



Berhampur University Welcomes PG 1st Semester Students with Grand Induction Program



Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash addressing newly admitted students to different PG Courses at Behampur University

Berhampur University rolled out the red carpet for its fresh batch of PG 1st-semester students, who embarked on their academic journey for 2023-2025 through a heartwarming Induction Programme held on September 24th, 2023. The Induction Program was an illustrious affair, graced by esteemed dignitaries such as Vice Chancellor - Prof. Geetanjali Dash, CoE in charge - Dr. Satyabrata Patra, Chairman, Post Graduate Council - Prof. Susanta Kumar Baral, Warden, PG Hostels - Prof. Sudhakar Patra, Director, Students Welfare - Prof. Ganesh Sethi, Dean, Science - Prof. Sukanta Kumar Tripathy, who enlightened the newly admitted students about their university experience. All the Heads and Coordinators from various departments attended the event, further emphasizing the university's commitment to fostering an inclusive and enriching educational environment.

The dignitaries collectively imparted valuable insights, information, and a sense of belonging to the university community. They elucidated the working structure, hierarchy, as well as the rights and responsibilities that the students would undertake during their academic journey at Berhampur University.



VC Prof. Geetanjali Dash Makes History as the First Woman from Odisha to Lead IPSA Conference



In a historic and remarkable achievement, the esteemed Vice Chancellor, Professor Geetanjali Dash, has been chosen to preside over the 60th Indian Political Science Association (IPSA) conference. This prestigious event, held in Wardha, marked a significant milestone as Professor Dash became the first woman from Odisha to hold the esteemed office of IPSA President.

World Tourism Day 2023

In honour of World Tourism Day 2023, the honourable Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University, Prof. Geetanjali Dash, Madam, was invited to a one-day national seminar organized by Dept. of TTS with Paryatan Bharat as the event's chief patron. The conference, with the theme "Tourism and Sustainable Investment," was held on September 28, 2023, at Berhampur's Biju Pattnaik Sanskruti Bhawan.



Guest of Honour: 27th Foundation Day celebration of NIST



Prof. Geetanjali Dash, our esteemed vice chancellor, was invited by NIST to attend their 27th Foundation Day celebration on September 18, 2023, as their Guest of Honour.

Chief Guest at Presidency College

Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Geetanjali Dash, was invited at Presidency College, Berhampur to their induction day programme as a chief guest on September 28, 2023.



Berhampur University Hosts Successful Second Research Scholars' Conclave

Berhampur University marked another milestone in its commitment to fostering academic excellence as it successfully hosted the Second Research Scholars' Conclave on September 23, 2023. This event brought together doctoral scholars from 24 university departments, providing them a platform to share their research findings through engaging poster presentations. Doctoral scholars from various disciplines presented their research findings, addressing various topics and issues. The conclave facilitated the dissemination of knowledge and



encouraged interdisciplinary dialogue, fostering a holistic research approach.

World Bank Visit to Berhampur University



World Bank team visited Berhampur University. They were showcased ongoing projects, highlighted applied patents, and provided an overview of the utilization of World Bank funds to support these works. The team then conducted a comprehensive tour of the Central Instrumentation Centre laboratories. Later, the team visited the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Extension Block of the Marine Science Department, and the New Examination Block, concluding their visit.

Felicitation of VC by Dept. of Political Science, BU

In a function organised under the auspices of P.G. Department of Political Science, Berhampur University, Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash Madam, was felicitated as the newly elected President of the Indian Political Science Association at its 60th All India Political Science Conference held at Wardha, Maharashtra.



One Family, One Puja: Ganesh Utsav at BU



With the divine blessings of Lord Ganesha, all gathered as one big family – students, teachers, staff, and cherished family members, coming together in unity and devotion. The spirit of togetherness was truly heartwarming as more than 1100 devotees celebrated this auspicious occasion. The sweetness of Lord Ganesha's blessings was beautifully complemented by the delicious prasad.

BU HRDC Joins the Prestigious Malaviya Mission!

A momentous achievement for Berhampur University as the HRDC (Human Resource Development Centre) has been approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to serve as a prestigious Teacher Training Center. This remarkable achievement signifies our unwavering commitment to the enhancement of education and the development of educators.

Certificate Courses!

A common prospectus for certificate courses for any graduate in 8 different disciplines namely Biological Tools and Techniques, Open-Source Software for Library, Communicative English, Data Analytics, Digital Photography, E-Governance and Cybersecurity, Nursery and Horticulture, and Yoga to be run by the Departments of Biotechnology, Library and Information Science, Linguistics, Economics, J&MC, jointly Political Science and Law, Botany, and Physical Educations of Berhampur University, respectively was prepared under the able guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash and circulated both in the University website and print media.

BU signed MoU with CEFAS



The Berhampur University signed an agreement with the Association of Commonwealth Universities for implementation of ocean country partnership programme. The CEFAS, a UK government agency will provide scholarship to at least 5 students of the Marine Science dept. of the university under the programme. The scholarship will support in research in marine pollution, sustainable seafood and marine biology.

Workshops, "Research Methodology: Tools and Practice (Data Analysis: Basic Tools)"

With funding support from OHEPEE, Government of Odisha, Berhampur University successfully organized two comprehensive week-long workshops from September 4th to September 9th, 2023. The workshops, "Research Methodology: Tools and Practice (Data Analysis: Basic Tools)," facilitated empowering researchers with essential data analysis skills and practices.



Visit of IRCTC authorities to BU Campus



The Joint General Manager (JGM) of IRCTC in Bhubaneswar and the Executive in charge of Tourism recently paid a visit to Berhampur University on 07.09.2023, where they had a productive meeting with the esteemed Vice-Chancellor Prof. Geetanjali Dash. During their interaction, they engaged in a fruitful conversation concerning the potential collaboration for facilitating summer internships and providing placement support to MBA students specializing in Tourism and Travel Management.

World Tourism Day Seminar Stresses Students' Industry Exposure

The PG Department of Travel and Tourism Studies organized a distinguished National Seminar in collaboration with Paryatan Bharat. The World Tourism Day celebration's subject, "Tourism and Green Investment," was the event's focus. The seminar furthered the subject of travel and tourism studies by exploring the connections between tourism and green investments. It gathered professionals, researchers, and enthusiasts to support sustainable tourism practices in line with the international commitment to environmental preservation. Ms, Ritu Tiwari, was the convenor of the seminar.



School of PE& R observed World Pharmacist Day 2023



World Pharmacists' Day 2023 was celebrated at the SPER, Pharmacy Department of Berhampur University to advocate and appreciate Pharmacist's role in improving health conditions worldwide. Prof. Dr. Manoranjan Sahoo, Principal SPER, presented Key notes and discussed various activities organized by the University on World Pharmacist Day. He explained the theme for this year of Pharmacist day, i.e. "Pharmacy United in Action for a healthier world". The students and faculty members then collectively took the Pharmacist's Oath to remind them of their role towards society and the health care system.

Journalism Students Gain Hands-On Experience at Aakashvani Station

Students from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Berhampur University embarked on a unique learning journey as they visited Berhampur's Aakashvani (All India Radio) station. This visit provided them with a firsthand opportunity to explore the fascinating world of broadcast media. The excursion was integral to the department's commitment to enhancing the educational experience by offering practical, hands-on learning opportunities that complement classroom instruction. Dr. Bandita Kumari Panda, Associate Professor accompanied the students.





P.G. Dept. of English Hosts International Conference on Sustainability Environments and Interspecies Ecologies

On September 29–30, 2023, the Postgraduate Department of English hosted an interdisciplinary, international conference on Sustainability Environments and Interspecies Ecologies under Vice-Chancellor Professor Geetanjali Dash's guidance. Academic attendees from 13 different countries attended the conference. The conference aimed to use literary works to highlight some of the pressing environmental issues brought on by climate change, said convenor Prof. Shruti Das. Two hundred abstracts were chosen for consideration from the 235 received for the conference. Additionally, the conference released an edited book of academic proceedings from Bloomsbury Press. The finest authors were also recognized with awards in honour of Prof. Byot Kesh Tripathy, the founder of the Dept. of English, Behampur University.

P.G. Department of Electronic Science Hosts National Seminar on Electronic Devices, Circuits, and Systems

On September 23–24, 2023, the PG Department of Electronic Science hosted the National Seminar on National Seminar on Electronic Devices, Circuits, and Systems (NSEDCS-2023). Professors and electronic scientists from national-level institutions gave lectures on various themes. Speakers from IISER, Berhampur, the University of Hyderabad, Jadavpur University, IIT Roorkee, and BITS Hyderabad presented plenary talks on different subjects.



Celebration of International Coastal Cleanup Day



The International Coastal Clean-up Day was celebrated on 16th September, 2023 by organizing a beach cleaning activity program at Gopalpur Beach commencing with a Rally to raise awareness about clean coast. It was jointly organized by the Dept. of Environmental Studies, Berhampur University, National Centre for Coastal Research, Chennai, State Pollution Control Board (Regional Office), Berhampur, and Rotary Club International of Berhampur.

Berhampur University Hosts International Conference on Climate Change, Disaster Resilience, and Human Wellbeing



The Centre of Excellence on Climate Change and Disaster Resilience (CECCDR) at Berhampur University organized a landmark two-day international conference from September 16 to 17, 2023. The "Climate Change, Disaster Resilience, and Human Wellbeing" event garnered widespread participation with more than 300 attendees, including 158 distinguished speakers representing nine Indian states and five countries—Scotland, France, Ethiopia, Syria, and Nepal. The conference received generous sponsorship and support from various organizations promoting excellence and equity in higher education and disaster resilience. The Odisha Higher Education Program sponsored the event under the banner of Excellence and Equity (OHEPEE). Tata Steel CSR, CBGA (Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability), AIDMI (All India Disaster Mitigation Institute), and Jagadguru Kripalu University also extended their support, contributing to the conference's success.

Celebrating World Ozone Day by Department of Environmental Studies



The International World Ozone Day was observed on 16th September at Berhampur University. The State Pollution Control Board (Regional Office, Berhampur) organised a sensitisation program at the university premises and coordinated by the Dept. of Environmental

Home Science Students Dedicate Voluntary Service to UHSS



Department of Home Science students demonstrated their commitment to community engagement by actively contributing to the University Higher Secondary School (UHSS), Berhampur University. These dedicated students generously offered voluntary labour and conducted classes for 9th and 10th-grade students, extending a helping hand to bolster educational initiatives.

Studies, & OSCOM, IREL (India) Ltd. The delegates from nearby prominent industries like Grasim Pvt Ltd, Ganjam; Gopalpur Port Pvt Ltd and United Spirits Pvt Ltd, the incumbent faculty members and students of the Dept. of Environmental Studies, BU and other faculty members from different P. G Depts BU, were also part of the forum.

From ETV Bharat to Ramoji Film City - Insight into the World of Media

The third-semester students of the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication went on an industrial tour



from September 9th to September 13th, 2023. The tour encompassed visits to two iconic establishments in the Indian media industry: ETV Bharat, India's largest digital media office, and Ramoji Film City, recognized as Asia's most prominent film city.

During their visit to ETV Bharat, students were given a behind-the-scenes look at the intricate process of digital content creation, news curation, and the integration of cutting-edge technology into journalism, a tour of the newsroom, and a comprehensive discussion on the evolving role of digital media in shaping public discourse with editorial teams. The students also ventured to Ramoji Film City, & explored the numerous film sets, studios, and elaborate backdrops used in countless iconic Indian and international films in an enchanting realm where the magic of cinema comes to life.

Coastal Cleanup Crusaders: Marine Sciences Department Leads Beach Cleaning Campaign

To mark International Coastal Cleanup Day on September 16, 2023, the Postgraduate Department of Marine Sciences organized a highly effective beach cleaning campaign. This initiative, in sync with the annual Coastal Cleanup Day observed on the third Saturday of September, exemplified the ethos of "Caring, Cleaning, and Conserving." The event witnessed enthusiastic engagement from Marine Sciences faculty members, research scholars, and master's students, underscoring their commitment to advocating cleanliness. Commencing at Gopalpur Beach, the team extended its efforts to Haripur from the Mayfair, diligently cleaning the shoreline and raising awareness among tourists and local fishing communities.



WSRC Hosts Special Lecture on Women's Status in Brazil



A special lecture was held by the Women's Studies Research Centre (WSRC) at Berhampur University on September 30. Prof. Miriam Adelman, a resource expert from Brazil, spoke on women's status in Brazil. The VC of the University, Prof. Geetanjali Dash, said that although women had political rights in India, they are still neglected at the social and economic levels. There is not much recognition of their work in the family; men's exposure

increases to such an extent that women hide behind it. It is the call of time to break this glass ceiling. Director of WSRC, Dr. Bandita Kumari Panda, gave a comparative perspective with India

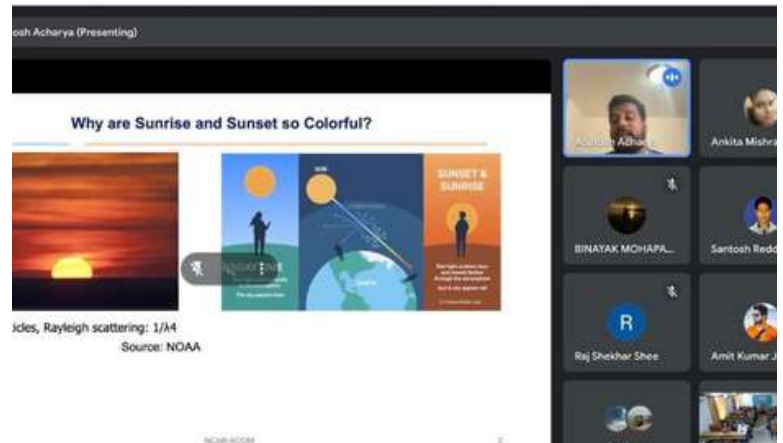
P.G. Dept. of J & MC, Hosts Inaugural Alumni Meet



The PG Dept. of J & MC at Berhampur University celebrated a significant milestone by hosting its first Alumni Meet on September 2, 2023. The event was graced by the presence VC, Prof. Geetanjali Dash, and Prof. S.K Baral, Chairman, PG Council. Alumni of the department from diverse fields, including print, electronic media, & public relations, gathered from all corners of the country to participate in this momentous occasion. The gathering of graduates spanning 49 years of the department's rich history was a vibrant and engaging exchange of ideas and experiences. Over the past 49 years, the department has proudly produced more than 1000 alumni, with approximately 60% of them actively engaged in prominent roles across various media organizations.

Enigmatic World of Aerosols and Monsoons in Inspiring Alumni Talk

Dr. Asutosh Acharya enlightens on Aerosol-Monsoon Interaction! In a captivating online alumni talk on September 8, Dr. Asutosh Acharya, a distinguished Research Scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado (USA), took us on an illuminating journey into the realm of aerosols. Dr. Acharya revealed the hidden influence of aerosols on our atmosphere, unraveling their profound impact on weather patterns. He also delved deep into the intricate connection between aerosols and



Indian monsoon, shedding light on this fascinating relationship.

Distinguished Lecture Series- Dept. of Linguistics

Two distinguished lectures were organised in collaboration with P.G. Department of English. Resource persons have come from various institutions on 27.09.2023. Dr. Ravula Krishnaia Sr. Assistant Professor & Coordinator, UBA Department of Education and Education Technology, University of Hyderabad has delivered the lecture on Education and Education Technology in 21st Century. Another resource person Dr. Shiva Ram Reddy from PDRF and Instructor from Schepens Eye Research Institute, Harvard University has delivered lecture on Language and Color in Indian Languages.

Students from Linguistics, English and Education department has participated in the lectures. Department of Linguistics has also organised a series of lectures on Computational linguistics and Translation and Translation Studies from 7-9 September 2023. Prof. S. Arulmozi has delivered lectures on various topics of Computational Linguistics and Dr. Sriparna Das from Centre for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies, University of Hyderabad Translation has delivered on Translation and Translation Studies.

National Seminar on Emerging Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science

The Department of Computer Science organized a National Seminar, "Exploring the Growing Uses of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science", from September 26 to 27, 2023. The seminar featured six keynote presentations and three technical sessions, during which twenty research papers were presented, covering diverse application domains within AI and data science. Esteemed experts, including Prof. P S Avadhani from Andhra University, Prof. Siba K Udgata from the University of Hyderabad, Prof. Sachidananda Dehuri from FM University, Dr. Debasis Mohapatra from PMEC, Dr. Minati Mishra, FM University, shared their insights.



A seminar proceedings publication was also released, featuring contributed papers and abstracts.

Distinguished Lecture Series Dept. of Odia

On 30.09.2023, the Department of Odia at Berhampur University hosted a special lecture program titled "Editing is Different." The speaker was Narayan Sahu, who gave a theoretical speech on the topic. Professor Krishnachandra Pradhan of Sambalpur University, Chancellor of Culture University Professor of Prasan Kumar Swain, and many researchers and students, were among the attendees.



Research Publication

Dr. Tamoghna Acharyya, Head, Dept. of Marine Sciences, article titled "Surviving in a warming and crowded world: a review of Irrawaddy dolphin in Asia's largest brackish water lagoon" got published in the Journal of Coastal Conservation.

Dr. Jaya Kishore Seth, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, along with two zoology research scholars of BU and scientists of the Zoological Survey of India, published a research paper in the Indian journal of Geo-Marine Sciences titled "First record of two parasitic isopods of the family Cymothoidae from Odisha coast, India"

Webinar: Affordable and Nutritious Diet

The Department of Home Science arranged a webinar on September 29, 2023, under the theme "Affordable and Nutritious Diet for Everyone during Poshan Maah." Dr. Tapati Dash, a former principal of R.D. Women's Autonomous College, provided insights into the importance of a well-rounded diet, the creation of home



gardens, affordability and accessibility of nutritionally rich foods, adherence to the ICMR 2023 guidelines, government strategies and regulations, collaborations between public and private sectors, and various related topics.

Distinguished Lecture Series- Dept. of IR& PM



Distinguished Lecture delivered by Dr. Dilip Kumar Mohanty, President (HR), Jayaswal Neco Steel Industries Ltd, Ranipur, Chhattisgarh in the Department of I.R&P.M., Berhampur University.

Berhampur University Celebrates 54th Foundation Day of National Service Scheme



On September 24, 2023, Berhampur University celebrated the 54th Foundation Day of the National Service Scheme (NSS). During the event, devoted volunteers and program officers who have made noteworthy contributions to the NSS in the preceding year were acknowledged and honoured. The Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Professor Geetanjali Dash, presented the awards and emphasized the importance of community service in building a healthy society. She encouraged the volunteers to continue their selfless work and become exemplary. The occasion additionally symbolized the commencement of the yearly publication "Seva-Suman," crafted by the NSS PG Unit. Mr. Sakti Ranjan Dash, the Program Officer, presented the annual report, with Dr. Itishree Geeta Kumari, the Program Officer, serving as the event's moderator.

NSS Bureau Leads Successful International Coastal Cleanup Day at Gopalpur Sea Beach



The NSS Bureau at Berhampur University organized a substantial effort to clean up Gopalpur Sea Beach on Saturday, September 16, 2023, to commemorate International Coastal Cleanup Day. The event saw an impressive participation of 150 volunteers from 12 affiliated colleges and institutions with NSS Units, all united by the goal of preserving the coastal environment. Volunteers diligently combed through Gopalpur Sea Beach for hours, collecting significant quantities of plastic, glass, and other debris that had tarnished the coastal area, spanning a radius of two kilometres. Dr. Jayanta Kumar Panda, the Program Coordinator of the NSS Bureau, played a crucial role in directing and supervising the execution of this extensive cleanup initiative