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Central University of Punjab celebrated International Mother Language Day

21st February 2020, Bathinda: To spread awareness about linguistic, cultural diversity, and multilingualism Central University of Punjab Bathinda (CUPB) celebrated International Mother Language Day (Matrihasha Diwas) on 21st February 2020 with assorted and exciting flavours. On this occasion, CUPB organised a special programme under the patronage of honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof R.K. Kohli. The objective of this programme is to celebrate the multilingual heritage reflecting the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat". CUPB conducted this programme under "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" and as a part of University's 11th Foundation Day Celebrations. Prof P. Ramarao, Dean Academic Affairs presided over this event. More than 250 students participated in this programme and witnessed the linguistic richness and diversity of India through artistic performances of university students in 16 Indian languages.

In the beginning, Prof Alpna Saini welcomed the participants and introduced the programme theme. Prof Alpna mentioned that India is a nation with a diverse linguistic culture and we should be proud of our diversity. She added that CUPB represents the diverse linguistic culture of our nation as students from 27 states study here & learn together. Speaking on this occasion, Prof Rao complimented the students for their magnificent performance. He mentioned that UNESCO declared 21st February to be celebrated as the International Mother Language Day in the year 1999 and its objective is to preserve & protect all the native languages spoken in the world. He motivated youngsters to feel proud of our mother tongue and preserve the diverse linguistic heritage of our country.



Prof P Ramarao addressing the gathering (Left) and CUPB students performing Punjabi Folk Song (Right)

During this programme, 18 performances were held in the form of Poems, Songs, Dance, Gazals and Speeches by CUPB students in Punjabi, Garhwali, Haryanvi, Marathi, Bhojpuri, Assamese, Hindi, Dogri, Tamil, Maithili, Rajasthani, Urdu, Malayalam, Oriya, Telugu and Bangla languages.

The programme commenced with the melodious performance of Mr Ashish & Group on Garhwali Song - Bedu Pako Baro Masa. After this, "Rahul & Group", "Rajeev & Group", "Ms Beauty" and "Mr Harsh Vikram" gave a beautiful singing performance in Marathi, Assamese, Maithili and Bhojpuri languages respectively. Ms Nidhi,

Mr Yogesh, and Ms Shikha recited poems in Haryanvi, Hindi and Dogri Languages respectively. Vidya & Group amazed everyone with their performance on Tamil Song – Tamil Thai Valthu.

Ms Harmanjot & Team gave a breathtaking performance on famous Punjabi Song – Main Wari Main Wari Meri Samiye. After this, Ms Parvinder and Mr Hardeep recited famous Punjabi poems. Mr Muzaffar delivered a splendid performance by reciting Urdu Poetry and Kashmiri folk song. Shakshi & Group represented Rajasthan by performing famous Rajasthani Folk Song – Banna Re Baga main jhula jhule.



CUPB students performing Folk Dance on Telugu Song (Left) and Students singing Malayalam Song (Right)

On this occasion, participants also enjoyed an impressive performance of Rahul & Group on Malayalam Song – Illumulum Mele. Mankanta & Group represented the Telugu culture with the admirable singing performance on Telugu Song - Maa Telugu Telliki. Towards the end, students from Orissa and West Bengal gave majestic performances on Odiya Song - "Odisha Mo Odisha", and Bangla Song - "Ami Bangla Gaan Gai" respectively.

Student anchors Prabhjapan, Arushi and Yogesh conducted the stage beautifully. Dr Rajinder Kumar on behalf of the organising committee thanked participants for making this event a big success.