

## **Seminar- Department of Political Science**

### **India as an Emerging Global Power: Myth and Reality"**

The Department of Political Science organised and conducted a State Level Seminar on a very relevant theme entitled "India as an Emerging Global Power: Myth and Reality" in the room no. 34 of Arts Block on 28.02.24. The Resource Persons on the occasion were Prof. Dr. MihirRanjanSethi, an alumnus of SVMC &Retd. Regional Director, (Higher Education), Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar, Dr. Binod Kumar Mishra, Noted Advocate, Orissa High Court & Formerly Director of CSIRD, Kolkata and Dr. Ratnakar Ray, Associate Professor of Political Science, Odisha State Open University (OSOU).

The meeting was inaugurated and presided over by the Principal Sj. Bijay Kumar Patra. The esteemed guests and Principal Patra lighted the lamp before the Almighty. As per the convention, students presented bouquets and badges to the dignitaries on the dais. Head of the Department of Political Science, Sj. Anantacharan Acharya kept the welcome address before the audience and introduced the esteemed Resource Persons. The Seminar was coordinated by Dr. Manoj Kumar Mishra, Lecturer in the Department. Sj. Prasanta Kumar Behera, Senior Faculty Member of the Department presided over the meeting on the request of Prof. Patra as the latter was to leave for another meeting celebrating the National Science Day at BijuPatnaik Auditorium of the College.

The esteemed Resource Persons presented their own assessments of India's rise to power eloquently as well as lucidly with examples. While Prof. Sethi argued, India has the ability to exercise greater influence globally which is getting impeded by domestic issues, Dr. Mishra pointed to the structural problems that India is facing at the South Asian regional level which is undercutting India's ability to look beyond the region. Dr. Ray sounded quite positive and believed that it is primarily by wielding soft power resources and desiring peace and harmony, India can set an example for others.

Apart from the Resource Persons, Miss Suman Dash, Faculty Member of the Department and 10 students cutting across PG and UG Third and Second Years, presented their papers on the theme. Faculty Members of the Department Sri. Jeetu Prasad Mallick, Sri. Amitav Swain, Smt. SubhashreeNayak and Smt. Monalisha Dash took painstaking efforts to ensure that lunch and other arrangements were

perfectly arranged. Principal S. J. Patra joined the meeting later on and spoke on the issue quite profusely by taking a historical approach.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Subhashree Pattnaik , Lecturer in the Department.

