful stones and inscriptions. A Tulasi Chaura Pinda was constructed in the centre of Baulapatna using the stones and the inscriptions were kept in front of it. Later on, a cement lining was done on the surface. Some ancient Buddhist artifacts remaining was also found in Naubadi village, located 2 km away North from the spot of stone salvation.

From this point of view, the discovery of stone inscriptions is of particular importance. Adequate and accurate research on the carved stones discovered from the Mahisigadhua pond can help in exposure of mystery behind it, Asst. Prof. Dr. Anam Behera said.

A stone inscription written in three different languages was discovered in Narasinghpada village near Baliharchandi, few days ago. Adding to it, an Arabic inscription and a painting was also found on the wall of a

mosque near Manikpatna. Taking all the elements into account, it conveys a solid proof that during medieval times the coastal areas of Chilika in Odisha were used by Persians for their business. Further, Sri Lankan currency from Manikpatna, and ancient khapra and clay pots from southeastern regions were also discovered from nearby. The port is well known as a glorious port of commerce of ancient Odisha.

The said port was said to be started from Christ's first century and in the move till the Medieval century. From this point of view, Arabian painting and inscriptions will help in unveiling of another aspect of ancient commerce. Excavation of such ancient language inscribed inscriptions discovered from Baulapatna village of Satapada region indicates about the historical and commercial prosperity of the place, he said.

Utkal University Awards 287 Doctorate and PG Degrees at its 51st Convocation Ceremony

Education is the Key for Nation Building: Justice Sarangi



The true value of education extends beyond classrooms and formal degrees. It reflects in students' actions and future endeavours that will help to build the nation and steer it towards progress, said Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi of Orissa High Court here on 30th April 2022

Delivering the 51st convocation address at Utkal University, Justice Sarangi said teachers are responsible to mould the character of students. Teachers have a great mission to ignite young minds.

A teacher is a friend, philosopher, counselor, mentor who supports to mould the tender buds, imparting values and turning them to

be responsible citizen. The contribution of teachers in the life of a student is immense.

A teacher takes the opportunity to educate the child with great responsibility, coaxes and helps them to identify their interest to become successful person with good character, he said.

Education is the most direct path for building a democratic culture. Education should allow for consensus building with room for dissent, should present reality and with all its problems and should foster critical thinking, the judge said and asked students to follow 3Ds – discipline, dedication and devotion – principle of success in life. He also beseeched the students that apart from the little joys and

sorrows you take away from here there is a huge responsibility on each one of you to pay back to the society and country which have contributed to your education and success so far.

Attending the convocation ceremony as chief speaker, Minister of Higher Education Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo congratulated all the awardees and urged them to introspect about the values and principles that they stand for.

He urged the graduates to try to give back to your family, society and country which have nurtured you during the most significant phase of your life. He also emphasized on research in various disciplines and mentoring for students in colleges and universities.

Under the Odisha University Research and Innovation Incentivization Plan (OURIIP), the Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC) has been providing seed money to researchers of various colleges and universities across the state. Around Rs.2 crore is being spent for the purpose per annum, he informed.

Similarly, a proposal to set up a smart classroom in each department of the university has been submitted to the state government for approval.

Vice-chancellor Prof. Sabita Acharya, who presided over the event, highlighted academic achievements of the university and said the institution's future will always be based on inclusion, diversity and innovation. Registrar Avaya Kumar Nayak was present on dias and proposed vote of thanks. On the occasion, 189 scholars received their Doctorate Degrees and 98 students were awarded Gold Medals across various disciplines and 7 students received cash award.

Turmeric, Green Tea Can Prevent Covid: Utkal University Study

A recent study by the Biotechnology department of Utkal University published in the Scientific Reports, which is primary research publication from the publishers of Nature, shows that catechin and curcumin, can prevent in human beings. While catechin is found in abundance, is rich in curcumin.

The study was conducted by five researchers of the biotechnology department of the Utkal University and its Centre of Excellence in Integrated Omics and Computational Biology. However, this computational study requires further experimental validation to substantiate the findings.

"The outbreak of (SARS-CoV2) has created havoc in the world. In this situation, suitable interventions are needed to prevent this virus from reproduction and transmission. Since we were already working on the effects of catechin and curcumin on thyroid disorder, we started conducting experiments to find out whether these two components can prevent the coronavirus from entering the human body," Jagneshwar Dandapat, the head of the Biotechnology Department of the Utkal University, said.

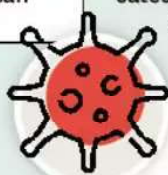
He explained that the virus tries to enter the human body through its spike protein (S Protein). The human body has a receptor



NATURAL REMEDIES

> Certain compounds available in green tea and turmeric can prevent Covid infection

> A protein of the virus binds with an enzyme of the human cell to enter the body and reproduce. The compounds, also called polyphenols, prevent the binding process, thereby preventing the entry of the virus



> These compounds, catechin and curcumin, can prevent the virus from entering the human cells

> The findings of this study indicate that the two polyphenols can be considered for prospective medicines against coronavirus



From our simulation study we have found that catechin and curcumin not only exhibit strong binding affinity to virus's spike protein and host receptor ACE2, but also to their combination

JAGNESHWAR DANDAPAT | RESEARCHER AND HEAD OF BIOTECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT UTKAL UNIVERSITY

cell, ACE2 (angiotensin converting enzyme 2), to receive or bind the virus. After the S Protein binds with the host receptor ACE2, the virus finds its way into the human body and starts reproduction.

But these polyphenols (catechin and curcumin) prevent the binding process, Dandapat claimed. He added that the viral spike protein and the host cell receptor can be considered as effective and appropriate targets for interventions.

Findings can lead to cure possibility

Through our computer simulation study, we found that catechin and curcumin not only exhibit strong binding affinity to the virus's spike protein and host receptor, ACE2, but also to their complex," he said, adding that these two components bind the host cell receptor ACE2 so that the viral spike protein cannot bind the ACE2, thereby resulting in the virus failing to enter the human body. These components also bind the viral spike protein, so that it cannot bind with ACE2, thereby arresting the spread of the infection

among human beings. If the spike protein of the virus binds with the host cell receptor, ACE2, the polyphenols can destabilise the receptor binding domain (RBD) of the spike protein and host cell receptor ACE2.

The duo binds the interface of the RBD/ACE2 complex and intervene in causing fluctuation of the alpha helices and beta-strands of the protein complex, Dandapat said. The findings indicate that catechin and curcumin can be considered for prospective antiviral drugs against SARSCoV2.

There should be a concerted effort to take Utkal University to the international level. The university has already left a mark at national level for its education system and research, said Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan at the 79th Foundation Day celebration of the varsity. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the website of Centre for Innovation and Incubation (CII) at Utkal University. On the occasion, he interacted with young entrepreneurs at the university's Centre for Innovation and Incubation. He also informed that the Department of Biotechnology has identified and developed a polyclonal anti-Transferrin antibody. The indigenously developed product has a wide range of applications in treating blood, tissue and iron related physiological dysfunctions, the Minister said.

CII: Incubation Hub at Utkal University to Fuel Start-Up Dreams

Under the aegis of RUSA 2.0, Utkal University has set up a business incubator, christened as 'Centre for Innovation and Incubation' (CII) for promotion of start-ups and creating a thriving ecosystem for entrepreneurship development and innovation. Centre for Agri-Management (CAM), having core of Agribusiness is the participating Institute (PI) of Centre for Innovation and Incubation (CII).

Located on the premises of the University, CII has been envisaged to offer a host of services to the budding start-ups ranging from pre incubation, incubation, acceleration, co-working spaces, seed funding, advisory support, mentoring support, market linkage, training and hand holding. Thematically, although the key technology focus areas for CII are Agri-tech, Food Processing, Biotechnology, Green Technology, Eco Tourism, Rural Technology but it will also incubate and nurture any good innovative idea which has commercial potential. The mandate of this centre is to assist entrepreneurs of the Utkal University (faculty, staff, alumni and students) as well as the external start-up community to



commercialize their product/service ideas and accelerate economic growth. CII provides a platform to students, aspiring entrepreneurs, technology start-ups as well as lab-stage innovations to flourish. CII aims to ignite young minds with entrepreneurship culture by motivating the students to venture into starting student start-ups thus truly fulfilling the vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

It will also fuel the start-up dreams among the budding entrepreneurs, students and women by transforming their dream into reality. It aims to pioneer the startup culture not only in the urban city corridors, but also among the less known but highly talented and motivated entrepreneurs of the rural hinterland.

The Incubation Centre has recently launched its start-up launchpad program 'Upakram' through its event titled 'IDEATHON

M2M 2021'. For more details about the program, visit the website '<https://ciiutkal.com>'. Recently CII has appointed Dr. Manisha Acharya as CEO and other three full time professionals to run this incubator smoothly.

The long-term goal of this incubator is to make an Innovation Corridor for Rural Innovation, Agri and Food Technology, Green Technology, traditional art and crafts, eco-tourism, bio-marine & plant/herbal medicines for the eastern part of India. On the auspicious occasion of Teacher's Day, Prof. Sabita Acharya, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University inaugurated the Centre of Innovation and Incubation (CII) on the premises of the campus. The inauguration ceremony was also attended by Avaya Nayak, Registrar, Utkal University and Prof. Basant Kumar Mallik, Chairman PG Council, Utkal University. In her inaugural address, Prof. Acharya commented "CII has been ideated and established as an

incubation hub within the University's ecosystem to fuel the start-up dreams of young entrepreneurs from the students, alumni as well as being open to innovators from other parts of India. Deepak Ram, Head of the Center for Agri-Management, was present and spoke about the various activities of the Incubation Center.

With its state-of-the-art physical infrastructure, training programs, and access to a network of like-minded collaborators and knowledge partners, it will strive to be a leading incubator of the country by igniting the start-up cultures even in the tribal pockets of Odisha to the remote North East parts of the country.

We look forward to submission of ideas and proposals from interested entrepreneurs and start-ups to CII in its upcoming Ideathon M2M 2021 program."

Key Role of Women in the Development of a Family Apart from Men



Celebration of International Women's Day in Utkal University

Women have performed at par alike men in every field of capability, self-sufficiency and so on. In spite of which they are not provided with proper status as men in the great march of civilization. They are capable enough to participate in the development of society. Everyone should take equal responsibility in a family. Besides competing with men, they should get involved in decision making process was the major thrust of deliberation during the celebration of Women's Day at Utkal University. On the occasion of International

Women's Day, School of Women Studies, Utkal University celebrated womanhood by inviting Prof. Beda Kumari who graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Despite many restrictions, women play a key role towards the progress of a family than men. So, women should join in decision making process of a family since they would acquire the skills of leadership in society while curbing the menace of domestic violence to a great context was rightly said by Prof. Beda Kumari, Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Cuttack.

She also added on the fact that, women have proved their unique distinction starting from freedom struggle to the awakening of masses on issues of social interest since time immemorial. Instead of focusing on women's rights, we all must treat them as founding citizens of the country and they need to be aware of their respective fundamental rights so that it will solve many problems said by Vice-Chancellor of National Law University, Prof. Beda Kumari.

By addressing the crowd, Prof. Sabita Acharya, The Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University asserted women getting chances to work in every sector of the society and have proved their mettle in an emphatic manner. In this context by showing their talents and skills they can break all the stereotypes and can march ahead than men. We need to change the orthodox mindset and working strategy of families which will help us to stop gender discrimination

was her later remark.

Chairman of P.G. Council Prof. Durga Shankar Pattanaik emphasized on turning the pages of mythological age where we can find dynamic women achieving success by showcasing their talents and willpower in different fragments of knowledge dissemination. Today also women are leading in every field and it is heartening that they have succeeded to establish themselves. We should always admire their talents and intelligence.

On this occasion, Prof. Jayanti Rath, Director of School of Women studies presented the welcome speech and introduced all the guests and dignitaries present.

Later during the occasion, a workshop was conducted themed on "Gender Equality towards Sustainable Tomorrow". In the evening, cultural program was organised by the students of Utkal University.

Father of Indian Constitution Dr. BR Ambedkar book released

A book titled Father of Indian Constitution Dr. BR Ambedkar written by Pandit Daitari Panda was released in the Vice-Chancellor's Office at Utkal University.

Releasing the book, Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University Prof. Sabita Acharya said Pandit Daitari Panda is a famous writer of par excellence and colossus of Odia literature. Panda has authored more than 3000 books. Most of his writings highlight the historical oppression and marginalisation of Dalit communities and have

created a space for Dalit expression and assertion in the mainstream culture. His writings and books will be available online soon for its readers, she said.

While the function was presided over by Registrar Dr. Avaya Kumar Nayak, it was attended by former PG Council Chairman Prof. Basant Kumar Mallick, Dr. Harihar Kannungo, Dr. Anasuya Nath, Engineer Abhay Sutar, Rakshyak Nayak and Tulasiram Jagat.

They highlighted the contribution of Dr BR Ambedkar, the champion of the social justice movement



in the country, who extensively wrote on caste, religion, politics and economics of 20th Century India.

To understand caste and other inequalities in Indian society, one must read this book, they said. On the

occasion, author Pandit Daitari Panda and editor of 'Ghasaphula' Bishnu Sethi were felicitated. Singer-cum-composer Sunil Das and Anasuya Nath performed a musical show with patriotic songs.

PMIR syllabus is designed to be different from the curriculum of other departments

Over 90% Attendance, Get Extra 5 Marks

Setting an example for other departments, the Personnel Management and Industrial Relations (PMIR) department is giving 5 extra marks to students for securing 90 per cent attendance. These marks are indeed a blessing to those students who are weak at academics.

Utkal University, which is the oldest university in the State, stands testimony to many glorious pasts and adds to the glory of Odisha. Currently, there are 27 PG departments out of which PMIR department is one of them. The department has become a role model for others by excelling in teaching, research and placements. Apart from regular classes from 9 am to 4 pm, the department organises workshops, seminars and group discussions for intellectual development of its students. Similarly, the PMIR syllabus is designed to be different from the curriculum of other departments, with a view to improving students' performance, gaining employment opportunities,

and achieving success after PG. In order to encourage the students towards academic excellence, the department has launched grace mark system. The students who have more than 90 per cent attendance will get 5 marks in each subject.

English, Hindi and Odia languages are taught regularly for development of writing and speaking skills. PMIR department has state-of-the-art smart and air-conditioned classrooms with projectors, laptops, computers, internet and Wi-Fi facilities for students for quality teaching and learning.

A library containing 3,621 books on PMIR has also been established. There are separate reading rooms for students and teachers. From the beginning of the academic year, emphasis is placed on curriculum preparation and its implementation for the planned teaching of students. Lessons are also conducted on holidays. As



a result, about 90% of students are considered eligible for UGC-JRF before the completion of the two-year PMIR course. As a result, many reputed companies are offering them job offers at high salary rates through the campus. Parent-teacher, student-teacher and PMIR alumni meetings are being organised regularly to address student issues. Steps are also being taken to improve their leadership skills. The department's efforts to accommodate them through placement after PG are commendable. The department's policy is inviolable for full attendance and skills development of students. Students achieve success through punctuality, regular

reading, hard work, and perseverance. The teachers' contribution was also important, said authorities. The PMIR course is designed in a different way from the traditional teaching methods of the university. Students have to take 58 exams in two years. The skills of students are being enhanced through regular industrial relations exchange programs.

According to the department, the curriculum is changing every three years, depending on what qualifications a candidate may have in the industry. There are many employment opportunities after completion of the course.

The faculty and staff are taking special care to enhance the skills of students. It aims to succeed by engaging itself in social work. The course will be helpful in terms of leadership skills, public relations and self-reliance.

The course focuses on the scientific approach and its benefits to the public. Students will be able to set up their own industry or get a job in any industry after post-graduating, the students said.

KIUG: Pratyasa Of Odisha's Utkal University Bags Silver, KIIT's Rajendra Gets Bronze

Odisha swimmer Pratyasa Ray, representing Utkal University, claimed a silver medal in 100m back-stroke event at the Khelo India University Games in Bengaluru on 25th April. Pratyasa, a trainee at the Odisha JSW Swimming HPC, clocked 1:09:72.

Odisha earned a second medal on Day 2 when weightlifter Rajendra



Muduli, representing KIIT University, bagged bronze in men's 61 kg category with a total lift of 239 kg. Rajendra also trains at Odisha Weightlifting HPC in the Kalinga Stadium complex. Weightlifter Sneha Soren lifted Odisha's first medal, a gold, on the first day of the Games on 24th April.

Utkal University Opens Human Resource Development Centre Building

Higher education minister Arun Kumar Sahoo has inaugurated the Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) building at the Utkal University. The institution will use this centre to conduct faculty development and other training programmes.

University vice-chancellor Prof Sabita Acharya said that the teachers from affiliating colleges will get training at the HRDC building. Even orientation programme for newly appointed university teachers will be conducted at the centre, she added.

According to university registrar Avaya Kumar Nayak, Rs 8.16 crore has

been sanctioned for the HRDC building. The state government has given this fund for the infrastructure project. "The building has an auditorium, a small library, dining hall and other facilities. This centre will help us to carry out different training and orientation programmes in the university," he added.

The centre will have a hostel to accommodate teachers and others who will come to attend the programmes. Construction work of this hostel project is underway. Around Rs 3 crore will be spent for this. Government has not sanctioned a full amount for this hostel, university sources said.



The minister has reviewed the progress of the project along with other development works. He also discussed with the university authorities about different issues of the institution.

A senior Professor said holding training programmes for many teachers at a time

was not feasible in a classroom. Now the centre can accommodate a large gathering of teachers. Chief minister Naveen Patnaik had laid foundation stone for the HRD Centre on April 28, 2017. The building took more than four years for completion.

Odisha MP Demands Central Status For Utkal University



Lok Sabha member from Kandhamal, Dr. Achyut Samanta has demanded central varsity status for Odisha's premier Utkal University. The noted educationist made the demand while participating in a debate on the motion of thanks to the President's address in Parliament.

Dr. Samanta said Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has set an example with his initiatives in the education sector in the state.

The CM has even made reservations for government school students in engineering and medical colleges, he informed.

"So if the Centre cooperates in making Utkal University a central varsity, it will boost Odisha's prospect of setting an example in the field of education in the country," he said.

The MP also demanded a second central university in a tribal-dominated district of Odisha.

New Entry Gate for Utkal University



The executing agency of the project - Odisha State Police Housing and Welfare Corporation released the drawings of the proposed gate on 22nd June 2022 regarding building a new entry gate for Utkal University.

Work on the new entrance gate of Utkal University which was announced back in 2018, will finally begin now. The new entrance will come up at the Vani Vihar square (towards VSS Nagar)

and the existing one will be used as the exit gate. Sources in the university said the entrance will be constructed over the drainage channel from the highway and lead to the administrative building of the institute. The university authorities recently closed the VSS Nagar entry point to the institute for initiating the work. The State government has earmarked Rs 5 crore for the new gate.

Utkal University's English Department Celebrates 100 Years of Literary Modernism in Bhubaneswar

In order to commemorate 100 years of literary modernism in English literature and to have a look at alternate forms of modernity that have emerged beyond the Western context, the Department of English, Utkal University organised a two-day national conference in its campus here.

Inaugurating the two-day conference being held on March 11 and 12, vice-chancellor of the university Prof Sabita Acharya congratulated the Department for organising the event and also spoke on the significance of the theme titled "Modernism and its Afterlives: Debates, Discourse, Departures".

Chairman, PG Council Prof DS Pattnaik spoke on the importance of English in a multi-lingual and multicultural world. Director of the conference Prof Asim Ranjan Parhi welcomed the delegates and dignitaries to the first major event of the department being held in its new building since its golden jubilee. The convenor of the conference Dr S Deepika elaborated on the scope and significance of the theme. The 25th issue of the Journal of Literary Studies, the department's academic journal, was released on the occasion. An anthology of poems, "Of Sons and Fathers" by Asim Ranjan Parhi was also released. A discussion



on the book is slated for the second day. In her keynote address, Prof Supriya Chaudhuri, Professor Emerita, Department of English, Jadavpur University spoke on the paradoxical nature of 'modern' and how Indian writers have dismissed Modernism in favour of realistic representations of Indian society. Pulastya Jani, co-ordinator offered the

vote of thanks. Total 17 papers were presented on the first day of the conference by scholars and delegates from across the country on diverse themes related to literary modernism.

A plenary lecture along with 10 more papers and a valedictory session is scheduled for the second day of the conference.

Confined Indoors, Bhubaneswar Folks Take to Growing Microgreens

The desire to have some freshly-plucked greens on their plates has prompted residents of the city to grow microgreens. The organically-grown leaves have been the go-to option for many gardening enthusiasts during the lockdown as these require very little resources to grow and can be harvested in a short duration.

"A discarded parcel box or tray lined with one-inch high soil and leaf compost in 1:1 ratio is ideal for growing microgreens," Keeny Mahapatra (46), who runs an old-age home, said. Easily available and affordable seeds like mustard, fenugreek and coriander aaresprinkled on the soil and the tray is kept in the shade. Within 10 days to a fortnight, the plants will reach a two-leaf stage when these can be plucked and eaten, she explained. "Even broccoli, radish, green gram and sunflower can be grown to get microgreens," she said.

Structural engineer Ajit Mohapatra (62) was attracted towards growing microgreens when he started to read up on organic kitchen garden. "Microgreens can be grown in small spaces like a window sill or balcony. I initially tried buckwheat and sunflower, but it was wheatgrass that attracted me the most because of its nutrient content," Mohapatra said. He also gives away the wheatgrass grown by him to others. Keeny points out that microgreens can be grown by senior citizens and children too as these are not labour

GREEN PLATTER

> Plants sprouting to two-leaf stage or/and growing to 2 to 3 inches in height are called microgreens

> These can be easily grown in old food parcel boxes and kept on window sills

> Mustard, fenugreek, coriander, amaranth, dill, flaxseed, lettuce, fennel, kale, celery, wheatgrass, etc. can be grown as microgreens

> Plants have to be kept moist, but should not be watered too much. Should be kept away from direct sunlight



> These can be easily used in smoothies, salads, soups, sandwiches, parathas and dals

> Microgreens are a good source of antioxidants, their intake lowers cholesterol levels and helps regulate blood sugar levels

intensive. 72-year-old Lekha Mohanty grew microgreens in small pots lying about her house. "I was getting bored at home during the lockdown. That's when I started growing microgreens to keep myself busy. I have already had three harvests in the last four months," a beaming Lekha said, adding that it helps multiply one's happiness.

Agrees Professor of Psychology at Utkal University Prof. Namita Mohanty agrees to this and opines that. "Psychologists often ask people to spend time with nature and doing gardening helps in the release of good hormones, activates our neurotransmitters and relaxes us. The physical activity involved, watching the plants grow and plucking the produce is highly de-stressing," she said. Even the city's leading group of gardening enthusiasts, Plant Lovers' Association, is planning a webinar on growing microgreens at home, its secretary P Srinivas said.

Students are the Change Makers, Who Bring Reform on Existing Social Fabric and Life that Revolve Around : Chancellor

The curtains came down on the three-day State level Inter-University Literary and Cultural Competition- 2022 with Governor and Chancellor of University Prof. Ganeshi Lal addressed the students from various universities at MKCG Auditorium. Speaking on the occasion, he said thoughts put forth by students in different competitions will turn into Rashtra Neeti (National Policy) in future. Students are the change makers who bring about a reform to the existing social fabric and life that revolves around it.

Citing the new scientific research findings which stated 'matter does not exist', he said the opinions on education, unemployment, secularism, communal harmony and democracy shared by students will certainly compel the matter (policy makers) to obey the spirit.

Once the matter obeys the spirit, there will be no unemployment and inequality. Encouraging the students, the Governor said participation is more important than just winning. If you will keep on participating in different competitions then one day you will get the result of your hard work.

In his address, he gave a formula of success i.e. work + play + silence which means students should use their will power, self-restraint, perseverance and

Utkal University hosts Inter-University Cultural and Literary Meet



not participate in the spirit of competition and conquering. They must connect with their friends and find stillness within having no ego.

He called upon students to fight ego, self-centeredness and things which are insignificant element of ego.

Joining the programme as guest of honour, Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department Saswat Mishra said the event will be a biggest brand of its kind not only in Odisha, but in the country at large in future.

Next year, the second venture of the inter-university competition is likely to be hosted by Ravenshaw, Sambalpur and Kalahandi Universities; he announced.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sabita Acharya reiterated once again that it was a matter of pride for Utkal University to host such a state-level competition of grand scale and all the participants made it a grand success. The Governor along with the

Principal Secretary distributed awards to winners of 15 events with a cash prize of Rs.30,000, Rs.25,000 and Rs.20,000 for first, second and third positions holders respectively. Almost 230 students from 14 public universities and two Central educational institutions had participated in the competitions. Registrar Dr. Avaya Kumar Nayak and Chairman of PG Council Prof. Durga Shankar Pattanaik were present on the dais. Director of Student Welfare and Chief Coordinator of the events Prof. Mitali Chinara managed the valedictory ceremony. On the inaugural day, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sabita Acharya encouraged the students to imbibe positive thoughts and values along with education.

The inter-university literary and cultural competition provides a best platform for students to exhibit their skills and gain confidence, she said and declared the three-

day competition open. On the first day, competitions like easy writing in Odia, English and Hindi languages, quiz, instrumental and just a minute were organised where more than 100 students participated.

Registrar Dr. Avaya Kumar Nayak, Chairman of PG Council Prof. Durga Shankar Pattanaik, Comptroller of Finance Sri Surendra Kumar Sahoo and Director of Student Welfare Dr. Mitali Chinara also spoke at the opening ceremony.

Students from Utkal, Berhampur, Sambalpur, Ravenshaw, Fakir Mohan, Gangadhar Meher, Rajendra, Khallikote, Kalahandi, Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo, Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University, RD Women's University, Odisha State Open University, OTR, NISER and IISER participated in the mega event.

Jayee Rajguru is the Pride of Odisha

Jaykrushna Rajguru Mahapatra, popularly known as Jayee Rajguru, was a prominent figure of the Indian independence movement in the State of Odisha. During the beginning of 19th century when independence movements started against British rule in Odisha, Jayee Rajguru fought for his motherland against the British. His forefathers were the political, military advisors and spiritual teachers to the King of Khurda and were traditionally called Rajguru. A royal priest of Khurda king Mukunda Dev II, he revolted against the British East India Company in the province to protect the motherland. He was hanged by the Britishers in 1806 for his act. Jayee Rajguru is the pride of Odisha and he will always be in every Odias hearts forever like a burning lamp, said speakers during the release of Hindi version of Jayee Rajguru (A Historical Drama) by noted educationist and eminent litterateur late Dr. Amulya Krushna Mishra in Utkal University.

Eminent litterateur late Dr. Amulya Krushna Mishra's 21st death anniversary was organised in Utkal University to pay a tribute to him. On this occasion, Dr. Mishra's creation Jayee Rajguru (A Historical Drama) novel's Hindi version translated by Dr. Rajendra Prasad Mishra was released.

Joining as chief guest, former Director General of Police (DGP) Sarat Chandra Mishra highlighted the life and achievements of Jayee Rajguru and recalled the memories of late Dr. Amulya Krushna Mishra. He said Dr. Mishra's contribution in popularizing scientific literature is unforgettable, which is a great example for us as he is a legend. Former police officer and columnist Bipin Bihari Mishra said



Hindi book on Jayee Rajguru released

with the translation, Mishra's novel will enter into the outside Odisha. Steps should be taken to translate all his writings into other languages for larger readership and promotion of the rich cultural heritage of Odisha. Pandit Dr. Prabod Kumar Mishra also showered knowledge on this occasion.

Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University Prof. Sabita Acharya affirmed they are planning to translate all his writings into other languages.

Prof. Subash Chandra Dash made a detailed review of the book while Dr. Rudra Narayana Mohapatra coordinated the event. Pratap Aditya Mishra gave the vote of thanks.

Sahid Rajguru Foundation's Managing Trustee Shrideb Nanda and Devajit Ratha, publisher Jitendra Patra, Dr. Vijaya Chandra Ratha and translator Dr. Rajendra Prasad Mishra also enforced the occasion. The book will be available in Amazon, Flipkart and other e-book platforms for readers.

Skill Development Can Create Employment Opportunities For Students

A webinar on "Employment and Soft Skills" (ESS) was organized by the Utkal University Entrepreneurship and Career Hub. On the occasion of the inaugural ceremony, Prof. Sabita Acharya, the Vice Chancellor of the University shared her thoughts and said that, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has emphasized on skill development of students in higher educational



institutions which eventually help them in finding suitable professions. "Skill development is an integral part of life which invigorates employment competency

amongst them reiterates Prof. Acharya. "Employment and Soft Skills" can elevate both their professional and personal life, she said. On this occasion, Dr. Ajit Kumar,

the Director in-Charge of IMFA group interacted with the students and shared his ideas on soft skills and its symbiotic relationship with employment through proper measures of grooming and preparedness for it.

The inaugural address of the event was delivered by Prof. B.B. Mishra and the Director of Utkal Entrepreneurship and Career Hub, winding up the even, Prof. A. A. Khan delivered vote of thanks.

Climate change is Greatest Threat Public Health: Experts

National seminar on 'Climate Change, Sustainability & Public Health' held at Utkal University

With profound implications for public health and hygiene, rapid climate change and pollution have posed greatest environmental risk to the society. While the Indian subcontinent is observed to have the highest greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the countries of the Indian subcontinent are extremely vulnerable to the current state of climate change. The issues were discussed during a national seminar organised by the newly developed Centre for Environment Climate Change and Public Health under RUSA 2.0.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sabita Acharya said Utkal University takes climate change-related issues very seriously. The centre is an initiative aimed at addressing the health impacts of climate change and the envi-



ronment in the developing world. It seeks to accomplish this through sustainable solutions emanating from academics, research, training, consultation and advocacy in a national and global perspective.

Highlighting the government's policies for sustainability development, the Vice-Chancellor said now in the metro cities there is a widespread use of CNG vehicles instead of petrol. While use of CNG reduces the costs of transportation, CNG

is less CO₂ intensive than petrol and diesel. More importantly, it has much lower CO, NO_x and particulates and due to this reason, CNG has been promoted in a number of Indian cities for powering public transport, she informed. Joining the seminar, Parth Nayak from University of Texas said mining and plastic production are major threats to the environment of the world. Referring to the carbon yielding mangrove afforestation in more than 2800 ha in Gujarat's Mundra, he said

more such efforts should be taken to preserve natural habitats like forests and rainforest, wetlands, deserts, grasslands, marine species etc. Indramani Jena said the Covid-19 epidemic and its impact on human society have raised many questions on sustainability measures taken so far. Prof. U.C. Mohanty from IIT-Bhubaneswar highlighted several challenges being faced by the world and how to take care of natural resources around us.

While Prof. Kabir Mohan Sethi presided over the seminar, Chairman of PG Council Dr. Durga Shankar Pattanaik, Registrar Dr. Avaya Kumar Nayak, Prof. K.C. Sahu, Prof. Dr. Jagneshwar Dandapat, Dr. Kanhu Charan Satapathy, Dr. Chinmay Pradhan, Dr. Gunanidhi Sahu among others also participated in the discussion.

Workshop on Media and Gender Attribution



Indian culture has always spoken in favour of gender equality and since time immemorial women have held important positions in Indian society but the current social atmosphere does not reflect the same, said Chairman of PG Council, Utkal University

Prof. Basant Kumar Mallick. Inaugurating a workshop on "Introspection of Media and Gender Attribution" organised by Masters' Programme in Journalism & Mass Communication (MJMC), Department of Public Administration Prof. Mallick said media plays a

great role in maintaining gender equality in heterogeneous society like India.

Theme speaker and head of the department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Berhampur University Dr. Bandita Panda made a vivid presentation highlighting dif-

ferent dimensions of gender attribution in India through several case studies. Expressing her concern, she said till today, the country has failed to make adequate security arrangements for women. Numbers of rapes and molestations are increasing with every passing day as the authorities are in a slumber, she added.

Among others, eminent senior journalist and motivational speaker Dr. Ashok Panda, Head of Public Administration Department and Co-ordinator of MJMC Prof. Padmalaya Mahapatra, Assistant Professor Dr. Jyotirmayee Tudu, Dr. Hemanta Kumar Dash and Dr. Ramakanta Mahananda also spoke on the occasion.

Values of Public Policy Crucial for Self-development

Bhubaneswar: Over the past quarter century, India has experienced transformative changes in the realms of the economy, foreign policy, politics and society. As India's \$2.7 trillion economy enters the next decade containing aspirations of becoming a trillion powerhouse, the policy conversations and the accompanying grammar needs to change. The coming decade should relook at the policymaking fraternity. While crafting a policy, the rule of whims must give way to the superiority of science, said Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri of Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS).

Speaking at the extramural lecture on 'Rethinking and transforming public policy and public administration', Prof. Giri said public policy



is a discretionary construct of will power. It challenges us as part of a broader process of thinking about values and realizing common principles; in which politicians, policy makers and common people are involved. We need to explore how the public engages with the dynamics of self-formation. Proper guidance and values of public policy help us in self-devel-

opment and this includes other forms too. But we need to rethink and transform public policy as a multifaceted reality, practice and possibility, he said. "We have to explore how the public engages with appropriate self-organizing dynamics. We also need to understand how public policy calls for a new ecosystem and knowledge base. We must explore new

ways of understanding society and world law and combine it with philosophical practices in tradition, such as religion, that suggest correct behavioural thinking," Professor Giri remarked. Assistant Professor of Law department Gyanendra Sahu also spoke on the occasion. The extramural lecture was organised by the Department of Public Administration in collaboration with the Centre for Public Policy and Governance, Utkal University. While Head of the Department (HOD) Prof. Padmalaya Mohapatra gave the welcome address and introduced the guest, Assistant Professor Dr. Jyotirmayee Tudu presented the theme of the lecture. Assistant Professor Dr. Hemant Kumar Das proposed the vote of thanks.

Doing Yoga in unison towards better health and wellness for all, focusing this Utkal University observed too among the expected 25 crore people across the globe on the International Day of Yoga. More than 300 students from Biju pattnaik College, Jaidev Vihar, Hi-Tech College of Physiotherapy College, Bhubaneswar, S. A. Mahavidyalaya, Balipatna, S. H. Mahavidyalaya, Madanpur, Institute of Media Studies, Pipili College, D. R. Nayapalli College, Lakshya Institute of Technology and the staff of RUSA 2.0, Students and staff from Utkal University participated within the program followed by a group of Yoga Demonstration based on Common Yoga Protocol

Yoga for Humanity & Life

(CYP) undertaken for 45 minutes Yoga practice.

On this occasion Prof. Sabit Acharya, Vice Chancellor said that Yoga for Humanity & Life. In student life too, we can gain concentration by doing Yoga and it helps to focus in studies. Among others, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Behera, Deputy Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha, Ms. Sarita Patel, Regional Director, NSS, Bhubaneswar were also present. The program was hosted by Smt. Mitali Chinari, Director Student Welfare, Utkal University. Moreover, Therefore, Sanskrit and Yoga Department Prof. Subash Chandra Dash also invited

International Day of Yoga 2022 observed at Utkal



Prof. Prafulla Chandra Mishra, Chancellor, Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Bihar former faculty of Utkal University discussed that how the best practice of Yoga helps to the humanity and its benefits wellbeing is needed for healthy life.

Along with the NSS Program Coordinator Dr. Braja Narayan Patra and Sri. Rabi Narayan Patra, the program

organizers, Prof. Prabodh Kumar Hota, Warden, PG Hostels and Prof. Sushanta Kumar Badamali, Coordinator, RUSA 2.0 & staff, faculties from other affiliated colleges with their NSS students, Sanskrit & Yoga Department Staff, student volunteers of Utkal University attended and observed the Yoga Day successfully.

Our Goal is NAAC A ++ & Team Effort is the Only Medium: Vice Chancellor

Utkal University has celebrated the 73rd Republic Day. Vice Chancellor Prof. Sabita Acharya was the chief guest and hoisted the national flag.

"Teamwork must be successful and everyone's cooperation is needed for the development of the university," said Vice Chancellor Prof. Sabita Acharya. As the NAAC peer team is likely to visit the university in June, everyone is calling for their best performance.

In her address on the occasion of the 73rd Republic day, Vice Chancellor Prof. Sabita Acharya said that Utkal University has a long history as the oldest university in Odisha. The university has created a multi-functional environment from its inception to the present day, which has led students to many successes. Of the top 10 universities in India, Utkal University is the only university in the state that is covered by the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA).

"It simply came to our notice then. With the help of the World Bank, a lot of modern research is being done through the Centre of Excellence. Utkal University is the only university in the state to be ranked 7th out of the top 100 seats in the national rankings and is rated 'A +' by NAAC. With the NAAC Team coming in June this year, our main goal is to make it from 'A +' to 'A ++'. Teamwork will be the best medium for this. At present, the university has made great strides in the development of digital platforms, and



discussions have also been held with the BSNL authorities to strengthen it. Attention is also being paid to make the university campus clean and green. Various steps are being taken to ensure that education, research, infrastructure development and the campus environment are maintained. Implementing the recently opened e-office will speed up file management. Construction of the second gate has been accelerated.

"For the betterment of the university, all faculty, students and staff need to be determined and everyone

needs to work together to make the university the best it can be," she said.

Prof. Basant Kumar Mallick, Chairman of the PG Council, attended the function and said that India was declared a sovereign democratic state since its inception and cherishing those values are need of the day. The dream of that nation has not been fully realized to this day. Today, Baba Saheb Ambedkar enacted the Constitution of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Patel and Abul Kalam Azad. That constitution has been in place for years to

make India a beautiful and powerful nation. "Every citizen of the country needs to be aware of their responsibilities today," he said.

The state government celebrated the 73rd anniversary of the birth of a limited number of teachers, administrators, staff and students in front of the new administrative building of Utkal University in compliance with the Covid protocol. The 73rd Republic Day celebrations, held by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in Vani Vihar, was also broadcasted live on social media.

All India Inter-University Weightlifting Men Championship



The body achieves what the mind believes". The P.G. Athletic Club, Utkal University organised inter-college weightlifting tournament. 8 colleges took part in different body weight categories.

Utkal University Athlete Mr. Bijay Murmu won gold in his body weight category. Later he was selected to attend the All India Inter-University Weightlifting Men Championship at Chandigarh University, Chandigarh, Punjab.

'Awareness is Key to Reduce Lightning Death'

The Rashtriya Uchatar Shikshya Abhiyan(RUSA) 2.0 outreach team and Utkal University have taken initiatives to observe the International Lightning Safety Week from last Tuesday. The awareness campaigning program has been successfully observed by various activities.

Inter-School quiz, drawing, and speech competitions, themed on "Lightning Safety Awareness" were conducted in Bira Govindapur, Puri, Routpada High School, Khordha, and Utkal University High School, Khordha district. The awareness audio, videos, templates, messages shown were going developed under RUSA 2.0, Utkal University to project the awareness campaigning week in an effective ways and it was coordinated by Ms. Ananya Pattnayak, Program manager, Rural Development.

The program was moderated by Prof. Abid Ali Khan, Director UECH and Prof. Sushanta Kumar Badamali, Coordinator RUSA 2.0, Dr. Durga Shankar Pattanaik, Chairman



PG Council, Dr. Avaya Kumar Nayak, Registrar, Sri. Gautama Pradhan, Comptroller of Finance, Prof. Prabodh Kumar Hota, HOD, Commerce Department put their thoughts on the topics to the gathering.

"Every year the world celebrates International week for Lighting Safety Day and celebrates National Lightning Safety Awareness Week on this day. It has been declared one of the natural calamities. Especially the persons working in the open fields, schools, houses, playgrounds oneself take precautions and learn how to save themselves during lightning.

Every year we get news of people dying in lightning. While getting rid of natural disasters is not humanly possible; steps can be taken to reduce the loss of human life;

said the chief guest, Prof. Sabita Acharya, VC, Utkal University. She also addressed the students, teachers and others present in the audience that; "Spread this message at least to 5 five people once go home in the vocations by circulating the leaflets."

Dr. H. R. Biswas, Head Meteorological Centre, IMD, Bhubaneswar addressed the gathering by showing lights on how lightning occurs, the reasons and what are the steps to be taken? He thanked Prof. Sabita Acharya, Vice Chancellor for taking these activities in the schools, colleges, rural areas through RUSA and Utkal University, in spite of the busy scheduled. Mainly from last six years Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, North East Jharkhand, these are the state getting more lightning re-

corded with 75% in rural and 4% in urban areas; he said.

"We use at home only 250 to 350 volt electricity but the Lightning volt is very high about 3 million volt, so when it hits on earth it creates a disaster," mentioned Dr. Durga Shankar Pattanaik, Chairman PG Council, Utkal University.

Whereas, Dr. Asutosh Rath, Senior Scientist, CSIR, IMMT, Bhubaneswar spoke about the "Safety Technologies have been developed by Singapore and it will also be in India too, that It can be detected before time and alert the particular area through messages, Radio, TV and Social Media medium." Apart from that Prof. Prabodh Kumar Hota, addressed the audience by saying about the outreach programs of RUSA 2.0, Utkal University and how it is taking initiative to make the people aware in various fields, and this is one of the successful day. The program ended with the vote of thanks by Ms. Ananya Pattnayak, Program Manager, Outreach RUSA 2.0.

Utkal shine in Inter-University Sports Meet

Utkal University have put up a good show in the sports and games tournaments hosted by Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanjadeo (MSCB) University as part of the first ever Odisha Inter-University Competitions at Baripada. In men's football, Sambalpur University became champion while Utkal University was the runners-up. In women's football, Sambalpur University

bagged the championship title while Utkal University became the runners-up. Third position was secured by MSCB University.

In men's cricket, Ravenshaw University became champion while Utkal University was the runners-up. The 3rd position was jointly held by FM University and Sambalpur University. In women's volleyball, Utkal University became the cham-

pion while KIIT became runners-up. Third position was jointly held by Ravenshaw University and MSCB University. In men's volleyball, Utkal University became champion while Ravenshaw University became runners-up. Third position was jointly held by Berhampur University and FM University.

In men's chess Tapan Badamundi of Utkal University became champion while

Sajan Kumar Nayak of KIIT became the runners-up. Tusharkant Sahu of Kalahandi University secured the 3rd position.

In Badminton men's singles, Amrit Mohanty of SOA University became the champion, while Anshuman Mahalik of FM University was the runners-up. Subhashish Dandapat of Utkal University secured the 3rd position while Suprabhat Omprakash Sahu of Centurion University secured the 4th position.



East Zone Inter University Handball Meet Utkal beat Manipur

Utkal University bagged the first position by defeating Manipur University in Men's Handball competition by 18-10 in the East Zone Inter University Handball (Women & Men) Tournament 2021-2022.

While Ajit Aroshis Rout was the captain of Utkal University team, Gourishankar Mishra guided the team as a coach. Forty men and women handball teams from the universities in the east zone participated in the inter varsity handball championship which began at the Veer Bahadur Singh University in West Bengal.

Utkal University is very proud of Bhagaban Pamia, a student from the Department of A&A Economics along with Dr. Kirti Ranjan Mallick, Vice President, P.G. Athletic Club, Utkal University for winning the inter college yoga competition held at PN auto College, Khorda. He has joined inter University yoga competition held at KIIT, Bhubaneswar

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Rs 10.54 Crore Allocated for Rural Campus of Utkal University

In reply, to the question raised by BJD MLA Amar Prasad Satapathy, the Higher Education Minister, Govt of Odisha, Sri Rohit Pujari said in the house that Rs 10.54 crore has been allocated for the rural campus of the Utkal University, Vanivihar, Bhubaneswar and an extended campus of the Utkal Varsity is



being set up at Siha village near Chandikhol in the Jajpur district of Odisha with a total estimated budget of Rs 27.17 crore. Besides, the Higher Education Minister said the fund has been functional in the academic year 2022-23.

Oxford Professor's Book, Dedicated to Renowned Odia Anthropologist L.K. Mahapatra, Released

A foundational text of Anthropology for students across the world by renowned British anthropologist Robert Parkin was released at the Syndicate Hall of Utkal University here on Sunday.

The book, titled 'When Humans Study Humans: Classic Themes in Social and Cultural Anthropology', has been dedicated to Professor L K Mahapatra, a renowned social anthropologist who taught at Utkal University for 25 years.

Prof. Mahapatra built the Department of Anthropology into a renowned Centre of Excellence, which drew eminent scholars from across the world including Prof. Parkin, who did his also researched in Odisha and taught at Utkal University.

Parkin retired from Oxford University in 2017 after a 15-year career in its School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography. The book, published by Lavanya Institute of



Indian Studies in association with Sikshasandhan, begins with a tribute to his teacher, Prof. Mahapatra, by Prof. PK Nayak, an eminent Indian anthropologist and founder of Lavanya Institute.

Prof. Nayak, in his opening remarks, spoke about the respect Prof. Mahapatra enjoyed among the legendary figures in world of anthropology. He recalled how, in his academic journey, he would be treated with immense respect because he was a student of Prof. Mahapatra.

Prof. AB Ota, Director, SCSTRTI, promised to publish a book celebrating Prof. Mahapatra's celebrations, with

other friends. He also proposed a Gold Medal to be established in Prof. Mahapatra's name at Utkal University and to set up a Professor Chair after him.

The book release function was also graced by Prof. Savita Acharya, Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and student of Prof. L.K. Mahapatra, Prof. K.C. Tripathy, seniormost retired professor from the department along with eminent anthropologists and students of Prof. L.K. Mahapatra such as Prof. KK Mishra, former VC of Utkal University of Culture, and Prof. Jatindra Kumar Nayak.