

# BHANJA VANI

## TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH



### ONE YEAR JOURNEY OF FIRST WOMEN VC OF BU

## CLEAN, GREEN & POLLUTION FREE BU



In another initiative to follow best practices, the Vice-Chancellor has requested all employees (teaching and non-teaching) and students to avoid using personal vehicles, bikes, scooters etc., inside the campus every Saturday. The idea is to make the campus pollution-free and encourage zero emissions at least one day a week. Electric vehicles may be used inside the campus.

## IMPORTANCE TO RESEARCH AND PLACEMENT DRIVE



Many MoUs have been signed during the tenure of Madam Vice-Chancellor. The university has geared up MoUs with various universities and research organizations. In this academic year, BU inked MoUs with Andhra Pradesh Central Tribal University, Kolhan University, Chaibasa, Industrial Training Institute, Berhampur, Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster (BCKIC), Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), CSIR-IMMT Bhubaneswar, IISER Berhampur to work in the areas of research and collaboration, technology innovation and incubation and for sharing of research resources and intellectual property.

## MINIMUM USE OF PAPER



After joining Prof Geetanjali Dash, the University has onboarded to the e-Samarth platform for e-governance and National Academic Depository (NAD) for the storage and dissemination of student data. As a techno-savvy institution, Prof. Dash has always promoted infrastructure development and teaching and non-teaching staff capacity building.

## SWADESHI PARIDHAN



To create awareness of nationalism, patriotism, unity and integrity, the Vice Chancellor of BU, Prof. Dash, has taken the first-ever initiative to promote Khadi in Berhampur University Campus. All the employees, both teaching and non-teaching staff of BU, have been asked to wear Khadi clothes every Friday. The students, teachers, and staff have full-heartedly appreciated the initiative and are following the same.

## OBSERVATION DAYS



Right after joining as the new Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University, Prof. Dash has always prioritised different observation days and teaching and learning processes. The University staff and students have become more active in celebrating various important days on campus premises. After a long gap, H oli, Sambalpuri Diwas, Voters Awareness Day and many more important days have been observed on the campus.



# ONE -YEAR TENURE WITH SOME REMARKABLE DECISION

The first lady, Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University, has completed one year after taking charge on the 7th of May 2022. She is the first VC who has a tenure of 4 years. Berhampur University's development is her main and foremost duty, said Prof. Dash on completion of one year. Prof Dash has always given the cleanness and beautification of Berhampur University priority. The university has gone through a complete facelift during the leadership of Prof. Dash. Glow board in various Departments; I love Berhampur signage; beautiful sculptures have been placed all over the campus. Widen roads and a massive plantation drive has been carried out to make the campus clean and green.

## HRDC

Under the ambit of HRDC, last year, many faculty development programmes and workshops for teaching, non-teaching and research scholars were organized. Research conclave, especially for scholars, was also one of the mega-successful events where more than 100 participants presented their research work

## NEW COURSES & PROSPECTS



After Prof. Dash joined, the resurgence of the Women's Studies department was on her priority list. She immediately started a self-financing course on P.G. in Women's Studies. BU became one of the only two universities in Odisha where an MA degree in the Women's Studies Dept. is offered to the students. Besides this, BU will offer two new courses, i.e. P.G. in Sociology and P.G. in Public Administration, from 2023-2024 onwards.



One Year Journey

<https://www.buodisha.edu.in/>



## MoU b/w Berhampur University & World Trade Centre



A Memorandum of Understanding occurred on 17th May 2023 between World Trade Center Bhubaneswar & Berhampur University. Based on the principles of equality, reciprocity, & mutual benefit, the

Berhampur University & World Trade Center, Bhubaneswar now agree to explore the many avenues of mutual exchange. Few among many is the conduct of guest lectures and workshops on various subjects of relevance from their curriculum, Development of joint venture & technology transfers and investment, exchange of publications, Advice in curriculum development and Offering specially designed programs for foreign trade and investment policies, Promoting and encouraging joint research projects and cooperation, particularly on Sustainable Development, etc.

## One- Day Capacity Building Workshop on NEP-2020 & NAAC accreditation sensitization programme

College Development Council, BU organized a one-day capacity building workshop on NEP-2020 & NAAC accreditation sensitization programme at COASTS, Koraput on 07th May 2023. Over 40 principals of degree colleges of Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada and Nabrangpur have attended this workshop. Vice Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash chaired the inauguration programme. Prof. Sukant Kumar Tripathy, Prof. P.C. Mohapatra, Prof. Sudhakar Atra, Prof. Manas Ranjan Patra & Dr L. D. Rout were also



present at the workshop as a resource person.

## IISER Director visit to BU



Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER, Berhampur, came for a visit to Berhampur University. During his visit, he did a plantation of saplings on the campus alongside Vice-Chancellor.

## VC Visit to Sakala Event



Sakala, a leading Odia newspaper, organized an event on 24th May 2023, where all the highest mark holders of the Matriculation of Ganjam were felicitated. Hon'ble VC Prof. Geetanjali Dash was also invited to participate in the event as a Chief Guest.



## International Labour Day, 1st May, 2023



International Labour Day was celebrated on 1st May 2023 by the P.G. Department of I.R.&P.M. at the P.G. Council Conference Hall. Veteran Trade Union leader of the state Shri Ali Kishor Pattanaik, was the chief guest of the function. Prof. Susanta K. Baral Chairman P.G. Council chaired the process. Shri Ali Kishor, in his address, highlighted the importance of International Labour Day, the labour reforms and the present labour movements initiated by the current government, and its adverse impact on child labour. He further highlighted that the present reforms are more employer-friendly than that of the employees. He also began the students to deliberate upon the negative consequences of the new labour codes that came into force. Prof. Bibhuti B. Mahapatra, HOD of the department, addressed the students and highlighted the sufferings of the working class in the changing scenario.

## World Press Freedom Day celebrated by J & MC Dept.



**Chief Guest Mr. Prafulla Das sharing his wisdom with the students**

The P.G. Department of Journalism and Mass Communication celebrated World Press Freedom Day on 3rd May 2023. On this occasion, Prof. Geetanjali Dash, Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University, joined as Guest of Honour, various competitions for renowned journalist students. The Hon'ble Vice Prafulla Das of The Hindu Chancellor, Prof. and The Frontline, the Geetanjali Dash, madam, leading dailies of India, gave the winners of joined as Chief Guest different competitions along with Mr. Hrushikesh prizes and certificates. Panigraphy, former Madam VC also felicitated director of All India Radio the guests who were who has also received invited to the occasion. Dr International Stage Jayanata Kumar Panda, Personality of Associate Professor of the Berhampur-2022. To J & MC Department, commemorate world delivered the vote of press day -2023, the thanks. department has organized



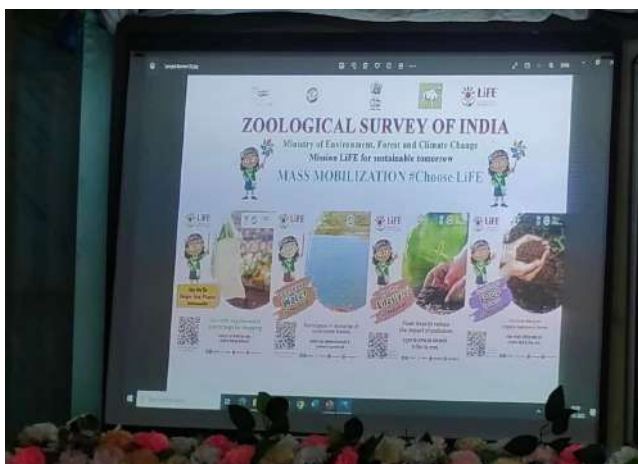
# Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "BASIC Tools of Molecular Biology"

The Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Berhampur University, in association with the Department of Biotechnology, is organizing a week-long Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Basic Tools of Molecular Biology" during 22-27 May 2023. The inaugural function was held today, i.e., 22nd May 2023, at the Central Instrumentation Centre (CIC) of Berhampur University in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University, Prof. Geetanjali Dash and the Chief Speaker, Dr. Anil Mohapatra, Officer-in-Charge,



ZSI), Gopalpur-on-Sea. Subsequently, the Training Manual of the FDP was released by the Vice-Chancellor Berhampur University. An address by the Chief Speaker followed this, followed by his felicitation by the Vice Chancellor. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor addressed the house, encouraged the participants and briefed the house about the HRDC's plan for conducting a series of such FDPs for the professional development of teachers and young scientists of this region.

## Mission Life (promoting lifestyle for the Environment)



EBRC, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) conducted a brief session on Mission Life (promoting lifestyle for the Environment) under the aegis of MoEFCC. The session was conducted on May 17, 2023, at the P.G Department of Marine Sciences.

## Alumni Lecture Series organized by Dept. of Marine Sciences



Dr. Sisir Kumar Patra, Senior Oceanographer and Assistant Project Manager at Fugro (India) Pvt Ltd., delivered an alumni lecture on the topic 'Current trends in Oceanography' on May 17, 2023, at PG Dept. of Marine Sciences.





# Capacity Building and Personality Development Programme



Berhampur University sets a new stage for empowering women and developing resilience among them to fight against social disorders. In a unique initiative, the Department of Law and Placement Cell, Berhampur University, join hands with National Commission for Women to conduct a Capacity Building and Personality Development Programme exclusively for girls of the university. A record-breaking 300 students from 24 P.G. Department registered and participated in the programme today.

## TWO DAYS TRAINING PROGRAM ON PATENTS



IPR-Cell, Berhampur University and Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster (BCKIC) Foundation, an initiative by the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, in partnership with the Science and Technology Department, Government of Odisha, and association with the Indian Patent Office, Delhi, conducted a workshop on “Two Days Training Program on Patents” in the New Conference Hall of Berhampur University on 4th & 5th May 2023. A total of 182 teachers, Research Scholars, and Student participants attended the workshop. This workshop is part of an initiative by the Science and Technology Department, Government of Odisha, in collaboration with BCKIC Foundation.

## Alumni Lecture Series organized by Dept. of Economics

The 11th Alumni Lecture of the Alumni Association of the Department of Economics was delivered on 21st May 2023 by Mr. Ajaya Kumar Mishra (batch: 1989-1991), the Senior Vice-President of Gopalpur Ports Ltd. on the topic Role of HR for Sustainable Industrial Growth.

**Alumni Lecture Series (Lecture No.11)**  
**Role of HR for Sustainable Industrial Growth**

**Chief Patron**  
**Prof. Geetanjali Dash**  
Vice Chancellor, BU

**Patron**  
**Prof. Sushant Kumar Baral**  
Chairman, PG Council, BU

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Head, Department of Economics

**Convener**  
**Dr. Mrutyunjay Swain**  
Associate Professor



**Mr. Ajaya Kumar Mishra**  
*Senior Vice President (HR & IR)*  
Gopalpur Ports Limited



**Dr. Tamoghna Acharyya**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Marine Sciences, and **Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Bhat**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Tourism & Travel Studies, published a research paper in the Journal Environmental Development titled *Irrawady dolphins in Aisa's largest brackish water Lagoon: A perspective from SWOT and Sentiment Analysis for sustainable ecotourism*.

**Irrawady dolphin in Asia's largest brackish water lagoon: A perspective from SWOT and sentiment analysis for sustainable ecotourism**

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**Abstract**  
Chilika, the largest brackish water lagoon in Asia, is a habitat of the Irrawady Dolphin (ID) and a popular tourist destination for dolphin watching. However, the dolphin-based tourism has raised considerable due to the adverse impacts of tourism on ID. The study uses SWOT (Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) to analyze various internal and external factors that affect ID-based tourism in Chilika. Content analysis and sentiment analysis are also used to know the tourist views regarding dolphin tourism in Chilika lagoon, and SWOT analysis prepares with four quadrants to determine the nature of tourism as social communication between and after the COVID-19 pandemic. SWOT analysis highlights existing opportunities and strengths of ID tourism in Chilika, such as potential positive perception (view) among the tourists and local ID population, lots of tourism programs were ongoing, environmental awareness, and benefits of ID tourism, such as locally marketing strategy, resource conservation, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, with four quadrants reveal that the pandemic lockdown led the financial situation of local tourist base operations down. This study suggests multi-stakeholder solution approaches, for example ensuring the strength of ID habitat, optimal resource utilization, high service quality, and increase infrastructure development to facilitate a sustainable ecosystem made in the lagoon.

**Dr. Aditya Kumar Panda** has touched the century by publishing research articles in Scopus Indexed journals. He has more than 1100 citations to his credit.

Scopus Profile: Panda, Aditya K. (1,102 Citations by 988 documents, 100 Documents, 20 Indexes from 11 journals)

**Dr. Seshdev Patro**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Marine Sciences and **Dr. Jaya Kishore Seth**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, published a research paper in the Journal of Marine Biodiversity titled *Morphological and Molecular clue resolves confusion in Pisodonophis boro complex with re-description of Pisodonophis boro type locality & a description of new species from India*.

**Morphological and molecular clue resolves confusion in Pisodonophis boro complex with re-description of Pisodonophis boro (Hamilton, 1822) from type locality and description of a new species from India**

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**Abstract**  
The overlying morphological features, vertebral count, and molecular analysis of the cytochrome C, nuclear subunit I mitochondrial gene sequences of the related congeneric species of the genus *Pisodonophis* retrieved from the available database clearly show the involvement of multiple species in *Pisodonophis boro* (Hamilton, 1822) complex. The original description of *P. boro* contains only dorsal and anal fin rays. The vertebral count given by authors never included specimens from the type locality. In order to resolve the confusion in the species complex, a key for *P. boro* has been designed from old collections of Sri Prakesh Das. *Pisodonophis boro* is now re-described as having a lower range of vertebral and fin ray counts: 149–155 vertebrae, 131–136 dorsal fin rays, and 222–229 anal fin rays. At the same time, a species having a higher range of vertebral and fin ray count: 170–171 vertebrae, 374–400 dorsal fin rays, and 248–259 anal fin rays, has been described here as *Pisodonophis dalipati* sp. nov. The extracted gene-sequences of extremely abundant *P. boro* from a distinct cluster with a strong bootstrap support of 100%. The gene sequences of *Pisodonophis dalipati* sp. nov. form a distinct cluster at the maximum likelihood analysis with a strong bootstrap support of 99%. The above mentioned molecular analysis is further supported by species delimitation analysis which indicates that at least two species are involved in the reported sequence tagged as *P. boro*.

**Dr. B. Anjan Prusty** delivered a talk (as Keynote Speaker) at IISER Berhampur in the Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences) on the occasion of the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity and World Sea Turtle Day.

## NSS PG DEPARTMENTS UNIT-I, II & III

## STUDENTS CORNER



NSS PG Departments Unit-I, II & III, Berhampur University volunteers made our University name proud in the NSS State Level Cultural Fest, which was organized by Siksha O Anusandhan (SOA) Deemed to be University in association with Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from 21st May 2023 till 23rd May 2023. Devashis Das and group, Berhampur University, bagged 1st position in the act on social issues, Trinath Sethy 1st position in the GK competition, and Devashis Das got 1st position in the slogan writing competition.