

Upon cordial invitations from the students and staff led by the HOD Dr. Soren of Education department, our esteemed Principal graced the farewell ceremony on 12/03/2026 as chief guest organized to bid adieu to the final year UG students. While inaugurating the ceremony by lighting the lamp, he found that the idols of Lord Jagannath and Lord Balabhadra were interchanged while placing them and regretted the lack of focus among the organizing students. He therefore emphasized the need for increasing the keenness of observation and of the power of analysis in every student. After the trinity were properly placed, he performed the puja which marked the Inauguration.

In his short speech to the students, he analyzed the true meaning of education as a means to attainment of perfection, beyond certificates, degrees and rote learning. He stressed on the need to follow established yogic techniques to improve one's memory and sharpen one's intellect, which both are the *sine qua non* for success in any undertaking. He exhorted the students to not just confine themselves to book-learning, but also to learn from every source that they come across at any moment in any situation. He said that, this is because, learning never stops, even if formal training through educational institutions may cease. Learning is a lifelong process and it continues life after life till one attains perfection.

This perfection of human life, he said, was what was aspired for in the ancient times by the great saints and sages and was attained, which they called self-realization or God-realization. That is the ultimate goal to be attained. As the one enters the teens, one must start asking fundamental questions like:

Who am I?          Whence am I?          Why am I here?          Whither from here?

Anyone who is not pondering over these questions early in life has not gotten true education and anyone not getting the answers by the end of one's life here has not attained perfection.

Therefore, we must understand this and strive to attain true knowledge and get truly educated.

May you all attain the goal of true education!