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## INDEPENDENCE DAY-2023

On the momentous occasion of the 77th Independence Day, our distinguished Vice Chancellor, Prof. Geetanjali Dash, led the ceremonial flag hoisting, representing our nation's enduring resilience and growth. In a concerted effort to combat the urgent challenge of



ecological imbalance, the university administration coordinated a remarkable large-scale tree-planting initiative, reiterating our dedication to environmental sustainability.

## CHIEF GUEST AT AMA ODISHA ODISHA50

In the 3rd edition of the 'Ama Odisha' Odisha50 program, our honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash Madam was invited to become part as the chief guest. This noteworthy event took place on August 8, 2023, at the Biju Pattnaik Sanskruti Bhawan. It was a heartfelt tribute to the outstanding accomplishments of 200 accomplished women entrepreneurs from seven dynamic districts in South Odisha.

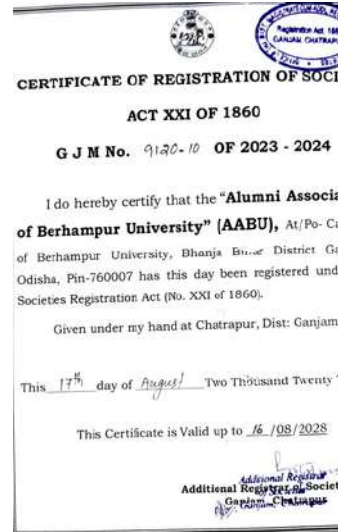


## CHIEF GUEST AT SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF ABHINAYA JAGAT

Abhinaya Jagat organized the Silver Jubilee celebration of the patriotic cultural programme Vande Mataram on 17th August 2023. The motto of the programme was to pay tribute to the Martyrs. This year, the Vice-Chancellor of Berhampur University, Prof. Geetanjali Dash, was invited as a chief guest.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY



A significant milestone for the university has been achieved: the Alumni Association of Berhampur University has been officially registered under the Society Act of 1860. This accomplishment represents a crucial step forward in strengthening our alumni network.

# Anti-Ragging Week Long Celebration



The week-long observance of Anti-Ragging Week at Berhampur University served as a comprehensive initiative to address the issue of ragging and its consequences. The primary objective of the observance was to raise awareness about the critical issue of ragging and its far-reaching consequences. The events and activities such as a slogan, essay writing poster making, logo designing competition organised during this week sought to educate students about the importance of respecting each other's dignity and rights and promote a culture of mutual understanding. On August 12th, 2023, Dr. Saravana Vivek M, Superintendent of Police, invited as a chief speaker of the event, addressed the gathering, emphasising the significance of eradicating ragging. Prof. Ganesh Sethi lead the event.



## Distinguished Lecture: Dept. of Chemistry

P. G. Department of Chemistry organized the 2nd Distinguished Lecture on 12.08.2023 at Chemistry Seminar Hall. Dr. Pabitra Kumar Nayak from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Hyderabad delivered a talk on "Doping of Soft Semiconductors: Opportunities & Challenges." Dr. Simantini Nayak, Scientist from CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar interacted with the students briefed her research area and encouraged them to pursue higher research in the subject.



## "Stock Trading Mechanism" Alumni Talk



P.G. Department of Commerce, Berhampur University organized an Alumni Talk delivered by Dr. Subhramaya Nayak, an alumnus of the Department, currently working as an Assistant Professor in Centurion University, Paralakhemundi. He delivered the talk on "Stock Trading Mechanism" and also took a hands-on session. It was a highly engaging session.

## Expert talk on Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

The P.G. Department of Commerce at Berhampur University hosted a captivating expert talk on August 5, 2023, centred around the theme 'Evolution of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development.' Dr. Sabat Kumar Digal, hailing from the Department of Commerce at Rama Devi Women's University, graced the session as the distinguished resource person, imparting his insightful wisdom. Dr. Digal emphasized the significance of self-awareness, stating, 'Understanding oneself is more crucial than discerning what to prioritize or not.' He underscored the pivotal role of knowledge, attitude, and skills in achieving entrepreneurial success.



## 'My Department My Responsibility'



The students of Department of Marine Sciences, IRPM, Education, Computer Science, Economics, carried out the cleanliness as well as plantation programme surrounding their dept. under the program 'My Department My Responsibility'



## Celebration of Photography Day

The Department of J&MC celebrated World Photography Day by organising smartphone photography competition on 18th August 2023, organised. This event provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase creative talents and capture captivating moments through smartphone lens to the students. Renowned celebrity photographer Mr. Ravi Reddy, explained skills required for photography and gave hands on training to the students. Winners of the smartphone photography competition were provided with trophies and certificates.



## Commemoration of Sadbhavana Diwas

On 20th August 2023, P.G. Department of Political Science, celebrated Sadbhavana Diwas to commemorate the 79th birth anniversary of late Prime Minister Sri. Rajiv Gandhi. All teachers, students and guests took pledge "to work for the emotional oneness and harmony of all the people of India regardless of caste, region, religion or language and to resolve differences through dialogue and constitutional means without resorting to violence." Chief Speaker Prof. Bishnu Charan Choudhury, Former Professor of Political Science, Berhampur University, remembered the life, achievements and immense contributions of Late Rajiv Gandhi. The winners of the competition were given prize and certificates at the event.

# Workshop on "Documentary Making: Enhancing Innovative Idea and Entrepreneurial Skills"



Berhampur University hosted an engaging one-day workshop titled "Documentary Making: Enhancing Innovative Idea and Entrepreneurial Skills" on 21st August 2023. The event aimed to foster creative thinking and entrepreneurial skills among students by delving into the art of documentary making by well known film maker Mr. Krishna DK. The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Bandita Kumari Panda, Associate Prof. Dept. of J & MC.

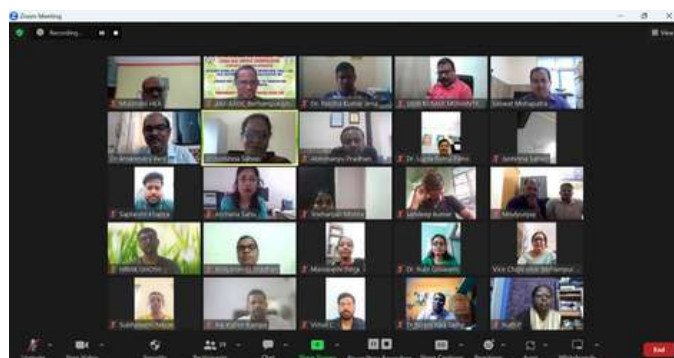
## Pro-bono club of Department of Law

The pro-bono club of Department of Law Berhampur University established under the aegis of Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice has been inaugurated today i.e, 30th August,2023. The inaugural program was graced by Honourable Vice Chancellor Professor Geetanjali Dash, Prof. Sudhanshu Ranjan Mohapatra, Professor, Department of Law, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur as Chief Guest and Prof. N. C. Patnaik, Principal Lingaraj Law College.



## Open Source Software for Teaching and Research

One Week Advanced Training Program on Open Source Software for Teaching and Research was organized by the AIU-Academic and Administrative Development Center (AIU-AADC), Department of Library and Information Science, Berhampur University in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi.



## Experts Visit from (CEFAS), UK



The Department of Marine Sciences at Berhampur University had the honour of hosting three distinguished delegates, namely Dr. David Bass, Dr. Wendy Higman, and Miss Chantelle Hooper, representing the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), UK, on July 31, 2023. Their visit included fruitful discussions with the esteemed Vice Chancellor, Prof. Geetanjali Dash, faculty members from the department, and enthusiastic students. One of the focal

point of their discourse centred around the prestigious OCPP scholarship, a remarkable opportunity for marine science students to advance their education and research in collaboration with CEFAS, UK. This initial phase marks the commencement of a promising partnership between Berhampur University and CEFAS, UK.



# FDP on Molecular Approaches in Plant Sciences for Bioentrepreneurship

HRDC, Berhampur University in association with P. G. Department of Botany organized a week-long Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Molecular approaches in Plant Sciences for Bioentrepreneurship” during 21-26 Aug 2023. The inaugural function was held on, 21st August 2023 at the Seminar Hall of HRDC, Berhampur University in the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University, Prof. Geetanjali Dash and the Chief Guest, Professor Siba Prasad Adhikary, Former Vice-Chancellor of FM University, Balasore.



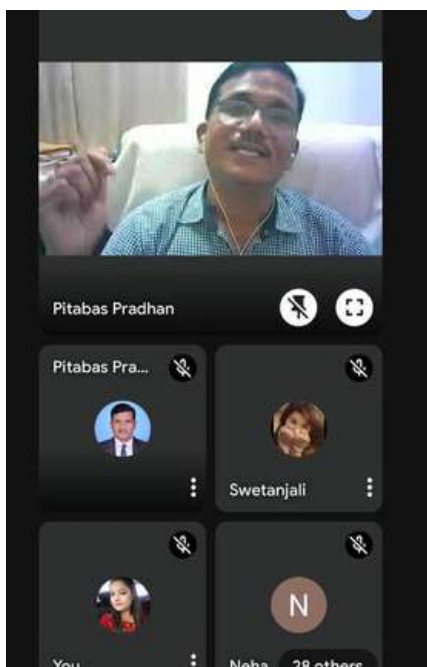
## P. G. Dept. of I.R.&P.M organised Distinguished Alumni Talk



On 24th August, 2023, P.G. Deptt. of I.R.&P.M organised distinguished alumni talk.

Mr. Binod Bihari Saw, Director (Personnel), OMC (Batch- 1984-86) interacted with the students of I.R.&P.M. He briefly discussed about applications of various Labour Acts in the Industry. He also shed light on the various issues related to Industrial Relations, HR policies, procedures etc. and how to handle those issues and advised students about how to prepare for the competitive examinations. This talk was attended by the students and the faculty members of the department.

## Alumni Talk at the Dept. of J & MC



The P.G Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized an alumni lecture series-1 on “The Challenges of Automated Journalism” on 2nd August, 2023. The speaker of the lecture series, Prof. Pitabas Pradhan, Chairperson of the Department of Mass Communication of Aligarh Muslim University, delivered an enlightening session to Journalism and Mass Communication students. The second Alumni Lecture Series on Creative Writing was organised on 11th August 2023”. Prof Mihir Ranjan Patra, Chairperson of the Department of CMT Guru Jambeswar University of Science and Technology, was the lecture series speaker. He mainly focused on storytelling, principles and guidelines of good writing for different media. In the alumni lecture series, more than 80 students, research scholars, and alumni participated online and offline.



# Distinguished Lecture on Temple and Tourism

Prof. K. Vijaya Babu, Professor of History, Head, Department of History and Tourism Management; Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telangana, delivered a Distinguished Lecture on 19-08-2023 on "Temple and Tourism: A Special Reference to Telangana at the Department of History.



# National Librarian's Day Celebration at Dept. of LIS



The Department of Library and Information Science, Berhampur University, organised "National Librarian's Day" on 12th August 2023. On this occasion, Dr. Jyotshna Sahoo, the head of the PG Department, provided a

concise introduction regarding the guest speaker, Prof. M. Sai Baba. She also shared her personal experiences with books and libraries. Prof. M. Sai Baba, Director, CPDT, Ramaiah University of Applied Science, Bangalore, addressed the gathering (online) on the topic "Access to Information Resources in Digital Era: the challenge". Another expert, Mr. Rajendra Kumar Panda, Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Chatrapur, addressed the student on how to excel in the profession and to have visibility in the work environment. Dr. Raj Kishor Kampa, Assistant Professor of the department, summarised the essence of the invited talk and proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

# Faculties Activities

Dr. Tamoghna Acharyya, Head & Associate Professor, Dept. of Marine Sciences, a published a research paper in the Environmental Science and Pollution Research titled Status and Conservation challenges of the second largest seagrass bed in India: Chilika lagoon.



Dr. Sadanand Nayak, Head and Associate Professor delivered a talk on " Tracing Khinjalimandala in the Political History of Odisha" in the regional Session of Odisha History Congress organized by the Tikabali College on 20-08-2023.



## Berhampur University's NSS Unit Launches Awareness Program to Combat Filariasis



The NSS Unit of Berhampur University has taken a proactive step to combat filaria in the Ganjam district by organizing a comprehensive awareness program. Dr. Nishith Ranjan Dash, the Regional Coordinator of the World Health Organization (WHO), was a keynote speaker at the event. Dr. Dash provided valuable insights into the dangers of filaria and its diagnosis. He stressed the importance of understanding why filaria is disproportionately high in Ganjam District and called upon the university's teachers and students to play a pivotal role in its prevention. The program also featured Dr. Santosh Kumar Padhi, the District Additional Health Officer,

as the guest of honour. Dr. Padhi enlightened the students about various infectious diseases transmitted by mosquitoes, emphasizing the need for public awareness and preventive measures. Under the guidance of NSS Coordinator Dr. Jayant Kumar Panda, the event also saw the participation of Sujit Kumar Karji, District Health Infection Prevention Coordinator, and Sagarika Sahu, a specialist in mosquito-borne infections.

## Berhampur University's NSS Bureau Empowers Program Officers with PFMS Workshop

The NSS Bureau of Berhampur University conducted a one-day workshop on the Public Finance Management System (PFMS) fund flow system on August 13, 2023, at the University's New Conference Hall. This enlightening workshop gathered 135 program officers and clerical staff from 118 NSS Units under the NSS Bureau of Berhampur University.

The workshop featured expert guidance from master trainers Mr. Ashutosh Singh and Mr. Subrat Patra, operational managers at the State Directorate of PFMS. They provided hands-on training, equipping the participants with the necessary skills to operate the Zero Balance Subsidiary Account (ZBSA) efficiently. The primary objective of the workshop



was to enhance the skills of program officers in handling PFMS and operating ZBSA proficiently.

# NSS Bureau empowers 15,400 Volunteers with NSS Kit Distribution



The NSS Bureau of Berhampur University achieved a remarkable milestone on August 13, 2023, by distributing NSS Kit to 15,400 volunteers across 154 units spanning seven districts. This monumental effort is set to inspire and empower the university's dedicated volunteers. Under the visionary guidance of Honourable VC Prof. Geetanjali Dash, the NSS Bureau embarked on a mission to equip its volunteers with the essential tools of service and leadership. The NSS Kit distribution included scarves, vogels, badges, and volunteers' diaries, further strengthening the commitment and capabilities of these volunteers. Additionally, Program Officers received caps, badges, and diaries to enhance their support.

## NSS Volunteers Shine in Spectacular Flashmob

To pay tribute to the pride and glory of the freedom fighters who fought for India's independence, NSS volunteers organized an extravagant cultural event on August 15th at the University Administrative Building. The event aimed to showcase the nation's unity in diversity by covering major dance and cultural identities from all regions of India. The highlight of the celebration was the mesmerizing flashmob performance by NSS volunteers. After the cultural activities, the NSS volunteers furthered their commitment to environmental sustainability by participating in a massive plantation drive as part of the "Make My Campus Green" campaign.



## Pre-Republic Day Selection Camp at NSS Bureau, BU



The NSS Bureau at Berhampur University took a significant step towards women's empowerment and the upcoming Republic Day Parade 2024 by organizing a Pre-Republic Day selection camp. This camp aimed to select 40 girl volunteers from seven districts under the NSS Bureau of Berhampur University to represent the institution at the prestigious parade in New Delhi on January 26, 2024. 104 enthusiastic volunteers from the seven districts participated in the camp, showcasing their commitment to the ideals of service and patriotism. The selection camp was conducted under the guidance of NSS Program Coordinator Dr. Jayant Kumar Panda, with support from retired Army Officer Abhimanyu Sethi and retired Section Officer of Berhampur University Sri Ram Prasad Panda.

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