## SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/EXTRAMURAL LECTURES:

1. The Department of History organized a seminar titled "*Kalingan Temple Architecture*" on 09.12.2024 in respective department where Dr. Sangeeta Mishra, HOD & Asst. Professor in PG Department of History, S.C.S (Autonomous) College, Puri was the Chief Speaker.









## **DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:**

1. The History Department students of Ekamra College participated a celebration program on "*Partition Horrors Remembrance Day*" organized by Indian Council of Historical Research on 17.08.2023 at Exhibition ground, Bhubaneswar. Students got an opportunity for an interactive session with eminent Historian Prof. Harihara Panda and Dr. Om Jee Upadhyay (ICHR Member Secretary) and Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Director (Journal Publication and Library). Students got to know about many unknown freedom fighters of Odisha, besides that they came to know about the horrors of war, genocide and human right violation during partition.



Students with eminent historian Prof. Harihar Panda



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2. A study tour was organized on 07.10.2023 by department of History to **Odisha State Museum**, Bhubaneswar. Students received a guided tour of the museum's galleries, exploring India's Ancient history, arts and sculptures. Students Analyzed and interpreted various artifacts, including sculptures, coins and manuscripts.





3. A study tour was organized on 07.10.2023 by department of History to **Khandagiri and Udayagiri** Caves, Bhubaneswar. Students got knowledge about the ancient Jaina rock cut architectures and sculptures.



4. The history department organized a study tour on 04.02.2024 to **Udayagiri, Ratnagiri and Lalitagiri** located in Jajpur District. A marvelous Archaeological sites of Buddhist architecture and the three sites together are known as the diamond triangle of Odisha, representing the rich heritage of Indian art and architecture during the post Mauryan Period.

It is believed that ancient Chinese traveler Huen Tsang in his chronicles referred to the diamond triangle of Odisha as "*Pusipokili*", a place of learning perhaps referring to ancient *Pushpagiri University* that can be compared to the University like Nalanda. It is now believed that he is referring to the Diamond Triangle of Odisha – Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, and Udayagiri where the University once located.

**Lalitagiri:**- During excavation huge Stupas where unearthed. A casket has been unearthed which has a fossil of Buddha. Four monasteries have been found which depict the Buddhist culture. It also has different images of Lord Buddha in different meditation position.

**Ratnagiri:**- Three monasteries, several stupas present here. Different sculptures of the dancer, a royal lady, a woman meditating and many more are earthen out which is kept in museum.

**Udayagiri:**- It is the largest among the other two Buddhist places which have monasteries and stupas. After excavation work at Udayagiri numerous statues of Buddha, monarchies, Tara and many earthenware things were discovered.







5. The student of our history department participated in a webinar on "*Legacy of Indian Culture in Abroad*" on 02.08.2024 organized by Utkal University of Culture, Sanskruti Vihar, Bhubaneswar.



6. The Department of History observed **Constitution Day** on 25.11.2024 by organizing a series of competitions including drawing, debate and essay writing. The events aimed to promote awareness and understanding of the Indian Constitution among students.







7. The Department of History organized a study tour on 20.12.2024 to **Odisha State Maritime Museum**, Cuttack. Students got to know regarding Odisha's Maritime Trade along with the navigation machines used by Britishers.

The Odisha State Maritime Museum, popularly known as Jobra Workshop has a beginning around 1869 and has the unique distinction of being the only workshop, which catered to the irrigation requirement of three provinces of Bihar, Bengal and Odisha under the Bengal Presidency of British India. It was set up by the then PWD department of British administration through the efforts of one Scottish Engineer Mr.G.H.Faulkner immediately after the great famine of 1866 in Odisha, known as "Naa Anka Durviksha".

The British administration took up the work of excavating the Coast Canal, *Taladanda Canal* and other irrigation projects to counter the effects of drought. This workshop was mainly catering to the need of *anicuts, dams, canals* and most important inland water transport system. At that time the access to Calcutta from Cuttack was only through a journey on the river Mahanadi to the False point near Paradeep and on sea up to Calcutta or from Chandabali to Calcutta.





8. The Department of History organized a study tour on 20.12.2024 to "*Netaji Birth Place Museum*", Cuttack. Students learnt about the life and legacy of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and his Contribution to India's Freedom Struggle.



## STUDENT PROGRESSION:

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