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A Monthly Newsletter of Berhampur University

CONVOCATION SPECIAL-2023

Berhampur University has observed its 24th convocation in the gracious presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and Chancellor of Universities Prof. Ganeshi Lal on 29th March 2023, at the Biju Pattnaik Auditorium of Bhanja Bihar. Esteemed Chief Guest Hon'ble Justice Satrugana Pujahari, Chairperson, Odisha Human Rights Commission, Guest of Honour Shri Bishnupada Sethi, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Odisha, have also joined on this occasion.



INAUGURATION OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDING

Hon'ble Chancellor has also inaugurated the newly constructed Ladies' hostel, a new building allotted to the P.G Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication and new extension of administrative building



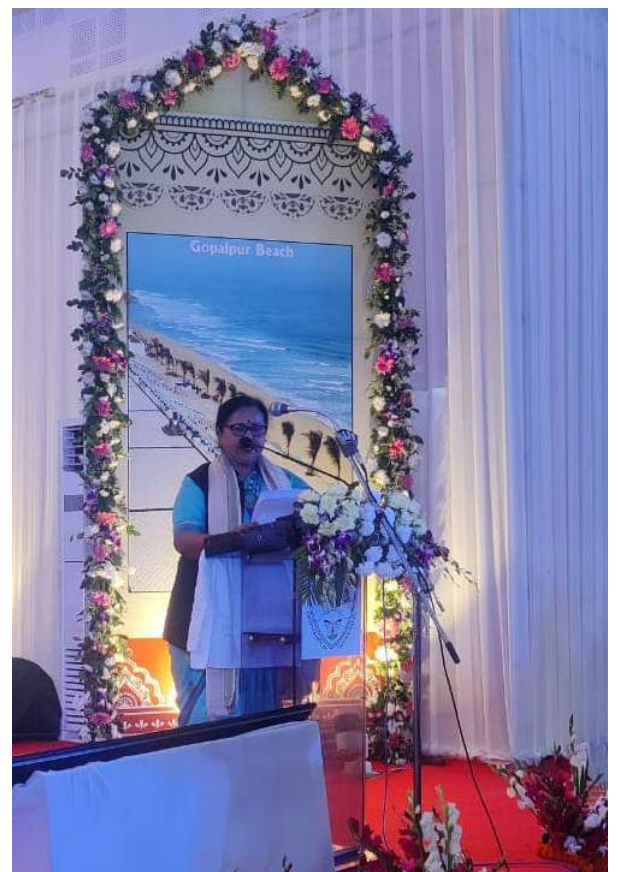
Gold Medalist of different P.G. Departments along with (From L-R: Shri Sachidananda Nayak, Registrar Berhampur University, Chief Guest Hon'ble Justice Satrugana Pujahari, Chairperson, Odisha Human Rights Commission, Hon'ble Chancellor of the Universities and His Excellency Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash and Guest of Honour Shri Bishnupada Sethi, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Odisha)



Hon'ble Chancellor of the Universities and His Excellency Prof. Ganeshi Lal addressing the gathering



Record of degrees for the year 2022 was placed by Shri Sachidananda Nayak, Registrar Berhampur University before the Governor for signature during the occasion



Prof. Geetanjali Dash, Honorable Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University, gave the welcome address.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice Chancellor has expressed that in the 57 years of its existence, this institution has produced great alumni, succeeding and spearheading across the global spectrum. We pose our hope on 'Basudhaiva Kutumbakam' and promote a 'Global Citizenship Behaviour' (GCB) and instil cross-cultural values among our students, enabling them to be pragmatic multinational corporate athletes. In the era of information empowerment, we have left no stone unturned in nurturing young minds to exhibit resilience and competitiveness. On this occasion, 7 D.Litt. awards, 70 Ph.D. awards, and 45 gold medals have been conferred to students in different subjects.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Activities of the Month



Vice Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash signed MoU signed with Kolhan University, Chaibasa for academic exchange and co-operation.



MOU between Centre for Youth and Social Development, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur University for scientific and educational cooperation signed by VC.



A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Berhampur University and Central Tribal University, Andhra Pradesh on 09.03.2023.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash, madam, was invited as a Guest of Honour in the Rayagada Autonomous college function along with Cabinet Minister Shri. Jagannath Saraka and MP of Koraput Shri. Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka on 11th March, 2023.



Hon. VC Madam Prof. Geetanjali Dash, attended the Women's Day event at TPSODL, Berhampur as a chief guest, on March 9th, 2023.



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash madam was invited as a chief guest in the annual function of Kesaba Panda Degree College, Surada, Ganjam on 13.03.2023.

Departmental Activities



National Conference on Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences (NCRACS-2023); 19-20th March 2023

P. G. Department of Chemistry, Berhampur University, organized a two-day National Conference on Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences (NCRACS-2023) from 19-20th March 2023. More than 100 delegates attended to conference in addition to 15 invited speakers. Prof. Pratap K. Mohanty, Chairman, P. G. Council, presided over the Inaugural ceremony. In the session, Prof. Satyaban Jena, Former Professor Utkal University and Prof. Akhila K. Sahoo, Central University of Hyderabad, were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, respectively. Dr. Satyanarayan Sahoo, Coordination of the department & the Conference, gave the welcome address and introduced the guest to the dais.

11 Oral presentations were given. The department received 95 abstracts, included in a Souvenir released during the Inaugural session. Dr. Bamakanta Garnaik, Former Professor, Berhampur University, Prof. S. K. Badamali, Utkal University, Prof. Satyaban Jena, Former Professor, Utkal University, Dr. Prosenjit Daw &



Dr. Malay Rana, IISER Berhampur acted as Chairpersons in these five sessions.

National Conference & Poetry Festival organised by the Dept. Of English



The Dept. of English organized a one-day National Conference on Modern Poetry: Resurrecting the Past and a Beacon to the Future and Poetry Festival on 11th March, 2023. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash madam unveiled the souvenir cum abstract book and also felicitated eminent Indian English poet Shri. Bibhu Padhi. The Biyotkesh Tripathy Award for Best Paper was awarded to Upamanyu Santra of Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.

Distinguished Lecture Series

Dept. of Marine Sciences organised a distinguished alumni lecture series on 18 March, 2023 and the topic of lecture was "Seasonal forecast activity at the Indian Meterological Department". Alumni Dr. Satyaban Bisoyi Ratna (Scientist-E, IMD PUNE) gave this lecture.



9th alumni lecture of the Department of Economics

The 9th alumni lecture of the Department of Economics was organised in virtual mode on 19th March 2023. The lecture was delivered by a distinguished alumni member Prof. Santosh Sahu of Dept of HSS, IIT Madras on a very interesting topic titled 'Performance, Achievement and Trade and Net Zero Goal: The Case of Manufacturing Firms in India.



Celebrating World Sparrow Day 2023

Department of Environmental Studies



The Department of Environmental Studies (DES), Berhampur University & Rotary Club of Berhampur (RCB), Berhampur jointly organized a program to commemorate the World Sparrow Day on 20th March 2023. As part of the event, Berhampur Birding Club was officially inaugurated, and birding tools (binocular, bird identification books, etc.) donated by the RCB were unveiled before the gathering. The roles and responsibilities of this

Birding Club was briefed by the Dr Prusty, Head of the DES. The Chief Guest, Mr Sachindananda Nayak, OAS (S), Registrar, Berhampur University, addressed the gathering and appreciated the efforts of the DES and RCB for undertaking initiatives for creating awareness among the citizenry on importance of sparrows and other common birds in urban landscapes.

Dept. of Chemistry organized Alumni Talk

Dept. of Chemistry organized alumni talk by Professor Arun Kumar Padhy, Professor & Head of Central University of Jharkhand, on Recent Advancements in Chemical Science. Professor Sukanta Kumar Tripathy, Director of R & D at Berhampur University, graced the occasion as a Guest. Dr. Satyanarayan Sahoo, Chemistry Coordinator, gave a welcome address and introduced the guests. Dr. Ganggam Phaomei, Seminar-in-charge, Chemistry, proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Sidhartha Shankar Panda, Head of Physics, Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Parida, Dr. Aurobinda Mohanty were present during the presentation.



Distinguished Lecture Series conducted by the Department of English



Prof Prakash Ch. Pradhan, Prof of English Benarus Hindu University delivered a lecture on Diaspora Studies on 10th March, 2023 in the Department of English, BU, under the Distinguished Lecture Series conducted by the Department.

Dept. of Marines Sciences observed World Meteorological Day

World Meteorological Day observed by the Dept. of Marines Sciences on 23.03.2023. Head, faculty members and students expressed their views.



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The Politics of Compassion: Lincoln, Marti, Gandhi, King and Mandela between

P.G. Department of Berhampur University, Odisha, in Collaboration with Forum on Contemporary Theory Baroda, India (A Member of the Consortium of Humanities Centres and Institutions) and International Lincoln Centre for American Studies, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, USA, organized a National Seminar on the topic “The Politics of Compassion: Lincoln, Marti, Gandhi, King and Mandela between from dated - 24/26/2023 to 26/03/2023 at St. Vincent Retreat, Gopalpur-on-Sea, Odisha.



11th Endangered and Lesser Known Languages (ELKL) Conference



11th Endangered and Lesser Known Languages (ELKL) Conference was organized by the P.G. Department of Linguistics, Berhampur University from 09 to 11 March 2023. In response to our call for papers, 92 (ninety-two) abstracts have been received and 45 best abstracts were selected. The two distinguished speakers, Prof. David Bradley (La Trobe University, Australia) as keynote speaker and Prof. Lyle Campbell and Prof. Anna Belew (University of Hawai'i) have delivered address on language endangerment and revitalization. In addition to this, many senior Indian scholars have also participate in it.

REGIONAL SEMINAR ON INVESTORS AWARENESS AND STOCK EXCHANGE MECHANISMS

Regional Seminar on Investors Awareness and Stock Exchange Mechanisms was jointly organised by the Dept of Economics and Dept of Commerce on 10th March 2023. Mr Soumya Ranjan Sahoo of BSE- IPF and Mr. Somnath Majumder of CDSL were the resource persons of the program. A quiz competition was also held at the end of the program to assess the knowledge gained by the students.



'Innovation, Technology and Gender Equality' International Women's Day-2023



PG Department of Women's Studies, Berhampur University, organized two days programme on the theme 'Innovation, Technology and Gender Equality' on the eve of International Women's Day. Fifty Self-Help Group women from nearby villages were also invited to attend the function. Prof Geetanjali Dash, Vice Chancellor of the University, addressed the audience in the conference hall by stating that women have achieved much success in their respective fields. She has appreciated the guests and their opinion on women. On this occasion, two talented young ladies, the young mountaineer Ms Madhusmita Patro and the athlete Manaswini Moharana were felicitated for their unique achievement. Mrs. Abha Mishra gave factual data on gender discrimination lies in society. Gender equality through digital media is of great concern. The event was sponsored by TATA and SBI, featured some eminent individual working

improve women's lives nationwide by providing the best support such as .Mrs. Swarnamayee Tripathy (Retd. Professor, Utkal University), Ms Abha Mishra (Head of the officers, UNDP, Bhubaneswar), Rockey Martin (CSR head, Tata Steel Foundation, Berhampur), .Mrs. Sanjukta Tripathy (Project Manager, UNFPA, PREM, Berhampur), Mrs. Smita Ratha, Regional Manager, SBI, Berhampur Region, Mrs Sudipta Panigrahi (Psychologist and stage Anchor), Mrs Bidhu Prabha Rath (Social Activist and Writer), Mrs Shanti Pramoda Nayak, Branch Manager, SBI, BhanjaVihar. The participation of women from various SHGs was a programme highlight. For the university's students, debate and poetry recitation competitions were also arranged.

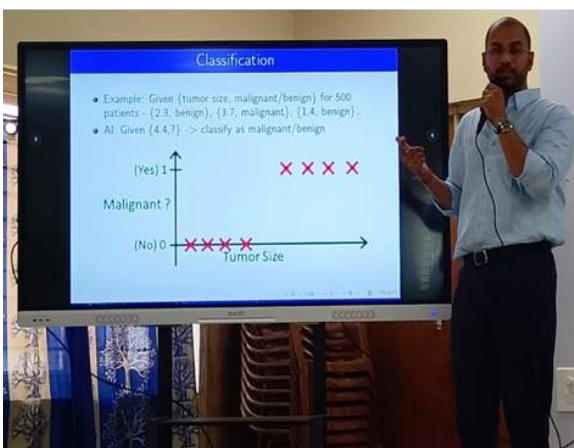
Study Tour of Dept. of Business Administration

25 students along with Dr. N.R. Misra, Head and Dr. B.P. Chhatoi, Asst. Professor as teacher guide proceeded to Visakhapatnam on 23.03.2023 as part of Industrial tour to bring about a comprehensive exposure to industrial set up right from shop floor to top management operations. The team visited RINL (Visakha Steel Plant) and Steel Museum, Hindustan Shipyard Limited, and Vishaka Dairy plant.



Two Days Workshop on Machine Learning Approach to Computational Problem Solving

The Department of Computer Science organized a 2-Day Workshop on Machine Learning Approach to Computational Problem Solving from 27th - 28th March 2023 in the conference hall of the HRDC. Er. AnandRath, Consultant & Ex-Scientist of ABB Corporate Research, Bangalore, was the resource person for the workshop. On the first day, he presented the foundational concepts of machine learning and its growing importance in many engineering and societal applications. The second day focused more on hands-on experience by demonstrating various machine learning tools and techniques. The workshop was attended by 87 students, research scholars and faculty members from Computer Science, Electronic Science, Economics, etc.



Training and Capacity Building Programme on “DNA Barcoding of Marine and Estuarine Isopods and Their Host Fishes”

Two Days Training and Capacity Building Programme, sponsored by the Science and Engineering Board (SERB), Govt. of India, was organized on 24th and 25th March 2023 in the P.G Dept. of Zoology, This programme is a part of the project entitled "Molecular Characterization, genetic analysis, and Study of the life cycle of parasitic isopods of the family Cymothoidae found along the Northern

part of the East Coast of India, and the

Chilika lagoon" sanctioned to Dr. J.K. Seth, Assistant Professor. In the inaugural session, Prof. P. K. Mohanty, Chairman P.G.Council, Berhampur University, presided as the Chief Guest; . Around 52 students from different Post Graduate Departments of Berhampur University and other universities of the State of Odisha have participated in the programme.



One Day Workshop on DNA Barcoding

As per the Scientific Social Responsibilities (SSR), One Day ‘Workshop on DNA Barcoding’ sponsored by the Science and Engineering Board (SERB), Govt. of India, was organized on 27th March 2023 at the Molecular Systematic and Evolutionary Biology Laboratory of P. G. Dept. of Zoology, B.U. Around 18 students of the Dept. of Zoology, RCM Science (Degree) College, Khallikote, Ganjam, and 07 students of P.G. Department of Zoology, B.U. have participated in the workshop. The students were provided lecturer cum hands-on demonstration on DNA Barcoding and its utility in biodiversity conservation.

Extramural Lecture on "Participatory Governance"

Extramural lecture on the topic “Participatory Governance” was given by Sri Jagadananda on 18.03.2023, which was followed by a MOU between Centre for Youth and Social Development, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur University for scientific and educational cooperation. Students from different P.G. departments and faculty members were present to listen to the prolific speaker.



Career Counselling Cell

Career & Counselling Cell of Berhampur University organized a class on the topic "Career Prospective and Job Opportunities in 2023" on 25/03/2023. Resource Person Dr. Bibhudatta Acharya OFS-1 (SG) interacted with the students and guided them about the trends of the market, skills required and how to crack those with confidence.

Staff Activities

Dr. Maheswar Sethi



Mr. Chandrika Prasad Das



Mr. Shakti Ranjan Dash



Dr. Maheswar Sethi, Mr. Sakti Ranjan Dash and Mr. Chandrika Prasad Das, Assistant Professor of P.G. Department of Commerce, Berhampur University acted as Resource Person in the National Seminar titled "The Future of Accounting in Increasingly Complex Business Environment" on 26th March 2023 organised by P.G. Department of Commerce, Utkal University & Indian Accounting Association, Bhubaneswar Branch.

Dr. Shesdev Patro

Dr. Patro (co-authored a paper and have discovered a new species of amphipod from Chilika and they have named the species after Chilika itself. The paper has got published in Zootaxa.

Dr. Mendem Bapuji

Dr. Mendem Bapuji has successfully completed refresher course in Language Linguistics conducted by UGC-HRDC, Osmania University.

Dr. Venkateswara Rao B

Dr. Venkateswara Rao B, gave a lecture on "Financial Education" as a resource person in the "Investor Awareness Programme" at the Government Polytechnic, Berhampur.

Dr. Sarada Prasad Sahoo

Dr. Sharada Prasad Sahoo, have acted as the Resource Person in the National Conference on "NEP 2020: Role of IQAC for Quality Initiative for HEI" organized by Raajdhani Engineering College.

Prof. Shurti Das

Prof. Shrutii Das presented a paper in 43rd Annual International Conference on Forest in Literature and Culture, organized by Literary Association of Nepal 1-2, March, 23)

Dr. Sasmita Behera

Dr. Sasmita Behera has acted as a joint convener of Women's Day Celebration organized by the Dept. of Women's Studies, sponsored by TATA and SBI on 09.03.2023.

Mrs. Anita Pandey

Mrs. Anita Pandey gave a invited talk on "Health issues & challenges facing bunity" organised by Divya Jyoti Mahila Vikash on women's day celebration at Carey Centre Gopalpur



Webinar on Stop Child and Sexual Abuse POCSO Act-2012

Date: 28th March, 2023 | Time: 03:00 PM-04:30 PM | Mode: Zoom Meeting

Speaker:

Mrs. Bharti Gomase

**Director, National Adventure Foundation
(Maharashtra Chapter) & Social Worker**

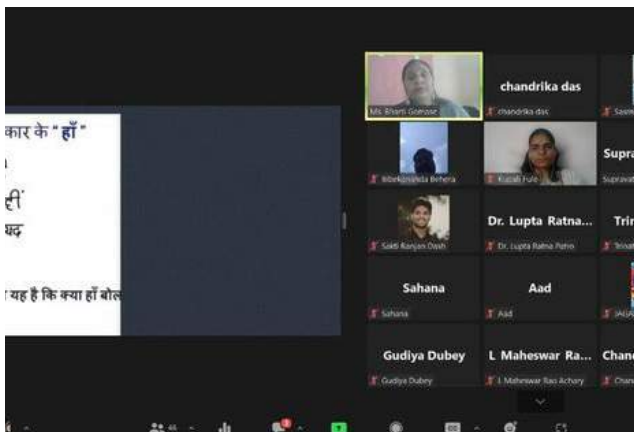
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**In Collaboration with
Sakshi, A registered NGO, New Delhi**

NSS PG Units and Career & Counseling Cell, Berhampur University in collaboration with Sakshi, A Registered NGO, New Delhi organised a webinar on Child protection and sexual abuse as well as POCSO Act 2012.

The webinar held via zoom Platform. All the participants were provided with e-certificate from Sakshi NGO after successful participation in the Webinar.



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