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UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED 75TH YEAR OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE

OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE “IDEA OF FREEDOM” HELD ON THE OCCASION

Fakir Mohan University, Balasore celebrated 75th year of Indian Independence on 15th of August 2021. The day was celebrated adhering all the Covid guidelines. Professor. Santosh Kumar Tripathy, Vice-Chancellor of the University hoisted the National Flag in the presence of Faculty Members and Administrative staffs of the University. Students of the University could not take part in the Independence day function due to Covid restrictions. Similarly, the day was also celebrated in the Old campus of the University at Januganj, Remuna Golei Balasore. Prof. Munesh Chandra Adhikary, Chairman, P.G. Council hoisted the national Flag and addressed the gathering. Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Tripathy urged the university community to work for national integration and social development. The Vice-Chancellor also expressed his unhappiness over the ongoing pandemic situation as a result of which the 75th Independence day could not be celebrated as it deserved.

From the very beginning of his tenure, Professor, Santosh Kumar Tripathy has encouraged the faculty members to freely express themselves in terms of how they can add on to the value of the university and promoted the culture of free-speech and expression which he considers to be the founding pillars of any institution.



Vice-Chancellor requested all the faculty members to work towards the development of the University and contribute towards it in all possible ways. On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor released the digital version of the University Newsletter “Vyasa Sambad” to be published every month. This was followed by an open discussion on “Freedom”.

Participating in the discussion, both the faculty members and administrative staffs of the university expressed their views on the Idea of Freedom. Prof. Munesh Ch. Adhikary, PGC Chairman said that we can never be able to free ourselves as long as we have not been able to free our thoughts and thinking.

“VYASADARSHANA” Launched

The official YouTube Channel of Fakir Mohan University “Vyasadarshana” was launched on 18th of August 2021. The channel will function as a platform to connect with all the stakeholders of the university. It will feature stories on the events that are happening in the university campus and around. So far, the channel has been able to garner almost 300 subscribers and hoping to add many more in the coming years. The channel has been launched to encourage and promote the involvement of students by showcasing their academic as well as co-curricular activities. Vyasadarshana aims to include the views and opinions of all the departments of the University. The sole objective of the platform is to create a participatory and inclusive space where there will be debate, dialogue and development.

First Interaction Meeting for NAAC Preparedness Held

A meeting in the Conference Hall of the Post Graduate Council was held on 14th of August to discuss about the coming National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) visit scheduled in 2022. Vice Chancellor Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy presided over the meeting. The meeting was coordinated by Post Graduate Council Chairman Prof. Munesh Ch. Adhikary. In this meeting, the faculty members were given an opportunity to express their expectations from the university and also in

EDITORIAL

**Let's Go Together
And Grow Together**

University education in Indian subcontinent has a long and cherished history. It is much longer than the history of universities in Europe or any other parts of the world for that matter. Nalanda, TakshaShila, VikramaShila are just a few examples of the past glory when it comes to University Education in Ancient India or *Bharata Varsha*. But when we discuss about modern university system, Calcutta University established in the year 1857 is the first university in India. Calcutta University certainly gave a mileage to the Bengali Populace to stay ahead in terms of education and development in comparison to their Indian counterparts. University education came to Orissa/Utkala only in the year 1943 with the establishment of Utkala University almost 100 years after Calcutta University came into existence. Within a period of 78 years of its existence, the university has been a place of knowledge, learning and a key witness to the history of modern Odisha. Established in the year 1999, Fakir Mohan University is relatively young and it is yet to capture the imaginations of the people of this region and beyond. But being a young university opportunities are always limitless. As a centre of learning and knowledge, our university can give direction to the state in terms of its educational development and social change. Being a public university, it can contribute towards inclusive education by making it accessible to the economically, educationally and socially underprivileged section of the society which the university is already doing. Located at Balasore, which is historically rich in literature and culture, and named after Fakir Mohan Senapati, the University can revive its forgotten glory by involving itself in the literary research, translation and archival. Under the leadership of our present Vice-Chancellor and active involvement of all the stake holders of the university we will certainly be able to reach greater heights in the years to come. What we need is some sense of belongingness towards the university and the cause of the university as it is reflected in its insignia "*Satyā*", "*Sadhana*" and "*Swabhimān*".

Going by the call of our Vice-Chancellor

Let's
GO TOGETHER
AND GROW TOGETHER.

**"The best way to
find yourself is to
lose yourself in
the service of
others"**

Mahatma Gandhi



Fakir Mohan University Identifies Villages as Part of its Community Outreach Program

University Adopted *Nuapadhi* and *Mardarajpur* for Socio-Educational Development

As part of its social responsibility and community outreach activity, Fakir Mohan University under the leadership of Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy did a location survey to identify villages surrounding the university campus for their adoption and socio-educational development. After a preliminary survey, that was conducted on 14th of August, the university decided to adopt two villages namely, *Nuapadhi* and *Mardarajpur*. With the help and expertise of social science departments, the university aims to bring the villages to the mainstream. As part of this

program, the university will conduct need assessment surveys of the select villages. This will be followed by intervention programs in terms of educational upliftment, promotion of health literacy and social development. The main objective of the outreach program is to bridge the existing gap between the University and its surrounding localities and have a better connect with the community. The idea behind such a program is mainly focused on using the existing knowledge and expertise of the educational institutions for community development and creation of knowledge.

University Faculty Participated in Webinar on Marine Resources

Fakir Mohan University faculty members along with Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy participated in the National Seminar on "Innovation and Opportunities in Marine Bioresources & Biotechnology" on 21st august 2021. The seminar was organized by Delhi University. Vice-chancellor Prof. Tripathy participated in the seminar as a speaker.

FMU to Hold Odisha Research Conclave

Fakir Mohan University will hold the Odisha Research Conclave on 25th October 2021. As one of the mandates of Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC), Fakir Mohan University will showcase its research output. Faculty members and Research Scholars who are Receiving Grants under OURIP and other agencies will participate in this conclave.

FMUTA Holds Farewell Meeting for its Outgoing Professors

FMUTA Formally Welcomed Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Santosh K. Tripathy



Fakir Mohan University Teachers' Association (FMUTA) organised a program to bid farewell to the professors who completed their term of service in the University on 27th August 2021. The program started with cultural program followed by talks by the retiring professors who shared their memories of working in this University. FMUTA felicitated the professors by offering them a citation highlighting their contribution to the field of academics and the University which were read out by faculty members of the university. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy

thanked the professors acknowledging the contributions they have made towards the development of the university as well as academics. In the same program, FMUTA formally welcomed Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy and Madam Supriya Mishra to the University. The program was coordinated by FMUTA President Prof. Munesh Ch. Adhikary. The Program ended with a formal Vote of Thanks by Arta Bandhu Jena, Secretary of FMUTA. The full program is available @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09UQAaYJf1Y>

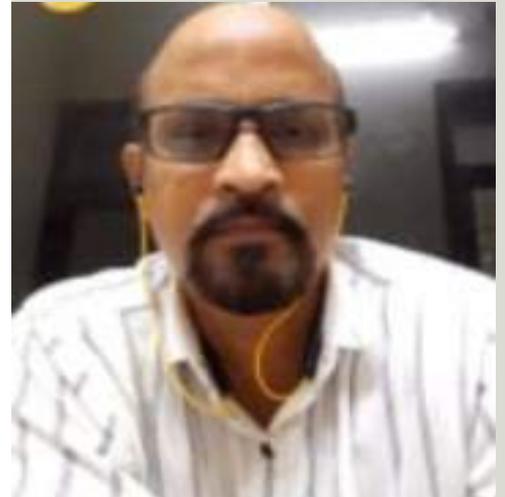
FMU Vice-Chancellor Meets Union Education Minister



Vice-Chancellor Professor Santosh Kumar Tripathy met Union Education Minister Sri Dharmendra Pradhan to discuss about the state of Higher Education in the State. Discussions were also held to strengthen rese-

-arch and the foundation of education in the state. Both of them also discussed about how to provide quality education to the students in the state.

Social Science professor Participated in International Studies Convention



Professor Anil Kumar Mohapatra from the Department of Social Science, Fakir Mohan University participated and presented a paper in the International Studies Convention organised by Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NICE). The convention was held virtually between 27-29 August 2021. The theme of the convention was "Reimagining the World: Reflections on the Future of World Order" where Prof Mohapatra presented a paper titled "India's Aspirations in the New Global Order: Opportunities and Challenges".

CHEMISTRY FACULTY RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD



Dr. Pankaj Kumar Parhi, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Fakir Mohan University has been awarded with best researcher award for the contribution and honorable achievement in innovative research. The award has been given by Scifax.

Semester End Examination Begins for Various Masters Program in the University

Semester End Examination for the students of various masters program began on 15th of September 2021 which will continue till 30th of September 2021. Considering the request made by the students and the persisting threat of Covid-19, the university has decided to hold the 1st semester end examination in an online mode for the academic session 2021-23. In this regard the Vice-Chancellor called a meeting with all the Heads of Departments and Controller of Examinations to prepare the plan to conduct the examination smoothly.

University Faculty Receives best Paper Presentation Award

Bhabanishankar Jena and Ashanta Ranjan Routray have received best paper presentation certificate for their paper "Segmentation, Classification and Detection of Diseases on Brinjal Leaves based on Artificial Neural Network" in the category of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in the International Conference on Innovations in Smart Technology, Advanced Materials and Communication Engineering held on 9th of June 2021 at Amity School of Engineering and Technology, Amity University Madhya Pradesh.

BSBT Organises National Webinar

P.G. Department of Biosciences and Biotechnology organized a webinar on "Bio-prospecting of Microorganisms" on 28th August 2021. The webinar discussed about the beneficial effects of Microorganisms with resource persons from University of Hyderabad, Viswa Bharati and Avadh University. More than 100 participants participated in this national webinar.

Essay Writing Competition on the Occasion of Gandhi Jayanti

P.G. Department of Language and Literature is organising an online essay writing competition on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October. The post graduate students of the university and its affiliated colleges will be able to participate in this competition. Students can choose either Odia or English to write the essay and participate in the competition.

IQAC Organises Interaction Meeting for NAAC Preparedness with OSHEC Members



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Fakir Mohan University organised an interaction meeting on 16th of September 2021. The interaction was held between the members of Higher Education Council (Prof. Susmita Padhi & Prof. Atanu Pati) and faculty members and Administrative Staffs of the University. The meeting was organised to orient the university community with NAAC ac-

-ditation and NIRF ranking. Interacting with the faculty members of the university, resource persons from OSHEC clarified the confusions and doubts over the technicalities of accreditation and ranking. The meeting was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Elsa Pandit, Coordinator, IQAC, Fakir Mohan University.

MEETING OF THE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CDC) HELD



A meeting of the College Development Council (CDC) was held on 20th of September in the conference hall of the Human Resource Development centre of the university. Vice-Chancellor Professor. Santosh Kumar Tripathy presided over the meeting attended by principals of the

affiliated colleges of the university and members of the CDC. The members of the CDC expressed their views on college development and a better cooperation between the colleges and university for improving the academic environment in the region. Meeting ended with a formal VOT.

Vice-Chancellor Holds Interaction Meeting with the Faculty Members of Humanities and Social Sciences



An interaction meeting with the faculty members of the humanities and social science departments was organised by the Vice-Chancellor and PGC office on 17th of September. The meeting also continued on 18th of September 2021. The meeting was arranged to interact and know each other better. Faculty members were given an opportunity to speak about themselves in terms of their academic journey and academic interests. The faculty members also spoke about their future academic plans in terms of research and publications. In the --

meeting, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy encouraged the faculty members to collaborate with each other for interdisciplinary academic works. One of the objective of the interaction meeting was self realization about where one stands in terms of his or her academic achievement so that one can make plans to better off one's academic performance in the future. The meeting ended with a promise to hold a similar meeting exactly after six months and again evaluate oneself in similar terms.

P.G. DEPARTMENT OF J&MC CELEBRATED WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY



World Photography Day was celebrated in the P.G. Department of Journalism and Mass Communication on 19th of August 2021. The program started with the digital exhibition of photographs clicked by the students of the department followed by discussions on the relevance of photographs in everyday life. Students of both the 1st and 4th semester along with the Ph.D students participated in the celebration. On this occasion, the department—

observed one minute silence for the unfortunate death of Indian Photo Journalist Danish Siddiqui who lost his life while working in the field. He is the recipient of Pulitzer Prize for feature Photography in 2018. The event was coordinated by Asst. Professor Moti Pangkam. Faculty members of the department expressed their views on the relevance of photography in the filed of journalism and media. The program ended with a VOT by HoD.

Zoology Students Qualified OAVS Examination

Three students of the P.G. Department of Zoology qualified the Odiasha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS) Examination with one Gautam Jena holding the first position among all the candidates in Odisha.

P.G. Department of Chemistry Holds National Webinar

P.G. Department Chemistry, Fakir Mohan University organized a National Webinar on "Structural Aspects of Advanced Material Chemistry". The webinar was organized on 1st of September 2021. Resource persons from VNIT Nagpur Dr. Susanta K Nayak and Abhishek Banerjee delivered talks on the occasion. More than 100 participants from various states from India participated in the webinar.

P. G Department of Geography Organised National Webinar

P. G. Department of Geography organized a National Webinar on " Sustainable Development: Unravelling the Realities of Environment and Health". The webinar was held on 9th September 2021. Prof. Sanat Kumar Guchhait from the University of Burdwan and Dr. Shovan Ghosh from Diamond Harbour University spoke on the occasion as resource person. More than 100 participants which include faculty members, research scholars and students took part in the webinar.

P.G. Department of Language and Literature Holds National Webinar on Postcolonial Literature

A one day National Webinar on "Postcolonial Literature: Theory and Praxis" was organized by English Department on 15th of September 2021. Prof. C R Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Vikram Simhapuri University was the keynote speaker in the webinar whereas Prof. N Nagaraju, Vice-Chancellor G. M University Sambalpur was the inaugural speaker in the webinar. Convener, Dr. Sonali Das conducted the webinar online with participants from all across India.

P.G. Department of Journalism & Mass Communication Holds its First Alumni Meet

P. G. Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organised its first Alumni Meet on 28th September 2021. In his address to the Alumni, Vice Chancellor Professor Santosh Kumar Tripathy stressed on the importance of ones' Alma Mater and said that alumni of a department are indeed ambassadors of their institution. Professor Munesh Chandra Adhikari, Chairman, Post Graduate Council encouraged for the registration of Alumni Association. Dr. Bharati Bala Patnaik, Head of the Department, delivered an emotional talk to the gathering, motivating them towards life long cooperation and comradeship amidst themselves. All faculty members of the department attended the programme and interacted with the alumni. Alumni from 2018-19 and 2019-20 expressed their views and emotions on the occasion. Dr. Smiti Padhi and Moti Pangkam Assistant Professors, JMC coordinated the event.

P.G. Department of Education Holds its 1st Alumni Meet

The first Alumni Association meeting was organized by the P.G. Department of Education virtually on 28th September 2021. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santosh K. Tripathy, Chairman P.G. Council Prof M.C. Adhikary inaugurated the event and addressed the Alumni members.

All the faculty members and around 90 alumnus of the department attended the program. Members of Executive Council were selected from the passed out students. Alumni members interacted with each other highlighting the progress and prosperity of Department and University with the cooperation of Alumni.

“ A truth that’s told
with bad intent
beats all the lies
you can Invent”

William Blake

Birth Centenary Celebration of Professor Chittaranjan Das Organised



P.G. Department of Language and Literature organized a program to celebrate the birth centenary of famous litterateur Professor. Chittaranjan Das. On this occasion, books written on the life and works of Chittaranjan Das was formally released by the Vice-Chancellor and esteemed guests present in the meeting. Vice-Chancellor Professor Santosh Kumar Tripathy narrated his experience with—

Professor Chittaranjan Das from a very close quarter and termed him as a Writer, Educationist, Social Servant and as a Humanist in one. The program was conducted by Dr. Debasish Patra who poetically narrated the life and works of Chittaranjan Das and enlightened the audience. Vice-Chancellor proposed to open a gallery showcasing the works of Chittaranjan Das. The meeting ended with a formal VOT.

HRDC of Fakir Mohan University Holds One Day Orientation Program on Academic Administration



A One Day Orientation Programme on Academic Administration was held in the conference hall of the Post Graduate Council on 29th September. The programme was organized by Human Resource Development Centre of the University. Prof. Siba Prasad Adhikary, former Vice-Chancellor of Fakir Mohan University interacted with the newly joined faculty members of the university and guided them on Academic Administration, Research, and how to balance their professional and personal lives. The

meeting was coordinated by Chairman, P.G Council Prof. Munesh Chandra Adhikary. Dr. Padamalita Routray welcomed the participants and the resource person. In his address to the participants, Professor Siba Prasad Adhikary urged the faculty members to focus on academic research and told that it is academic research which can only take the faculty members to higher levels in academics. The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Rajashree Dutta.

APAB Organises Lecture Series on Quantum Mechanics

Lecture series was Jointly Organised by FMU, KIIT, Bhadrak Auto College & F.M. Auto College



P.G. Department of APAB in collaboration with KIIT, Bhadrak Autonomous College and Fakir Mohan Autonomous College organized a lecture series on “Basics of Quantum Mechanics” in between 9-30 September 2021. The resource person for the lecture series was Prof. P. K. Mohanty from IISER, Kolkata. Inaugurating the lecture series, Vice-Chancellor Professor. Santosh Kumar

Tripathy congratulated the team of APAB for taking such an initiative and said that this will immensely help the academic community particularly the young scholars and researchers of the region. The meeting was coordinated by Dr. Santosh K. Agarwala. Chairman P.G Council. Prof. Munesh Chandra Adhikary was also present in the meeting and encouraged the Faculty Members to organize more such programs.

Self Composed Patriotic Poetry Recitation Program Organised



A patriotic poetry recitation program was organized in the P.G Council Conference hall of the University on 15th of September 2021. The program was organized by the P.G. Department of Language and Literature and sponsored by Odisha Sahitya Academy. One of the uniqueness of the program was that the poetry recited were all self-composed by the reciters. Students, research scholars and poetry lovers of the university and Balasore actively participated in this program and recited their poems

on patriotism and expressed their love and affection towards their mother land. Vice-chancellor Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy also recited a self composed poem depicting the glory of national pride and Indianness. Prof Munesh C. Adhikary recited a poem depicting the role of freedom in ones self development and liberation. Around 20 sponsored participants recited their poems on the occasion. The meeting was conducted by Dr. Debasish Patra and ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Jayanta K. Das.

P.G. Department of Language and Literature Organises National Webinar on “Mahabharata: Parampara O’ Parisara”

A National Webinar was organized by the P.G. Department of language and Literature on “Mahabharata: Parampara O’ Parisara”. Prof. Udayanath Sahoo and Dr. Khirod Ch. Behera joined the webinar as resource persons. The webinar was attended by more than 100 participants from the colleges and universities of Odisha and beyond.

P.G. Department of Language and Literature Organises National Webinar on “Iqbal’s Relevance in Contemporary Times”

P.G. Department of Language and Literature organized a national Webinar on “Iqbal’s Relevance in the Contemporary Times”. The program Started with the University Anthem. Dr. Shadab Alam welcomed the guests and participants to the webinar. Prof. Manindra K Meher made the introductory remarks. Prof. Fakhre Alam and Prof. Abdul Haq were the resource persons for the webinar. More than 50 participants from all across the country took part in this webinar. The webinar ended with a formal vote of thanks by Ms. Merajunisa, Research Scholar of the Department.

P.G Department of Education Holds National

P. G Department of Education organized a National Webinar on “Transformation of Higher Education in India in Context of NEP 2020”. Addressing the participants, Vice-chancellor Professor Santosh Kumar Tripathy reflected upon the possible transformations in the field of Higher Education in India as a result of NEP 2020. Professor Munesh Ch. Adhikary joined the webinar as respected guest and expressed his views on it. Dr. Amulya K Acharya welcomed the guests, resource persons and participants to the webinar. Near about 300 participants from all across the country took part in the webinar. The webinar concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Jyoti Shankar Pradhan.

P. G Department of Social Science Holds International Webinar on “Taliban Conundrum: India’s Afghan Dilemma”



P. G. Department of Social Sciences organized a one day International Webinar on “Taliban Conundrum: India’s Afghan Dilemma” on 27th September 2021. More than 100 participants from different countries participated in the International Webinar. Vice-Chancellor Professor Santosh Kumar Tripathy actively listened to the speakers through out the webinar and expressed his views on it. Prof. Anil Kumar Mohapatra was conducting the Webinar online. The webinar ended with a vote of thanks by its convener Dr. Ramakrushna Pradhan.

Collaborative Discussion for Campus Beautification Held with Rotary Club of Balasore

Rotarian Gautam Patel, Secretary Rotary Club of Balasore met Vice-Chancellor Professor Santosh Kumar Tripathy and expressed his desire to involve in the Campus Beautification work of Fakir Mohan University. This was followed by a collaborative meeting along with Saura Rathi, Chiranjvi Ray and PGC Chairman Prof. Munesh Ch. Adhikary. The meeting took place in the Vice-Chancellor’s Office on 2nd of September 2021.

On 13th of September, Vice-Chancellor met Minister of Sports and Youth Service, Tushara Kanti Behera and discussed about the development of sports infrastructure in the university campus.

Need Assessment Survey Conducted as part of FMU Community Outreach Program



The students of social science departments guided by their faculty members conducted a field survey of *Nuapadhi* and *Mardarajpur* villages surrounding the university to assess their need in terms of health, education and availability of government help and assistance provided to the villagers. The field study was conducted as part of the community outreach program of the university. Students were seen to be actively participat-

-ing in the exercise and interacting with the village community. Such exercise will certainly improve their research ability and expertise on how to connect with the villagers. Based on the feedback received, the team in charge of the outreach program will strategize an intervention program for the socio-educational development of the villages. This will also add to the pool of knowledge on community outreach and development.

P.G. Department of APAB Holds its 6th Alumni Meet



The P.G Department of Applied Physics and Ballistics (APAB) organized its 6th Alumni Meet online on 26th of September 2021. Head of the Department. Dr. Santosh Kumar Agarwal presided the meeting. Vice-chancellor Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy joined the meeting as chief guest. Post Graduate Council Chair-

man Prof. Munesh C. Adhikary, Scientist Dr. Kamalakanta Chand and Dr. Rajib Biswal joined the meeting as respected guests. Dr. Bibekananda Nayak introduced the guests to the gathering. Names of members of the new Executive Body of the alumni association was declared on the occasion. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Himanshu B. Nayak