

Summary of the Discussion

Review Meeting

A online meeting was conducted by the Department of Higher Education to review of the programme Centre of Excellences (CoE) on 04.01.2022, 03 PM. The review meeting was attended by:

1. Prof. Asoka Kumar Das, Vice-Chairman, OSHEC
2. Prof. Atanu Kumar Pati – Former Vice-Chancellor of GM University; Former Professor of Bioscience, and Dean at PRSU, Raipur
3. Vice –Chancellors of State Universities
4. State Project Director, OHEPEE
5. Representative/ Nominee of World Bank
6. Mentors, CoE
7. All Coordinators, CoE

The review meeting started with the welcome remark and Introduction about the CoE by the State Project Director, OHEPEE. He high light that there are 12 CoE present in all over Odisha state University. However, it has given in two phases, in first phase they provided fund to 9 CoE and during second phase there are only 3 number of CoE. It has stated 2017. There are 98 publications made by the all CoE in Scopus and others journal.

Vice Chairperson of OSHEC, Professor Asoka Kumar Das, highlighted the importance of CoE in the state university in Odisha. The aims of the CoE are to develop of multidisciplinary research, provide adequate instruments, create a research environment and coordination among universities. Beside this, he said, the mentors of the CoE are from both Odisha as well outside Odisha having expertise on their respective research field. They all are working well and satisfactory. He also highlight the importance of Research Associate/ Post-Doctoral Fellow of the Centre.

The Coordinators of the CoE presents their progress in front of the OHEPEE as follows;

1. Sambalpur University, Sambalpur. Title of CoE is “Natural products and Therapeutics”.
2. Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. Title of CoE is “Environment and Public Health”.
3. Utkal University, Khurda. Title of CoE is “Integrated Omics and Computational Biology”.
4. Berhampur Univerisity, Ganjam (Previously in Khallikote University). Title of CoE is “Bioprospecting of Ethnopharmaceuticals in Southern Odisha”.

5. FM Universty, Baleswar. Title of CoE is "Bio Research Management and Energy Conservation Material Development (Part-A)".
6. FM Universty, Baleswar. Title of CoE is "Bio Research Management and Energy Conservation Martial Development (Part-B)".
7. Berhampur University, Ganjam. Title of CoE is "Nano Science & Technology for Development of Sensors".
8. Sambalpur University, Sambalpur. Title of CoE is "Regional Development Studies".
9. Utkal University, Khurda, Title of CoE is "Centre for Studies on Tribal and Marginalized Communities".
10. RD Women's University, Bhubaneswar. Title of CoE is "Translation and Life Writing".
11. Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. Title of CoE is "Centre for Odishan Studies".
12. GM University, Sambalpur. Title of CoE is "Odisha Centre for Geriatrics and Gerontology (OCGG)".
13. Utkal University, Khurda. Title of CoE is "Centre for Human Capital Development".

After completion of each presentation by coordinator, the nominee of the World Bank and Vice-Chairman along with others members asked some questions for clarification.

The progress of Odisha Centre for Geriatric and Gerontology, G.M. University, Sambalpur presented by the coordinator Dr. Monalisha Mohapatra, Associate Professor, School of Chemistry, G.M. University. She highlighted that the Centre is the first ever centre on study of Old age population in Odisha and its one of the most important centre. The centre aims to study the social, biological, physiological aspect of the older people in Odisha. The centre has already prepared the SOP and Questionnaire for field work. The pilot study has been started at Dhankauda. Moreover, one research paper has been communicated for the publication and few more articles are under process. One research project has been communicated to Indian Council of Social Sciences Research, New Delhi.

Lastly, the Vice- Chairman praised that all the coordinators of the CoE for their progress despite the pandemic time. The CoE may create a research Eco-System in the state. Moreover, he suggested that there should be further discussion for the progress of the CoE.