

Webinar on “History of Odisha”

Topic: History of Odisha
Speaker: Prof. Jatindra Kumar Nayak
Date: 20th Nov. 2020 (Friday)
Time: 5.30 PM

Biography of the Speaker (Prof. Jatindra Kumar Nayak):

Present Position:

- Visiting Professor, Centre of Excellence in Language, Literature and Culture, Utkal University (Since 28 Nov. 2019).
- Visiting Fellow, National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar.

Previous Positions:

- Visiting Professor, Department of English, Ravenshaw University, Odisha
- Professor, Postgraduate Department of English, Utkal University (2010—2016)
- Reader, Postgraduate Department of English, Utkal University, 1996-2010
- Lecturer, Postgraduate Department of English, Sambalpur University, 1978-1996

Education:

- Ph.D., Utkal University, 2007
- M. Litt (English Literature) Merton College, Oxford University, 1988
- M.A. (English Literature) Ravenshaw College, Utkal University, 1977, First Class, Rank in the University – First
- B.A. (English Honours) Ravenshaw College, Utkal University, 1975, First Class, Rank in the University – First

Awards and Scholarships (Graduate and Postgraduate Level)

- Government of India Scholarship for Study Abroad, 1982-86
- Radhakrishnan Memorial Bequest, University of Oxford, 1987, 1988
- University Gold Medal for topping the list in the M.A. Examination, 1977
- Madhusudan Das Memorial Gold Medal, 1975
- Madhusudan Das Memorial Gold Medal, 1974
- Raibahadur Janakinath Bose Prize, 1975, 1977

Honors and Distinctions:

- Editor-in-chief, *margAsia: Journal of the Centre for Asian Studies, Bhubaneswar since 2013*
- Editor-in-Chief *Sahitya*, online journal of the Comparative Literature Association of India since 2019
- Invited as an attending speaker to Tata Steel Literature Festival (2016, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Invited by the Odia Society, Malaysia as a guest of honor in March 2019
- Guest Editor, Ravenshaw Journal of Literary and Cultural Studies (Special Issue on Translation), 2017
- Invited to participate in the India Today Conclave held at Bhubaneswar in October 2017
- Member of the literary delegation sent by Sahitya Akademi to Israel, November, 2017
- National Broadcast on illustrated palm leaves, 2011
- National broadcast on Fakir Mohan Senapati under the 'Modern Indian Author Series', 9 February 2010.
- Hutch-Crossword Indian Fiction Translation Award, 2004
- Consultant (Report writing), ILO Report on Most Vulnerable Tribes in Orissa, 2003
- KATHA Translation Award, 1997

And many more

Member of Committees and Boards

- Chancellor's Nominee for Academic Council, Rama Devi University, 2020-23
- Member, Academic Council, Utkal University of Culture, 2020-23
- Member, Executive Council, Ravenshaw University, 2018-2020
- Member, Selection Committee for the Appointment of Professor of English, Delhi University
- Member, Board of Governors, English Language Teaching Institute, Bhubaneswar, 2016-2019
- Member, Board of Editors, *Through the Prism of Time: Odisha and its Three Raj Bhavans*, 2016
- Nominated to the Academic Council, Ravenshaw University by the Chancellor (2018-20)
- Member, Academic Council, Central University of Orissa, Koraput
- UGC- appointed Advisor, SAP-DRS program, University of Tezpur, Assam
- Member, Raja Rammohun Ray Library Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, 2013-16
- Member, Advisory Board, Dhaka Translation Centre, University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh
- Member of the Expert Committee appointed by Government of Odisha for Classical Status of Odia, 2013
- Reviewer of manuscripts and book proposals, Sahitya Akademi, National Book Trust, India, Oxford University Press, India
- Member, Language Advisory Committee (Odia), Jnanapitha Award, 2012-13
- Expert Member, Tagore One hundred and Fifty Years Commemoration Committee, Government of India (Eastern Zone) 2010-2012

- Member of the Jury for the Sahitya Akademi Translation Award (Oriya), 2006, 2010
- Senior Adviser, Pilot Project on 'Hidden Grammars of Transculturality: Migrations of Encyclopedic Knowledge and Power', University of Heidelberg, Germany, 2008-2010
- Member, UGC Expert Committee for Inter-University Centre for Comparative Literature, 9 February 2007
- Member, Central Board of Film Certification (Orissa), 2001-2003
- Life Member, Oxford and Cambridge Society of India since 1990
- Life Member, Merton College Society since 1989

And many more

Prof. Nayak is the Co-Author and Co-Editor of various books and he translated many Odia books into English language. Prof. Nayak published several papers in national/international journals and conferences and supervised around 12 PhD students.