



Sambalpur University
25th Convocation-2012
The 30th Day of July, 2012



Welcome Address by Prof. Bishnu Charan Barik, Vice-Chancellor

His Excellency the Chancellor of the University, Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare; His Excellency Governor of Chhatisgarh, Shri Shekhar Dutt; Registrar, Prof S S Rath; Recipients of the degree of *Honoris Causa* Shri Ashok Kumar Panda, Padmashree Shri Chaturbhuj Meher, Shri Sadhu Meher, Dr Jitamitra Prasad Singh Deo and Shri Uday Chand Agarwal, Deans of Faculties; Recipients of Degrees, Diplomas, Awards and Gold Medals; Distinguished Invitees; Media persons; Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Senate, Syndicate, Academic Council and the University Community, I extend a hearty welcome to our Hon'ble Chancellor and President of the function; Hon'ble Governor of Chhatisgarh, our distinguished Chief Guest; all the distinguished invitees; graduates of the university who would receive their degrees and gold medals; students, ladies and gentlemen.

On this 25th Convocation day, we confer degrees on persons who graduated in 2011. This year the university will award about 15,000 degrees in the faculties of Arts, Science, Commerce, Medicine, Ayurveda and other disciplines. I congratulate all the degree recipients who, on successful completion of their respective courses of studies, will receive degrees from the university today. The convocation day is an important day in everyone's life. After sincere and hard work during your studentship, today you will be awarded the degree which you rightly deserve. You are going to enter into a new professional world shortly. I wish each one of you achieve supreme success in your endeavours to excel in the professional world as well as in your personal life and hope all of you will take sincere efforts for the development our motherland.

I am grateful to His Excellency the Governor of Odisha and Hon'ble Chancellor of Sambalpur University, Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare, for taking earnest interest for the academic growth of our university and with his encouragement, we have been striving to raise the standard of teaching and research to greater heights. I am also thankful to all recipients of degrees of Doctor of Law and Doctor of Literature (*Honoris causa*) for kindly accepting our invitation and present here to receive the degrees.

On behalf of the university community and on my own behalf I am extremely grateful to His Excellency Shri Shekhar Dutt for gracing this Convocation as Chief Guest despite his busy schedule. Shri Dutt, an IAS Officer, served in various Ministries of Government of India. His administrative acumen is appreciated by one and all during his Indian Administrative Service period. He completed his tenure as an IAS officer as the Defence Secretary in the Ministry

of Defence. His Excellency Shri Shekhar Dutt is not new to Western Odisha. In fact His Excellency during his tenure as Defence Secretary was instrumental in the establishment of Ordnance factory at Sainthala of Balangir District and visited twice to Western Odisha.

Being situated in the western part of Odisha, Sambalpur University suffers from locational disadvantages. Despite this, learned faculties, concerned employees and able administrative staff members along with our sincere students with the support of the people of various districts under the jurisdiction of the University and above all due support from the state Government and UGC; we have been taking sincere efforts to achieve the standards of excellence conducive to the demand of the time.

Our University records the appreciation and hard work of all the former Vice Chancellors whose efforts brought the University at this level.

Our University is the only university in India that has been honouring the poets of national stature since 1992, every year, with the Gangadhar National Award for Poetry. Many distinguished Indian poets like Sardar Ali Jaffery, Shakti Chattopadhyay, Ayiappa Panniker, Binda Karandikar, Nirupama Kaur, M Satchidanandan, Shankha Ghosh, Nilamani Phookan, Gulzar, Dr Surjit Singh Pattar and Dr Rajendra Kishore Panda have been the recipients of this National Award.

There has been a significant improvement in the quality and quantity of our intakes and their academic performance. The Alumni Meet of various Post Graduate Departments every year speak on their appreciation to the alma mater. It is my proud privilege to mention the achievements of the University in brief, since February 24, 2011, the day the last convocation was held.

- Results of various Post Graduate courses of 2012 examination were published within a period of 45 days to enable our students in getting admission in various higher centre of excellence of the country and also to compete for jobs.
- This year the ratio of applicants to the Post Graduate courses is 1:4, which was not found in the recent past. Almost all the Departments will be filling up the sanctioned strength along with a few on self-financing basis by the time the admission process will be over on August 25, 2012.
- Faculty members of the University have got a tradition of undertaking research in various subjects. 123 International and 98 National research papers were published during the period.
- Twenty Eight seminars and conferences were organized in the campus to keep the students and teachers of the University update on development

in various fields and also develop invisible colleges crossing the boundary of the University, state and country.

- Faculty members have got research projects of Four Crores Five Lakhs and Seven Thousand rupees from various funding agencies like, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Environment and Forest, UGC, ICSSR, CSIR, ICMR, Department of Bio Technology and Vedant Aluminium Ltd. All these research projects help the teachers in continuing the legacy of the research tradition and at the same time generate resources and employment in the University.
- In recognition to the research of our two young faculty members of the Department of Life Sciences, Dr. J. Rath and Dr. A.K.Patel were awarded with the DST Fast Track Scientist award.
- Prof. S.Mudali, Department of Odia received Natya Gouraba Award from Odisha Theatre Academy.
- Dr. M.Meher, Department of Odia, received the Swabhaba Kabi Gangadhar Meher Samman.
- Prof. B.Biswal, former Professor of the Department of Life Sciences joined as the Emeritus Professor.
- To keep pace in the spirit of transborder exchange of ideas and knowledge, the University signed MOU with the University of Tubingen, Germany and Charleston College, USA.
- To understand the dynamics of backwardness and the avenues of development of rural areas, a Post Graduate course on “Rural Management”, not found in any of the state University of Odisha, has been introduced from the current academic session. Proposal to the UGC has been sent for financial support during XII Plan period.
- A new job oriented course, M.Tech in Geospatial Studies on self- financing mode is also offered from the current academic session.
- The UGC Academic Staff College got the good rank among the Universities of the state by NAAC.

With the expansion of teaching Departments, increasing students’ enrollment and research activities, we find difficulty of space and infrastructure. But maintaining a right balance in the consolidation of the existing Departments, infrastructure and nurturing the newly established Departments has been a challenge.

The youngest Departments, the School of Performing Arts, Hindi, M.Tech in Food Science and Technology, started in the last academic session have carved out places of their own.

The Sambalpur University Institute of Information Technology (SUIIT), an ambitious venture of the University to provide quality education on IT has become three years old. It is attracting students not only from the various parts of the state but also from other states of the country.

Sambalpur University is an equilateral triangle. The three sides are Teachers, Employees and Students with equal importance. All the stake holders with emotional quotient work in collaboration with each other. The support of the state from above and the role of the society from below make the University vibrant. To maintain this tradition, I sincerely welcome feedbacks, suggestions from all of you to help the Institution prosper.

To all the degree recipients I once again convey my best wishes and I earnestly hope that you will be ever eager to embrace challenges in the contemporary globalized competitive world emphasizing speed, innovation, multi tasking and integrity.

Finally I express sincere thanks and gratitude on behalf of the University to one and all for your kind presence.

Jai Odisha



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Address of His Excellency Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare, Governor of Orissa and Chancellor of Sambalpur University.

Chief Guest of today's Convocation,
His Excellency Shri Sekhar Duttji,
Hon'ble Governor of Chhatishgarh,

Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.C. Barikji,

Members of Syndicate, Senate and Academic Council,

Registrar, Prof. S.S. Rathji,

Recipients of Degrees, Diplomas, Awards and Gold Medals,

Dear Graduating Students,

Members of Faculty, Ministerial Staff and my dear Students,

Distinguished Invitees, Media Persons,

Ladies and Gentlemen

On the august occasion of the 25th Convocation of Sambalpur University, I am delighted to be with you on its beautiful campus in the midst of its natural surroundings. Sambalpur University has come of age, having completed 45 years of ardent and commendable intellectual service to the society in carefully nurturing the human resource of the region.

As we perform the ceremonials of the Convocation in a spirited ambience, I cannot but recall the Convocation address Pandit Jawaharlal Nehruji, the first Prime Minister of India, made at Allahabad University in 1947. A University, as Panditji stressed, stands for humanism, for tolerance, for reason, for the adventure of ideas and for the search for

truth and above all for the onward march of humanity to a state of intellectual and moral perfection.

If we turn the pages of history, we would discover that both secular and religious humanisms have shaped the academia in Europe and India. Since the time of Plato's Academy and the University of Nalanda, the institution of higher education has striven to realize the intellectual potential, imaginative power and moral vision of human beings. Education in the true sense frees the mind from the shackles of superstition, sectarianism and dogmas, and spurs it to journey into the world of knowledge and freedom. Owing to the spread of reason, spirit of tolerance and an openness of mind, the society acquires a liberal culture, and the state structures itself into a democratic polity with the promise of an equitable social and economic order, besides fair and just governance, to its citizens.

In post-independence India, higher education has been oriented towards facilitating self-reliance, economic growth, employment-generation, modernization of society through the production of knowledge and its application, and above all emphasizing national integration. All important advisory bodies set up to define the aims of university education in India, beginning from Radhakrishnan Commission and Kothari Commission to the ones in the subsequent period have all embodied the philosophy of a democratic and welfare state.

But, over the years, due to technological advancement across the globe, the rise of utilitarian knowledge regime as well as regimen and the penetration of global capital into education, the institutions of higher education have been losing their humanist dimension. The disciplines of Humanities have also been getting de-valued, with technical education occupying the central position as the new 'cultural capital' in the technologized knowledge-societies. Despite cultural homogenization and trans-border channels of knowledge-flow, for which globalization applauds itself, one of the many discontents produced by it is the proliferation of differences between metropolitan and

muffosil students in terms of their access to the front-line institutions and the professionally lucrative subjects offered by them. By and large the muffosil-based socially and economically underprivileged students, notwithstanding their innate potential for learning, seem to be handicapped from the school stage with poor academic credentials and abilities. In consequence, they are at a disadvantage while competing with their more privileged peers for exciting careers. In such a situation they have no option but to flock to the state-funded colleges and universities in the nooks and corners of non-metropolitan India and enroll in the traditional curricula of liberal arts and pure sciences, which have already been undervalued in the short-sighted knowledge-utility calculus of contemporary neo-liberal economies. Private universities and franchisee bodies of foreign academic institutions have a field-day in recent years, having pushed up the cost of education beyond the capacity of millions of students.

This, to my mind, is the crisis as well as challenge to which institutions like Sambalpur University must respond. Our state-funded colleges and universities still embody the basic philosophy of a welfare state that is committed to equitable socio-economic development. They also retain the basic character of humanistic education and fundamental research in their curricula, even though they have suffered from the problem of the diminution of the size of teaching faculty, shrinkage of funding for books, journals, and other critical inputs of infrastructure, which are necessary for academic excellence. Therefore, how to generate resources, what self-finance courses to offer, how to tap fiscal and academic resources from government and private bodies, how to claim grants from various funding agencies on the basis of good research publications and project within the existing limited means are real challenges the academic administrators, faculty and students of various post-graduate departments must face.

I am happy that some departments in Sambalpur University have been awarded Special Assistance Programme (SAP) status by the UGC (University Grants

Commission) in recognition of their good work; many researchers have been working on projects funded by the UGC, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Indian Council of Social Science & Research (ICSSR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) etc. I urge the faculty and researchers to continue to do the good work and attain even greater glory, despite all odds. I am also glad to learn that the university has taken initiatives to offer a Rural Management Course and has signed MOUs with Free University of Berlin, Germany, University of Tübingen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Universidad Autonoma Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico, College of Charleston, South Carolina, the U.S.A., University of Free State, Bloomfountain, Republic of South Africa to usher in a new era of exchange of knowledge and culture with the reputed centres of learning outside India. The national and international conferences which various post-graduate departments are holding and the academic visits of the faculty of Sambalpur University in universities in India and abroad indicate a culture of academic activism prevalent here.

I believe a good library run by helpful staff, an efficient and responsive administrative system for timely release of grants and extending various forms of official assistance to the researchers and a relatively stable cyber network for access to the consortia of books and journals should be in place in a university for good research output. Academic audit of the faculty and researchers, a good work-culture and accountability of the faculty and non-teaching officials, transparency in the utilization of funds should always be insisted upon by the university administration. I have noted that Sambalpur University has been taking all these necessary steps towards ensuring an environment conducive to quality teaching and research.

In recent years the world has plunged into an economic recession in the wake of the Euro-zone crisis. The country's economy too has had a downturn, with steady and

sharp devaluation of rupee against American dollar, steep rise in the prices of petroleum products, double-digit inflation rate, staggering fiscal deficits and above all poor credit ratings. We are moving through very difficult times when we will have to redefine our research priorities, rationally adjust expenses and conscientiously spend the tax payer's money in formulating and running the academic programmes.

I call upon the researchers to explore in their respective disciplines of sciences, social sciences and liberal arts those areas of research that will meet the material, intellectual and moral needs of Western Odisha in particular and the nation in general. For example, we have to search for and create resource bases of alternative energy like Japan, a technologically developed country, has been doing, following the Fukushima disaster. We ought to explore ways and means of developing technologies of cost-effective solar energy appliances and bio-diesel, re-discovering indigenous methods of environment protection and water harvesting, discovering effective methods of dry-land farming as a response to the vagaries of monsoon, and deal with many more such pressing issue as may be directly relevant for us. Social scientists like sociologists, anthropologists, political scientists, historians, economists and statisticians should collaboratively expand and diversify their research domains to study different trends of social and economic changes in the era of globalization, modes of replacement of agrarian economy by industrial economy, the devastating impact of the loss of local biospheres due to mining and industrialization, loss of the local means of livelihood and land leading to displacement and migration, sorry state of primary education in rural areas, trafficking in women in Odisha, whose figure is shockingly high and so on – the list can indeed be very long. But all these issues enumerated require keen sensitivity to the problems of the people and impassioned search for the solution to them. Our scientists and scholars, I hope, would come up with the necessary analytic models to understand

them and to address them. In this context, I would desire the academic climate to be made more vibrant and productive within a radically inter-disciplinary framework. Although the pursuit of knowledge is solitary, the validity and acceptability of the knowledge produced rests on the critical responses of the peers of related disciplines. Hence no work of research, whether a doctoral dissertation or a state-funded project, should be carried on in a hush-hush manner. It should be subjected to academic audit by way of inter-department faculty seminars and lectures.

I am glad that Sambalpur University has already taken innovative steps in allowing students of one discipline to take a minor course of their choice from another discipline in the credit-cum-semester system, and has been consistently working towards broadening the interdisciplinary base of teaching and research. But sustained efforts should be made to make the interdisciplinary programmes more concerted and comprehensive. It is also heartening that the University has already chalked out a programme of extension activities and plans of adopting some villages of the region for bringing about social and cultural development of the rural people.

May I take this opportunity to extend hearty congratulations to the graduating students of this institution on their well-deserved academic attainments and appeal to them to serve humanity sincerely and honestly, so that they can take the name of their alma mater to greater heights. They must always bear in mind Mahatma Gandhi's motto: "Education for life, education through life, and education throughout life".



Education does not end in acquiring a diploma or a degree, which are mere professional necessities. A doctorate is not always a sure sign of knowledge and wisdom. Learning is a life-long process. It requires constant updating of the stock of information, revaluation of existing knowledge in the light of the changing epistemological and ideological thoughts, a sense of humility and an openness of mind to think of new perspectives and accept alternative and oppositional view-points. A professor must look

beyond his yellowed lecture-notes as much as a young scholar must cultivate the virtue of outgrowing the PhD dissertation, which can never be the *magnum opus* of his or her life. Complacency, arrogance and lack of sensitivity to the world around us can stand in the way of true learning. True scholars tend to rethink a problem or issue open-mindedly, posing to themselves hard and uncomfortable questions regarding the politics and ethics of the knowledge they are pursuing.

I, therefore wish to remind our young graduates and scholars on this occasion that they have moral obligations and social responsibilities to the teeming millions of people in the nation who live in abject poverty, deprivation and ignorance. Our youths are the strength of the nation. They are the wealth, future and dream of the nation. They must build up character, calibre and compassion to be successful in life. While taking care of their own future, they must think of the ways in which they can be of real use to the underprivileged and disadvantaged people of this country.

With these words, I thank the Vice Chancellor and his team who have worked hard for the smooth conduct of the Convocation. I wish the students and scholars very best in their life and look forward to a bright future of Sambalpur University.

Jai Hind.

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<p>Address of His Excellency Shri Shekhar Dutt, Governor of Chhattisgarh, India</p>		

I am very happy to be present here on 25th convocation function of Sambalpur University. I congratulate all the students who are going to be recipients of their hard won degrees. The eventful years that you have spent in the learning process in the classrooms are now to be put to best use as you enter the portals of real life.

Orissa as well as the whole of Central-Eastern part of India where this University is located, has not grown as compared to other parts of the country, though this region is blessed with dense forests, rich biodiversity and abundant mineral resources. Only quality education and skilled manpower generation in this region can help in the utilization of the rich resources for the betterment of the general mass. And I have no doubt that Sambalpur University has to play a leading role for over all development of this region. I am informed that from its inception, the University is striving for the realization of its goal and mission of production and transmission of knowledge. It is promoting encouraging research, consultancy and extension activities.

Orissa & Chhattisgarh have many similarities in the field of culture, history and natural resources. So our educational requirements are same.

National prosperity is basically dependent on three crucial factors, namely: higher education and technology, second raw materials and third capital. Of these in fact the first, Higher education and technology steal a march over the other two. It can help to negotiate deficiencies in natural resources and shortage of capital. I plead that this University create an environment conducive for the pursuit of researches.

The explosion in population, particularly in the third world countries like India, has created a situation wherein there are a large number of human beings, but only a small percentage of human resource. This can be corrected only through the process of higher education.

Efforts for improving the educational standard and quality in higher education should be given the highest priority. In these days of emerging knowledge society, everyone is not only concerned but also committed to provide high quality and relevant higher education to its younger generation on whose shoulders rests the future of our country. The quality depends on stakeholders including teachers, administrators, policy makers and students. All these stakeholders should complement each other so that we would be in a situation to instill good quality higher education in our universities.

University should provide congenial environment for the teachers to carry out research in their domain of interest that is relevant for the overall benefit of our society. Teachers are the managers of knowledge and knowledge comes from research. The research-enabled teachers are the best managers of knowledge.

The number of educated unemployed is gradually increasing, and traditional employment avenues, like the Government, Public Sector Undertaking and in the Organized Sector are also declining. This situation is not going to get corrected on its own, sincere and genuine efforts with vision have to be made to make the higher education relevant to the needs of the society of tomorrow so that students coming out of the universities can be gainfully deployed in the agricultural, manufacturing and the services sectors of the nation. With the decline in 'white collar Jobs', the attitude for 'entrepreneurship' should be cultivated right from the first year of the higher education. Universities and colleges have to evolve and develop methodology where in students are taught to take calculated risk for the sake of larger gains and for attaining the set goals. They must be helped to cultivate a disposition to do things in the right way and not fall prey to corrupt practices to gain short term advantage. In sum the desired disposition and capacity building amongst the

students should be based on fundamental qualities like, enquiry, creativity, technology, commitment and moral character.

I would like to urge the students that merely obtaining degrees should not be their sole objective of education but learning is a continuous process. You are now entering the real life which is much more difficult. But let me assure you that hardships, challenges and struggles would sharpen your edge to gain success. I firmly believe that the knowledge you gained during your student life will enable you to play crucial role in development of a better society. The students too have to change their own attitude towards learning; they must know how to make the best use of available knowledge through the latest technologies and learning processes.

There is a rapid growth and development of the 'knowledge industry'. It seems that the quantity of knowledge will be doubling every five years and this will require educational systems to develop ability and a capacity to move information more quickly and economically with world-wide applicability. I am sure, that this University will take all possible steps to face the challenges and come up to the expectations of the people.

At the end I congratulate all the students and wish them bright future.

Thank you,
Jai Hind

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Conferment of *Honoris Causa*
SAMBALPUR UNIVERSITY

Shri Ashok Kumar Panda	Degree of Doctor of Law
Padmashri Shri Chaturbhuj Meher	Degree of Doctor of Literature
Shri Sadhu Meher	Degree of Doctor of Literature
Dr. Jitamitra Prasad Singh Deo	Degree of Doctor of Literature
Shri Uday Chand Agarwal	Degree of Doctor of Literature

Shri Ashok Kumar Panda - Degree of Doctor of Law

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

It is my privilege to request your Excellency to confer upon Shri Ashok Kumar Panda, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, in recognition of his distinguished career as a Counsel in different fields of Customs, Excise, Banking and Foreign Exchange laws, and expertise in the adjudication of landmark cases relating to Foreign Exchange Regulation Act on behalf of the Directorate of Enforcement, Government of India.

Alumnus of Sambalpur University in 1973 as a graduate in Psychology, Shri Panda took his Bachelors' Degree in Law from the University of Delhi in 1976 and was enrolled as Advocate in the Bar Council of Delhi in the same year. Qualifying himself as Advocate-on -Record of the Supreme Court of India in 1981 and empanelled as Senior Counsel in the Supreme Court and Delhi High Court in 1998, Shri Panda established himself as an astute lawyer. He was appointed Senior Counsel by important ministries of the Union Government like those of Defense, Information and Broadcasting and Communications. He has also held the special posts of Commissioner and Amicus Curiae created by the Supreme Court at various points of time to deal with cases of corruption in high public offices. Shri Panda is member of many prestigious cultural and legal bodies like India Habitat Centre, Indian Law Institute and International Law Association.

In his long career spanning more than three decades, Shri Ashok Kumar Panda has conducted many important and high-profile cases on behalf of the Directorate of Enforcement relating to Foreign Exchange Regulation Act. He has represented the Union of India and the State of Mizoram in the Supreme Court. Shri Panda's deft handling of the cases pertaining to Civil rights of the bonded labourers, prisoners and refugees, and his insistence on the improvements in the health care service of the public institutions in a law suit shows not only his legal acumen, but also the commitment to human values.

Pursuing law both as profession and mission, Shri Ashok Kumar Panda has earned reputation. He was a visiting scholar to the University of Louisville, Kentucky, the U.S.A., to lecture on Information Technology, Right to Privacy, and Indian Constitution and Judicial Process in 2002. He was also invited to the annual Conference of South Eastern Law Schools' Association in Florida, the U.S.A. in 2003. He has participated in academic deliberations on the Right to Privacy in the Age of Information Technology at many places in India, including Bhubaneswar.

In recognition of his impeccable credentials and high ethical standards as a lawyer and above all his legal activism to secure justice to the socio-politically disadvantaged people, Sambalpur University deems it an honour, Mr. Chancellor Sir, to request you to confer upon Shri Ashok Kumar Panda the Degree of Doctor of Law (Honoris Causa).

The 30th day of July, 2012

**Dean, Faculty of Law
Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar**

Padmashree Shri Chaturbhuj Meher – Degree of Doctor of Literature

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

It is my privilege to request your Excellency to confer upon Padmashree Shri Chaturbhuj Meher, noted weaver and textiles designer, the Degree of Doctor of Literature, in recognition of his distinctive contribution to the indigenous textiles, their promotion as a cottage industry in Western Odisha, and popularization all over India.

Born in a weaver family at Subarnapur on the 13th of October, 1935, Shri Meher took to weaving at a young age and acquired all the subtle skills and techniques of weaving onto fabric ornate patterns and designs that are locally known as *Butaa*, *Bandha*, *Kumbha* and *Ancha* works. Handling deftly the warp and weft with his nimble fingers Shri Meher gave shape to his imagination on the fabric and created absolutely novel floral motifs of surpassing beauty. His Bichtrapuri and Bomkai sarees, in particular, earned him name and fame.

Weaving was just not a profession, but a mission which Shri Meher pursued in setting up Ramjee Cooperative Society of Weavers in 1956 for the economic welfare of the weaving community. He remained President of this society for a couple of years before being appointed Master Weaver in 1959 by the Ministry of Textiles. He also joined Calcutta Weavers' Service Centre, and while in Kolkata he wove a wall hanging of extraordinary beauty and finesse. It became a lauded exhibit in the International Trade Fair in Delhi in 1961. In Mumbai, some of his Tie and Dye sarees and wall hangings of innovative designs were highly acclaimed in an exhibition. In Imphal and Ahmedabad, too, Shri Meher popularized the indigenous art and technology of Tie and Dye and also Tusser Silk among young weaving apprentices.

Shri Meher has organized many training programmes for young apprentices in Odisha as well. He has also founded many organizations at Sonepur to not only extend financial and technical assistance to the weavers but also help them market their products. Through his sustained and tireless effort the economic condition of the weavers of Western Odisha has improved remarkably. Further, to protect the art and technology of Tie and Dye from extinction, Shri Meher has set up Vayana Vihar, Training cum Production Center at Manamunda of Boudh district of Odisha to train one thousand young men and women free of cost in the production of indigenous textiles. He has been providing economic support and social rehabilitation to the persons cured of Leprosy by training them in weaving. Shri Meher has been honoured by the Government of India with the coveted award of Padmashree.

In recognition of the great artistic talent, entrepreneurial skills and philanthropy of so distinguished a person as Padmashree Shri Chaturbhuj Meher, Sambalpur University deems it an honour, Mr. Chancellor Sir, to request you to confer upon him the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa).

The 30th day of July, 2012

**Dean, Faculty of Arts
Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar**

Shri Sadhu Meher – Degree of Doctor of Literature

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

It is my privilege to request your Excellency to confer upon Shri Sadhu Meher, noted film and television actor and director, the Degree of Doctor of Literature, in recognition of his distinctive contribution to theater, performing art and popular culture mediated through parallel and mainstream Indian cinema and television.

Born in Gudvelipadar, a nondescript village in Boudh, Odisha, Shri Sadhu Meher had his primary education in his village. He matriculated from Prithviraj High School, Bolangir, and graduated from G.M. College, Sambalpur, in 1961.

Since his childhood days Shri Sadhu Meher had a passion for dramatic performances. Avid audience of Ramleela in his native village, he began to play roles in one-act plays and full-length plays during his school and college life. It is in Sambalpur town that he got accolades and recognition as an actor. Encouraged by his audience he chose a career in film-acting. After taking a diploma from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, Shri Meher took another diploma from Film and Television Institute of India, Pune, securing the first position in First Class.

Shri Sadhu Meher came to Mumbai in 1966 and struggled hard for a break in films. He worked as Production Manager for a theater company and played roles in *Theater Unit*, an experimental theatre company, until he caught Shri Shyam Benegal's attention and signed for a role in his film *Ankur*. His brilliant performance in this film shot him to prominence and fetched him the President's Award as best actor in 1975.

Shri Sadhu Meher has commendably acted in more than 35 films and in many Television serials. Depth, intensity, variety and realism are the distinctive qualities of Shri Sadhu Meher's acting, for which he has won laurels from the film critics and the audience. Shri Meher has immensely contributed to Odia cinema by directing six films. He has also directed some Tele-films for the Doordarshan kendras of Mumbai and Cuttack. The television rendering of some classic Odia short stories under his direction is his signal contribution to Odia literature and culture.

In recognition of his enormous merit, outstanding achievements and great name in the field of television and cinema, Sambalpur University deems it an honour, Mr. Chancellor Sir, to request you to confer upon Shri Sadhu Meher the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa).

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**Dean, Faculty of Arts
Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar**

Dr. Jitamitra Prasad Singh Deo – Degree of Doctor of Literature

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

It is my privilege to request your Excellency to confer upon Dr Jitamitra Prasad Singh Deo, distinguished archaeologist, fine antiquarian and noted historian, the Degree of Doctor of Literature, in recognition of his distinctive contribution to archaeology, history and culture studies relating to ancient Western Odisha in particular, and Odisha in general.

Born to the parents of royal lineage of Khariar on the 29th of August, 1946, Dr Jitamitra Prasad Singh Deo has dedicated himself to research into the antiquities and history of Kalahandi region and of Odisha. He was the first scholar to draw the attention of the governments of Odisha and India and historians to the antiquities of Maraguda valley in Nuapada district of Odisha. He discovered the Sarabhapuriya Copper Plates of Mahajayaraja, and a great number of terra-cottas, palm leaf scripts, stone inscriptions, gold coins, and other important archival documents – some of which have been kept in the Khariar Brach Museum, at Nuapada.

Dr Sing Deo has been instrumental in the establishment of Manikyapur Museum at Bhawanipatna and Palace Museum at Khariar. He has donated many precious artifacts to Dr Nabin Kumar Sahu Museum of Sambalpur University and Odisha State Museum at Bhubaneswar. He has also acted as a field-guide to many reputed Western scholars.

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The 30th day of July, 2012

**Dean, Faculty of Arts
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Shri Uday Chand Agarwal – Degree of Doctor of Literature

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

It is my privilege to request your Excellency to confer upon Shri Uday Chand Agarwal, reputed Civil Servant and Policy Maker, the Degree of Doctor of Literature, in recognition of his illustrious public service as a high ranking official of the Indian Administrative Service in the Government of Odisha and the Union Government, who discharged his duties with dignity and integrity, holding the high offices of power.

Shri Agarwal matriculated from Prithviraj High School, Bolangir, and graduated from Ravenshaw College with Honours in Economics. He took his Master's from Allahbad University in Political Science, securing the first position in First class.

Joining the Indian Civil Service in the Odisha cadre in 1952, Shri Agarwal held many important bureaucratic posts until retirement in 1985. He was Central Vigilance Commissioner, Secretary, Union Ministry of Personnel and Administration, Establishment Officer to the Government of India and ex-officio Secretary to the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

In Odisha, Shri Agarwal was Commissioner of Agriculture and Rural Development. He also served as Secretary to the Departments of Irrigation, Power and Mining. He held the office of Chairman to many Corporations of the State Government.

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In recognition of the high standards of efficiency, honesty and integrity, with which he has been widely known as a distinguished public servant, Sambalpur University deems it an honour, Mr. Chancellor Sir, to request you to confer upon Shri Uday Chand Agarwal the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa).

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CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAW (Honoris Causa)

on

Shri Ashok Kumar Panda

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

It is my privilege to request your Excellency to confer upon Shri Ashok Kumar Panda, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, in recognition of his distinguished career as a Counsel in different fields of Customs, Excise, Banking and Foreign Exchange laws, and expertise in the adjudication of landmark cases relating to Foreign Exchange Regulation Act on behalf of the Directorate of Enforcement, Government of India.

Alumnus of Sambalpur University in 1973 as a graduate in Psychology, Shri Panda took his Bachelors' Degree in Law from the University of Delhi in 1976 and was enrolled as Advocate in the Bar Council of Delhi in the same year. Qualifying himself as Advocate-on -Record of the Supreme Court of India in 1981 and empanelled as Senior Counsel in the Supreme Court and Delhi High Court in 1998, Shri Panda established himself as an astute lawyer. He was appointed Senior Counsel by important ministries of the Union Government like those of Defense, Information and Broadcasting and Communications. He has also held the special posts of Commissioner and Amicus Curiae created by the Supreme Court at various points of time to deal with cases of corruption in high public offices. Shri Panda is member of many prestigious cultural and legal bodies like India Habitat Centre, Indian Law Institute and International Law Association.

In his long career spanning more than three decades, Shri Ashok Kumar Panda has conducted many important and high-profile cases on behalf of the Directorate of Enforcement relating to Foreign Exchange Regulation Act. He has represented the Union of India and the State of Mizoram in the Supreme Court. Shri Panda's deft handling of the cases pertaining to Civil rights of the bonded labourers, prisoners and refugees, and his insistence on the improvements in the health care service of the public institutions in a law suit shows not only his legal acumen, but also the commitment to human values.

Pursuing law both as profession and mission, Shri Ashok Kumar Panda has earned reputation. He was a visiting scholar to the University of Louisville, Kentucky, the U.S.A., to lecture on Information Technology, Right to Privacy, and Indian Constitution and Judicial Process in 2002. He was also invited to the annual Conference of South Eastern Law Schools' Association in Florida, the U.S.A. in 2003. He has participated in academic deliberations on the Right to Privacy in the Age of Information Technology at many places in India, including Bhubaneswar.

In recognition of his impeccable credentials and high ethical standards as a lawyer and above all his legal activism to secure justice to the socio-politically disadvantaged people, Sambalpur University deems it an honour, Mr. Chancellor Sir, to request you to confer upon Shri Ashok Kumar Panda the Degree of Doctor of Law (Honoris Causa).

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on

Shri Sadhu Meher

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

It is my privilege to request your Excellency to confer upon Shri Sadhu Meher, noted film and television actor and director, the Degree of Doctor of Literature, in recognition of his distinctive contribution to theater, performing art and popular culture mediated through parallel and mainstream Indian cinema and television.

Born in Gudvelipadar, a nondescript village in Boudh, Odisha, Shri Sadhu Meher had his primary education in his village. He matriculated from Prithviraj High School, Bolangir, and graduated from G.M. College, Sambalpur, in 1961.

Since his childhood days Shri Sadhu Meher had a passion for dramatic performances. Avid audience of Ramleela in his native village, he began to play roles in one-act plays and full-length plays during his school and college life. It is in Sambalpur town that he got accolades and recognition as an actor. Encouraged by his audience he chose a career in film-acting. After taking a diploma from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, Shri Meher took another diploma from Film and Television Institute of India, Pune, securing the first position in First Class.

Shri Sadhu Meher came to Mumbai in 1966 and struggled hard for a break in films. He worked as Production Manager for a theater company and played roles in *Theater Unit*, an experimental theatre company, until he caught Shri Shyam Benegal's attention and signed for a role in his film *Ankur*. His brilliant performance in this film shot him to prominence and fetched him the President's Award as best actor in 1975.

Shri Sadhu Meher has commendably acted in more than 35 films and in many Television serials. Depth, intensity, variety and realism are the distinctive

qualities of Shri Sadhu Meher's acting, for which he has won laurels from the film critics and the audience. Shri Meher has immensely contributed to Odia cinema by directing six films. He has also directed some Tele-films for the Doordarshan kendras of Mumbai and Cuttack. The television rendering of some classic Odia short stories under his direction is his signal contribution to Odia literature and culture.

In recognition of his enormous merit, outstanding achievements and great name in the field of television and cinema, Sambalpur University deems it an honour, Mr. Chancellor Sir, to request you to confer upon Shri Sadhu Meher the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa).

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on

Padmashree Shri Chaturbhuji Meher

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

It is my privilege to request your Excellency to confer upon Padmashree Shri Chaturbhuji Meher, noted weaver and textiles designer, the Degree of Doctor of Literature, in recognition of his distinctive contribution to the indigenous textiles, their promotion as a cottage industry in Western Odisha, and popularization all over India.

Born in a weaver family at Subarnapur on the 13th of October, 1935, Shri Meher took to weaving at a young age and acquired all the subtle skills and techniques of weaving onto fabric ornate patterns and designs that are locally known as *Butaa*, *Bandha*, *Kumbha* and *Ancha* works. Handling deftly the warp and weft with his nimble fingers Shri Meher gave shape to his imagination on the fabric and created absolutely novel floral motifs of surpassing beauty. His Bichtrapuri and Bomkai sarees, in particular, earned him name and fame.

Weaving was just not a profession, but a mission which Shri Meher pursued in setting up Ramjee Cooperative Society of Weavers in 1956 for the economic welfare of the weaving community. He remained President of this society for a couple of years before being appointed Master Weaver in 1959 by the Ministry of Textiles. He also joined Calcutta Weavers' Service Centre, and while in Kolkata he wove a wall hanging of extraordinary beauty and finesse. It became a lauded exhibit in the International Trade Fair in Delhi in 1961. In Mumbai, some of his Tie and Dye sarees and wall hangings of innovative designs were highly acclaimed in an exhibition. In Imphal and Ahmedabad, too, Shri Meher popularized the indigenous art and technology of Tie and Dye and also Tusser Silk among young weaving apprentices.

Shri Meher has organized many training programmes for young apprentices in Odisha as well. He has also founded many organizations at Sonapur to not only extend financial and technical assistance to the weavers but also help them market their products. Through his sustained and tireless effort the economic condition of the weavers of Western Odisha has improved remarkably. Further, to protect the art and technology of Tie and Dye from extinction, Shri Meher has set up Vayana Vihar, Training cum Production Center at Manamunda of Boudh district of Odisha to train one thousand young men and women free of cost in the production of indigenous textiles. He has been providing economic support and social rehabilitation to the persons cured of Leprosy by training them in weaving. Shri Meher has been honoured by the Government of India with the coveted award of Padmashree.

In recognition of the great artistic talent, entrepreneurial skills and philanthropy of so distinguished a person as Padmashree Shri Chaturbhuj Meher, Sambalpur University deems it an honour, Mr. Chancellor Sir, to request you to confer upon him the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa).

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on

Dr Jitamitra Prasad Singh Deo

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

It is my privilege to request your Excellency to confer upon Dr Jitamitra Prasad Singh Deo, distinguished archaeologist, fine antiquarian and noted historian, the Degree of Doctor of Literature, in recognition of his distinctive contribution to archaeology, history and culture studies relating to ancient Western Odisha in particular, and Odisha in general.

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