

Annual Report (2016-17)



Rama Devi Women's University
Bhubaneswar

Empowering Women - Redefining Possibilities



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Hon'ble Governor of Odisha & Chancellor**



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From Vice Chancellor's Desk

“ There can not be educated people without educated women. If general education has to be limited to men or women , the opportunity should be given to women. From them it continuously and surely be passed to the next generation.”

(Dr.S. Radhakrishnan, 1948)

The First ever Women's University in Odisha, Rama Devi Women's University was born on the auspicious day of 30th May, 2015. The erstwhile Rama Devi Women's (autonomous) college was upgraded to this Women's University carrying its rich legacy of last glorious 50 years. Not only that, 47 women's degree colleges of 9 districts of Odisha are also affiliated to the University. The University campus itself is offering its own M.Phil, P.G. and U.G. courses.

Like its unique composition, the University also intends to be an unique institution of higher education in its ethos and character. The ideals of Maa Rama Devi guide us in our maiden endeavour to provide accessible quality education to aspiring women from all strata of the society. We realize that education without social responsibility and knowledge without skill result in lower learning outcomes! Education is the best vehicle to transmit values to the youth and we strive to inculcate a spirit of social responsibility among the young students. Empowerment and holistic personality development of our young women students is our goal.

As an infant University, we have had our own share of teething troubles too. As an affiliating University, the academic responsibilities are huge where as the constraints are numerous. Acute shortage of teaching and non teaching staff and class rooms and laboratories have stared at us every day in every step. However, the staff of the University have faced all the challenges , crossed the hurdles with the best of their ability and sincere effort. Now, we have the first Academic Council, the Senate and the Syndicate in place and functioning in full swing. Examinations are successfully conducted for the University and the affiliating colleges. For academic betterment, our own research journal is published, National Seminars are conducted, invited talks by eminent speakers are arranged and many more ... Our NCC, NSS, Youth Red Cross and Self Defense programs are noteworthy.

I am happy that the first Annual Report for the University is coming out which humbly records our endeavours and achievements so far. We promise that our baby steps will be firmer and stronger in coming years while continuously moving into the future in a changing world.

Padmaja Mishra
(Vice Chancellor)

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Introduction

A milestone was set in the path of Women's education of the state with the pioneering endeavour by the Government of Odisha on 31.05.2015 to establish the first Women's University of the State named **Rama Devi Women's University** to facilitate better accessibility to quality Higher Education, skill, Research and extend a fillip to holistic development of women. The University was born carrying the rich legacy of erstwhile Rama Devi Women's (Autonomous) College and 47 Women's Colleges covering nine districts (Khordha, Nayagarh, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Jajpur, Anugul, Dhenkanal and Cuttack) across the State which were earlier under the jurisdiction of Utkal University were clubbed to it.

The frame of the new University caters to the need of Higher Education of about 25,000 girl students in various subjects of Arts, Science and Commerce streams. Further, the parent campus of the University has twenty two(22) Under Graduate and ten(10) Post Graduate teaching departments, with a strength of about three thousand (3,000) students, not only from the remote corners of the State, but also from the neighbouring States. This is the most preferred institution in the eastern part of India, where girls are equipped with knowledge, skill, confidence and motivation, for their all-round development.

The University was recognised by UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act 1956 vide letter No. F-9-3/2015(CPP-1/PU) dated 11.05.2016 and became a member of Association of Universities (AIU) w.e.f 11.05.2016.

The University is named after **Maa Rama Devi**, the legendary leader, freedom fighter & ardent follower of Mahatma Gandhi. On the auspicious Birth anniversary of Maa Rama Devi i.e. on 3rd December 2015, the University was inaugurated by the **Honourable Chief Minister of Odisha, Sri Naveen Pattnaik**. The Birth anniversary of Maa Rama Devi i.e. 3rd December is observed as the **University Foundation Day**.

The University has framed its own **Mission, Vision and Emblem** for its distinct identity and goal orientation.

Mission of the University

- To provide accessible quality higher education for holistic development of women.
- To create an environment for empowerment of women.
- To strengthen visibility voice and representation of women in all fields.
- To expand participation of women in community growth and Nation building.

Vision of the University

- To develop the University into a Centre of Excellence in Higher Education through promotion of quality teaching and research.
- To provide opportunities to women through training in professional skills leading to gainful employment.
- To foster leadership qualities with social responsibilities.
- To build a world class University to meet global challenges.



The Emblem

The emblem of the University has a multifoliolate lotus encircled by the sun, diffusing its rays, has a deep spiritual significance. The lotus stands for purity, love and beauty. In the esoteric tradition, it stands for the inner consciousness. The sixteen petals signify the sixteen mystical totems viz., Prana, Sradha, Akasha, Vayu, Jyoti, Apah, Prithvi, Indriya, manas, Annam, Veeryam, Tapas, Mantra, karma, Loka and Nama, as described in the Prashna Upanisad. The Sun represents the cosmic light and wisdom. The relation between the lotus and the Sun signifies the inseparable relation between the individual consciousness and the cosmic consciousness, the fountainhead of all light and wisdom. The unfolding of the petals of the lotus symbolizes the awakening of the inner self and the urge of the individual to attain the cosmic light through the eternal life values such as Love, Purity & Knowledge.

सा विद्या या विमुक्तये - Knowledge leads to liberation (Visnu Purana 1.19.91)

University Administration

The new University structured its administrative setup with the appointment of Prof. Padmaja Mishra, Prof. of Economics, Utkal University as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) on 31.05.2015 by the department of Higher Education Govt. of Odisha, who subsequently joined as the first Vice Chancellor of the University on 26.04.2016.

The next ladder was formed with the appointment of the **Registrar**, the Chairperson P.G Council (CPGC), the Comptroller of Finance (COF), the Controller of Examination (COE) and the Director College Development Council (CDC) by the Vice Chancellor. The University started its journey with the deployment of the existing staff (**Teaching & Non-teaching**) of the erstwhile R.D. Women's (Auto) College to the University.

The University has constituted its statutory bodies as per OUA, 1989 and OUF, 1990 such as **the Senate, the Syndicate and the Academic Council**. Other committees such as **Finance Committee, Examination Committee, UGC Committee, IQAC (Internal Quality Assessment Cell)** etc. were formed to advise and take decision regarding different activities of the University.

Academic Programmes of the University

The University offers different programmes as follows from the session 2015-16.

Under Graduate Courses in the Teaching departments of the University

Sl. No	Courses	Students Strength
1.	Bio Technology(Self Financing)	32
2.	Botany	24
3.	Chemistry	16
4.	Computer Science(Self Financing)	32
5.	Mathematics	Arts(32), Science (16)
6.	Physics	16
7.	Zoology	24
8.	Statistics	Arts(16), Science (16)
9.	English	48
10.	Economics	48
11.	Hindi	32
12.	Home. Sc.	32
13.	History	48
14.	Odia	48
15.	Philosophy	32
16.	Political Science	64
17.	Psychology	32
18.	Sanskrit	48
19.	Sociology	32
20.	Commerce	192
21.	Music	16 (Elective)
22.	N.C.C	32 (Elective)

Post Graduate Courses in the Teaching departments of the University

Sl. No	P.G Courses	Students Strength
1.	Bio Technology(Self Financing)	16
2.	Computer Science(Self Financing)	16
3.	Commerce	32
4.	Economics	32
5.	English	32
6.	Gender Studies	32
7.	Hindi	40
8.	Home Science	32
9.	Life Science	16
10.	Odia	32

M.Phil. Course offered by the University

Sl. No.	Courses	Student Strength
01	Home Science	12

To widen the academic fabric of the university, five (05) new M.Phil courses will be offered in the following popular subjects from the Academic session 2017-18 as approved by P.G Council of the University.

Proposed New M.Phil Courses:

Sl. No	Subjects	Sanctioned Strength
1.	Hindi	08
2.	Odia	08
3.	English	08
4.	Economics	08
5.	Commerce	08
6.	Life Science	05

The University has 47 Women's colleges of nine districts of Odisha which were earlier under the jurisdiction of Utkal University affiliated to it.

List of affiliated Colleges:

District	Serial No.	Name of the College
Angul	1.	Angul Mahila(Degree) Mahavidyalaya
	2.	Silpanchala Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Talcher
Cuttack	1.	Ballavi Devi Mahila Mahavidyalay, Cuttack
	2.	Biren Mitra Memorial Women's College, Thoria Sahi
	3.	Emarti Devi Women's College, Nayasarak
	4.	Gopabandhu Women's Degree College, Athgarh
	5.	Indira Gandhi Women's College, Shelter Chhaka
	6.	Japakuda Women's College, Japakuda
	7.	Kusum Devi Satsang Women's College, Darghapatna
	8.	Mahanadi Vihar Women's College, Mahanadi Vihar
	9.	Mahanga Women's College, Pallisahi, Mahanga
	10.	Rani Suka Dei Mahila (Degree) Mahavidyalaya , Banki
	11.	Sailabala Women's (Degree)College
Dhenkanal	1.	Bhuban Women's (Degree) College, Bhuban
	2.	Dhenkanal Mahila Mahavidyalaya
	3.	Women's College(Degree)Kamakhyanagar
Jagatsinghpur	1.	Balikuda Women's (Degree) College, Balikuda
	2.	Gadibrahma Women's (Degree) College, Kaduapada

District	Serial No.	Name of the College
Jajpur	1.	Anchalika Baldev Jew Women's (Degree) College, Alakunda
	2.	Biraja Women's College, Jajpur
	3.	Dharmasala Mahila (Degree) Mahavidyalaya, Dharmasala
	4.	Indira Gandhi Mahila (Degree) Mahavidyalaya, Jajpur Road
	5.	Janaki Madhusudan Women's (Degree) College, Mandhatapatna
	6.	Kadambini Pal Women's (Degree) College, Rajatota
	7.	Rambagh Women's Degree College, Dasarathpur
	8.	Mangalpur Women's (Degree) College, Mangalpur
Kendrapada	1.	Chitrotpala Women's (Degree) College, Korua
	2.	Derabish Degree Mahavidyalaya
	3.	Korua Women's Degree College, Korua
	4.	Pattamundai Women's (Degree) College, Pattamundai
	5.	Tulasi Women's (Degree) College
Khurda	1.	City Women's (Degree) College, Siripur, Bhubaneswar
	2.	Kamala Nehru Women's (Degree) College, Bhubaneswar
	3.	Maharshi Women's (Degree) College, Bhubaneswar
	4.	S.B.D. Mahila Degree Mahavidyalaya, Kantia
	5.	Sri Satya Sai (Degree) College for Women, Pokhariput, BBSR
	6.	Women's Degree College, Khurda
Nayagarh	1.	Krushnapriya Devi Women's (Degree) College, Daspalla
	2.	Maa Maninaga Durga Mahila (Degree) Mahavidyalaya, Ranapur
	3.	Nayagarh Praja Mandal Mahila (Degree) Mahavidyalaya
	4.	Women's (Degree) College, Khandapara
Puri	1.	Government Women's College, Puri
	2.	Indira Gandhi Women's Degree Mahavidyalaya, Nimapara
	3.	Kasturba Gandhi (Degree) Women's College
	4.	Konark Women's (Degree) College, Sarada
	5.	Netrananda Sahoo Women's College, Kakatpur
	6.	Nigamananda Mahila Degree Mahavidyalaya

ACTIVITIES 2015-16

First University Foundation Day(03.12.2015)

The first foundation day of the university was celebrated on the 116th birth anniversary of Maa Rama Devi i.e. on 03.12.2015. The day was celebrated with enthusiasm and grandeur. Many developmental activities like University Health Centre - Ayushi, SBI ATM, New Canteen Arnapurna were added to the existing infrastructure to give the university a progressive look.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Sri Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the University as the Chief Guest. Hon'ble M.P Sri Prasanna Patsani, Hon'ble Minister Higher Education, Dr Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy, Hon'ble Minister Tourism & Culture, Dr. Ashok Chandra Panda, Hon'ble MLA Sri Priyadarshi Mishra, Hon'ble Mayor BMC Sri Anant Narayan Jena, Principal Secretary Higher Education Sri G.V.V Sarma graced the function as Guest of Honour. Prof. Padmaja Mishra, the Officer on Special Duty(OSD) had received the guests.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik distributing Certificates of self-defence to the visually challenged students of the University on the First Foundation Day.

Principals' Conference

The University extended itself beyond the Campus to streamline the operations of the academics of its affiliated Colleges. It has conducted principals' conferences from time to time to have a participatory approach to the Course Curriculum, Examination System, Affiliation, Registration etc. of the University for better group accomplishments.

- In the first year , to discuss about the affiliation matters, a meeting was organised on 30.09.2015 by inviting the Principals and Teachers of affiliated colleges in the University.
- To create awareness about the Choice Based Credit System(CBCS) pattern, another meeting was organised on 29.04.2016. The Principals and Teachers of the affiliated colleges were informed in detail about the CBCS pattern , structure of syllabus, examination system etc in the meeting.

- **Choice Based Credit system (CBCS)**

To expand the horizon of knowledge beyond the contours of the streams & to enable students to have flexible learning structured modules, CBCS system was implemented in the U.G and P.G courses offered by the R. D. W. U in its own campus form the academic session 2015-2016.

Seminars & Conferences

For amplification of knowledge and assemblage for sharing of thoughts, the Teaching departments of the University organised seminars/conferences/workshops/symposiums.

- 1) The Department of Bio-technology had invited Dr. J. Dandpat, Prof. and Head of the department of Bio-technology, Utkal University for a deliberation on '**Immune System**' on 03.08.2015.
- 2) The Department of Bio-technology had an oration on '**Plant Tissue Culture**' by Dr. Sanghamitra Samantray, the Principal scientist, National Rice Research Institute (NRRRI) Cuttack on 20.02.2016.
- 3) The Department of Home Science had familiarised the students on the topic '**Gender in the new millennium**' by inviting Prof. Dr. Nabanita Rath, Head of the Department Sociology, Utkal University on 13.03.2016.
- 4) The Department of Economics had arranged a seminar on '**Jan Dhan Yojana**' by inviting Prof. Dr. Sudhakar Panda, Retd. Prof. in Economics, Utkal University and member, Finance Commission of Odisha on 17.02.2016.
- 5) To be in the flow of celebration on Shakespere worldwide, the Department of English had organised a seminar on '**Know Your Shakespere**' by inviting Prof. Sarat Chandra Satpathy, Retd. Prof. in English, Utkal University.



- 6) The Department of Botany had organised a seminar on 'Bio-diversity' by inviting Dr. Hattanath Subudhi, Principal scientist, National Rice Research Institute (NRRI) Cuttack in the month of February 2015.
- 7) A seminar by the Dept. of Philosophy under sponsorship of I.C.P.R was organised on 27.11.15 in which Prof. Dr. Gauranga Charan Nayak, former Vice Chancellor of Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri had delivered a talk on 'The Karma yoga and Janna yoga of the Gita'.
- 8) On 14.01.16, another Seminar was also organised by the dept. of Philosophy under the sponsorship of I.C.P.R in which Prof. Ganesh Prasad Das Retd, Prof. and Head of P.G Dept. of Philosophy Utkal University had delivered a talk on 'Ethics, Meta-ethics and practical ethics'.

Induction programme for the freshers

The first induction programme of the University was organised on 06.08.2015 to welcome the students into both U.G and P.G courses and to inform them regarding the Academic Programmes, Curricular and Extra-curricular facilities, Examination system, Library and other facilities offered to them in the campus.

The Career Counselling & Placement Cell

The university focussed its attention on grooming the students by counselling them to build up a career path. The Career Counselling & Placement Cell of University functions with the objectives to conduct various career oriented seminars, workshops and pre-placement training for the students to sharpen their skills and to organise campus recruitment Programmes.

Campus Recruitment

Name of the Company	No. of Students Selected	Position
TCS	30	Business service provider
Forms dot star	12	Business Financial Analysist
Afixi-Tech Pvt. Ltd	08	Content writer
Wipro	25	Customer relations executives

Developmental Activities

Besides steering the Academic and Non-academic activities the University modelled various activities to be excellent of its kind in the educational map of the state.

The University Health Centre- Ayushi

The Health Centre of the University 'Ayushi' was opened in the campus to provide doctor's consultancy services freely to the students and staff, more particularly to the boarders. The Health Centre is providing the doctor's consultancy services on every Thursday from 03.00P.M to 5.00 P.M.

SBI ATM

To provide the students the benefit of Any Time Money without the Hassel of transacting in a bank, an ATM of SBI was installed inside the University campus, which was inaugurated on 3rd Dec 2015 by the Hon'ble Minister Higher Education, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy.



New Canteen - Annapurna

A new building for the canteen of the University named 'Annapurna' was inaugurated by Hon'ble M.P Sri Prasanna Patsani on 3rd December 2015 which provides safe & healthy food at reasonable rate to the students and staff of the University.



University Website

The University Website (www.rdwuniversity.nic.in) was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister Higher Education, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy in the presence of Hon'ble M. P. Sri Prasanna Patsani, and Hon'ble Minister, Tourism & Culture, Sri Ashok Chandra Panda.



P. G. Hostel (Anupama)

To accommodate meritorious girl students from across the state of Odisha and also from neighbouring states, a new hostel named 'Anupama' meant exclusively for Post-Graduate students was inaugurated by the OSD of the University Prof.(Dr.) Padmaja Mishra in the presence of the CPGC Dr. Bani Sengupta & The registrar Smt. Chitragada Samantsinghar.



Digitalisation of the University

In tune with the demand of changing time, steps were taken towards modernising the admission process of the University. E-admission process was implemented for comfortable access of students from far and near, from the academic session 2015-16.

Other Extra-curricular Activities

To strengthen and integrate humanitarian values among the students of the University named after the 'icon of social service' Maa Rama Devi rightful steps are taken to enhance the 'social service quotient' of the students. NCC, YRC, NSS & Ranger units of the University also train the students with discipline, dedication & commitment to work for the society.

Youth Red Cross (YRC)

Youth Red Cross is the most vibrant unit of the University working for humanitarian services. It aims at training the young volunteers in Fire Safety, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, Health Awareness and Blood Donation.

Besides organising various other awareness programmes, the Youth Red Cross Unit of the University had organised a four days zonal level study cum training camp in the month of Feb-2016 which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and the Chancellor of University Dr. S. C. Jamir, Hon'ble Minister Higher Education Sri Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy graced the inaugural session as Guest of Honour. About 250 students from the central zone of the State participated in the camp. They

were trained with basic life saving skills such as first-aid, disaster preparedness, first medical responder, fire safety etc.



National Cadet Corps:



The N.C.C unit of Rama Devi Women's University has been outshining in various fields. The motto of NCC is unity and discipline. Living up to its motto, NCC strives to be one of the greatest cohesive forces of the nation, uniting the youth hailing from across the country and moulding them into secular and disciplined citizens of the nation. The University offers NCC as an elective subject introduced by U.G.C as a pilot project with students strength of 32.

NCC Achievements

- i. SOU Satabdi Roy received Rakshya Mantri Padak from Hon'ble Defence Minister Manohar Parikar in New Delhi for her outstanding performance as a cadet.
- ii. SUO Priyanka Mishra received DG Commendation Card from Col. Asit Ranjan.
- iii. JUO Ghanishtha Prusty received medal for 2nd All India Best Cadet and Line Area Trophy, New Delhi (2016).



SOU Satabdi Roy receiving Rakshya Mantri Padak

Rangers' activities for the session (2015-16)

- i. A campus cleaning programme was organised by the Rangers Unit on 21st July as part of the observance of Maa Rama Devi's death anniversary.
- ii. A plantation programme was organised by the Rangers Unit on 24.08. 2015 in the premises of the Anupama Hostel as a part of the inauguration of the Anupama Hostel.
- iii. The students of the Rangers Unit rendered service as volunteers in the First Foundation Day of the University on 3rd December 2015.



Self Defence Training



The University provides self-defence training to all girl students of U.G and P.G Courses to make them mentally and physically alert and to skill them to face any adverse situation with confidence. As a noble endeavour the University has also trained its visually challenged students with self-defence skill for 15 days during November 2015, which has helped them to be more confident and self-reliant.

Other Programmes

Several programmes were organised in the University to create awareness among students and motivate them to be good human being, which are as follows:

- i. The **Sraddha Divas** of Maa Rama Devi was observed on 22.07.2015 in the University. A Blood donation camp was organised on this occasion in which 65 units of blood were collected. The volunteers of NSS, NCC, YRC and Ranger units of the University participated in the plantation programme organised on the occasion. A Campus Cleaning programme was also organised involving the volunteers of NSS, NCC, YRC and Rangers Units.



ii. A programme on **Mind Education** was organised on 13.11.2015 in collaboration with "International Institute of Mind Education".

iii. A film show "**I am Kalam**" directed by eminent director of Odisha, Padmashree Nila Madhav Panda was organised in the University Auditorium on 14th November 2015.



Mind Education programme organised on 13.11.15

iv. An awareness programme on "**Road Safety and Traffic Rules**" was organised on 17.02.2016 and **Learners Driving Licenses** were distributed to more than 200 students of the university.



v. A motivational programme on '**Humanity & character building of youth**' was organised in collaboration with Divine Life Society, Odisha Branch on 04.12.2015 in which Puri Gajapati Maharaj Shri Dibya Singh Dev joined as Chief Guest and motivated the students to achieve academic success alongwith a strong character.

Students' Union Election:

To acclimatise students with democratic way of functioning and to create responsible citizens for the country, students' union election was conducted on 14.10.2015 for the session 2015-16 as per the guidelines of Lyngdoh commission and rules set by the Government.

Annual function of students' union

The annual function of students' union for the session 2015-16 was held on 09.02.2016 and Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy graced the function as Chief Guest. Sri Jagadananda, former commissioner, information commission Odisha graced the celebration as chief speaker, Dr. Sanghamitra Mohanty, former Vice-Chancellor, North Odisha University and Sri Ananta Narayan Jena, Hon'ble Mayor, BMC graced the function as Guests of Honour. Prizes and Certificates were distributed to the winners of various competitions such as Essay, Debate and Quiz etc.



Annual Function of Drama Society

The drama society harnesses the cultural talent of the students by organising various cultural competitions. The annual function of Drama Society for the session 2015-16 was held on 10.02.2016 and Sri Bijay Mohanty, veteran Cine Artist graced the function as Chief Guest. Sri Tatwa Prakash Satpathy, eminent comedian, Ms Nazia Alam, eminent vocalist and Babu Shaan, popular cine artist joined the function as Guests of Honour. On this occasion the winners of cultural competitions were awarded with Prizes and Certificates.

Annual Function of Science Society

The Annual Function of the Science Society was conducted on 30th January 2016 in which Prof. Bijayananda Naik, former Professor and Head, Department of Environmental Science, Fakir Mohan University, Balasore joined as the Chief Guest and delivered a talk on "Technological Approaches for Urban Solid Waste Management".

International Women's Day

The University observed the International Women's Day on 8th March 2016. Padmashree Prof. Priyambada Mohanty Hejmadi, eminent scientist and former Vice-Chancellor of Sambalpur University graced the function as Chief Guest. Ms Aruna Mohanty, Odisi dancer, Dr. Sarojini Sarangi, eminent writer & Ms Iti Samanta, editor of Kadambini joined as Guests of Honour. The OSD, Prof. (Dr.) Padmaja Mishra Presided over the meeting



Activities 2016-17

The University being firm in its mission & vision stepped into the 2nd year with new vigour and enthusiasm. In the beginning of the new session, admission of new students into both UG & PG courses were taken up efficiently and the campus became vibrant with the entry of freshers.

Induction programme for freshers

For acclimatising the new students with the system and culture of the university induction programme was conducted on 19.08.2016. Amid the vice chancellor and the team of faculty members the freshers were welcomed and inspired to take off the university to greater height.

Second University Foundation Day(03.12.2016)

The Second Foundation day of the university was observed on 03.12.2016 by inviting eminent women leaders of the state. Padmashree Tulasi Munda, eminent social activist graced the function as chief guest & eminent academician as well as writer Smt. Manorama Mohapatra graced the function as chief speaker.



Lighting of the auspicious lamp by Padmashree Tulasi Munda, the Chief Guest, Smt. Manorama Mohapatra, the Chief Speaker and Prof.(Dr.) Padmaja Mishra, the Vice-Chancellor.



Padmashree Tulasi Munda graced the function as the Chief Guest, Smt. Manorama Mohapatra, as the Chief Speaker and Prof(Dr.) Padmaja Mishra, the Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting of the 2nd Foundation Day of the University.

RDWU Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities

Besides teaching, steps were taken to streamline and strengthen the research activities by each and every PG Department. As a naive endeavour a Journal named "RDWU Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities" Vol. I, Number I, December 2016 was published by the University and it was released by Padmashree Tulasi Munda on the 2nd Foundation Day of the University i.e. on 03.12.2016.

CBCS for the Session 2016-2017

To enhance the quality of education and provide standardised education to all the students under the university CBCS was also introduced in the 47 affiliated Women's Colleges from the academic session 2016-2017.

To discuss about matters relating to affiliation and CBCS pattern of study, a Principals' Conference was organised on Dt. 27.08.2016 inviting the Principals and Teachers of the affiliated colleges.



RDWU Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities being released on the 2nd Foundation Day of the University

Seminars and Conferences

To update the students' knowledge on various fields and exposing them to latest trends of research, eminent personalities were invited by different departments and seminars/conferences/symposiums were conducted.

- 1) The Department of Philosophy of the University had organised a one day symposium on "Gopyaru Agopya" on 05-02-2017 in collaboration with Jigyansa- an intellectual forum. The author of the book Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy inaugurated the Symposium.



- 2) National Science Day was observed by the science society on 28.02.2017 and a seminar on the topic "Science and Technology for specially abled Persons" was arranged Dr. Shruti Mohapatra, Eminent Social Activist and Chief Executive of Swabhiman graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

- 3) The 49th Annual Economics Conference was organised by the Department of Economics in collaboration with Orissa Economics Association on 11-02-2017 & 12-02-2017 in the University. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and the Chancellor of the University Dr. S.C. Jamir.



Felicitation to Prof. Baidyanath Mishra the founder secretary of OEA by the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha



Release of the souvenir by the Hon'ble Governor on the occasion of 49th annual conference of Orissa Economics Association

- 4) The Department of Odia had organised a one day National Seminar on 08-03-2017 on "Feminism in Odia Literature" in collaboration with Kendra Sahitya Academy on the occasion of the International Women's Day.



Prof. Padmaja Mishra the Vice-Chancellor along with Smt. Jharana Das, Cine Artist, Sri. Goura Hari Dash, Eminent Writer, Sri. Goutam Pal, Jt. Secy. Kendra Sahitya Academy, Kolkata

- 5) The Department of Gender Studies had organised a one day panel discussion on "Does she know, she can inherit land" on 11-03-2017 in collaboration with Landesa- an International NGO, working for women's land rights.
- 6) The Science Society of the University had organised a one day panel discussion on "Women in Science" on 15-03-2017 in collaboration with Odisha Bigyan Academy. The programme was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Minister Higher Education, Science & Technology Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy**.
- 7) A seminar was organised by the Department of Economics on 20.10.2016 in which Prof. Prashant Patnaik, Prof. California University delivered a talk on "Poverty and deprivation". Prof Patnaik threw light on mathematical estimation of "poverty and deprivation" and encouraged students to undertake research with collection of primary data.
- 9) The Department of English had arranged a seminar on 'Political Leadership and Gender Roles' by inviting Prof. G. Oty Agbajoh Laoye, Prof. University of New-Jersey on 19.01.2017 in which the students and staff members participated actively.



Prof. Prashant Patnaik,
Prof. California University



Prof. G. Oty Agbajoh Laoye with the Students

Campus Recruitment

The Career Counselling and Placement Cell of the University organises programmes for harnessing the skills of the students and to prepare them for the competitive job market. It also organises Campus Recruitment drive for the final year students keeping in liaison with many reputed companies. In the academic session 2016-17, the following companies have visited the University Campus and selected students for various positions.

Name of the Company	No. of Students Selected	Position
TCS	32	Business service provider
Forms dot star	15	Business Financial Analysist
Cognizant	38	Customer Relations Executives

The Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha has sanctioned and released **Rs. 12.5 lakh (Rupees Twelve lakh fifty thousand only)** for the purpose of organising Career Counselling Training and Placement drives in the University for the benefit of the students.

For promoting **Entrepreneurial Ability and Aptitude** among students, two awareness programmes were organised in collaboration with **Odisha Small Industries Corporation Ltd (OSIC Ltd)** on 04-07-2016 and 17-12-2016. On 4th July 2016 Smt. Geeta Mohanty, woman

entrepreneur of Emami group and Director Utkal Chamber of Commerce interacted with the students and encouraged them to be entrepreneurs. On 17th December 2016 the M.D OSIC made a presentation on 'Role of women in Entrepreneurship Development' and encouraged students to be inovative. A young women entrepreneur Miss S. Sabat of Sabat group of Industries interacted with the students and inspired them to take up entrepreneurial ventures & be self-reliant.

Developmental Activities

Wi-Fi:

To enable the students to access internet facility for academic and research purpose, Wi-Fi was implemented in the University Campus from May 2016.

Digitalisation Process

The National Informatics Centre(NIC) was assigned with the task of digitalisation of the admission process of the University and development of the University Website.

For maintaining transparency, timely publication of results & enhancing efficiency in the **examination system** the process of **digitalisation of examination** is in progress. All the 47 colleges of the University have been allotted space in the dynamic portal of the University through which their examination data is captured.

CCTV Installation in the campus

For safety & security of the students & staff, CCTV cameras were installed at strategic locations of the University.

Infrastructure Development

1. One 400 seated hostel has already been constructed and is ready for accommodation of students from the next academic session.
2. A 50 seated hostel for students with disability has already been completed and the Department of Social Welfare and Disability, Govt. of Odisha has sanctioned **Rs.6 lakh** for furnishing of the hostel.
3. Government has also sanctioned one more 400 seated hostel for which the work order has been given to Odisha Bridge Construction Corporation (OBCC) by the Works Department.

Skill Development Programme

As a pioneering initiative, this University in its mission of empowering students, has started a skill based training programme for students in the session 2016-17 in collaboration with the **Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM)** with a target of training 660 students. This programme has been financed by the Dept.of Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha. The students are provided three training courses such as:

- I. Bakery and Chocolate making
- II. Food processing
- III. Beauty & wellness.

EDP (Entrepreneurship Development Programme was compulsory for all the trainees)



The Vice-Chancellor Prof.(Dr) Padamaja Mishra, Sri G.V.V Sharma, Principal Secretary, H.E., Prof. Mukti Kanta Mishra, President CUTM graced the inaugural function of the Skill Development Programme.

Rs.15,00,000/-(rupees fifteen lakh) has been sanctioned by the Higher Education Department, Govt. of Odisha, vide letter no- 31260/ dt.04.11.2016 for the purpose.

Civil Service Coaching Centre



Ms. Yamini Sarangi, Collector, Jagatsinghpur and the Vice-Chancellor Prof.(Dr) Padmaja Mishra in the inaugural ceremony of the coaching centre.

A Civil Service coaching centre for students of all categories was initiated in the Academic session 2016-17 of the University to sensitise and motivate students to appear for Civil Service examination. The centre aims at providing coaching to the students both for the Prelims & Main examination. As per the Govt. order, entrance examination of the Coaching Centre was held on 15th March 2017 in which around 400 students appeared. The coaching for Prelims has started from 27th March 2017 & continued till 31.5.2017 in two batches of 60 students for which Govt. of Odisha has sanctioned funds amounting to **Rs. 16,00,00/-**.

Gender Sensitisation Programme

The University in collaboration with Women and Child Development Department, Govt. of Odisha has taken a noble initiative of **Sensitising students on Gender Issues**. For the purpose, the Women and Child Development Department, Govt. of Odisha has sanctioned and released **Rs. 1,96,400/- (Rupees one lakh ninety six thousand four hundred)** and the University has already provided training to 400 Post graduate students on 06.03.2017, 07.03.2017, 27.03.2017 and 28.03.2017.

Computer Centre & E-learning Lab.



Ms Smtgdha Panigrahi, consultant-gender issues, interacting with the students.



P.G. 2nd Yr. Students participating in Gender Sensitisation training Programme.

The Computer Centre & E-Learning Laboratory of the university is designed to provide 100 per cent Computer Literacy to all the students. Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. Of Odisha has sanctioned **Rupees One Crore** for the establishment of E- Learning cum computer Centre. The Centre is furnished with adequate no. of Computers, Servers, Net Facility, Photocopier, UPS and Inverter etc. for facilitating students to cope with the current digital trend.

The laboratory was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister Higher Education, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy in the presence of the Principal Secretary Higher Education Sri. G.V.V Sarma and the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. (Dr.) Padmaja Mishra on 22.04.2017.



Sports Council

The Sports Council of the University was formed on 23.04.2016 with the appointment of Director Sports Council.

The First Meeting of Working Committee of Sports Council was held on 26.08.2017. The Bye-law and the budget for the session 2015-16 and 2016-17 were passed. There were 08 Inter College tournaments in different games and sport organised in the session 2016-17. The University has also become a member of Association of Indian University (AIU) with effect from 16.05.2016. The University has sent its Kho-Kho team to participate the Inter University East Zone Kho-Kho(w) and Net Ball (w) tournament held at ViswaBharati University (West Bengal) and Swami Ramananda Tirtha Marathwada University, Nanded (Maharashtra) respectively. **Rachna Govil, Executive Director, Sports Authority of India, New Delhi** and **Arjun Awardee** visited our University on 18.03.2017 to encourage students in games and sports activities.



Rachna Govil, Executive Director, Sports Authority of India along with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Padmaja Mishra and The CPGC Dr. Bani Sengupta & Dr. D. S. Sarangi Director Sports Council.



The Kho-Kho team of the University to participate in Inter University Kho-Kho match at Santi Niketan.

Extra-curricular Activities

Youth Red Cross

The Youth Red Cross Unit of the University has organised a blood donation camp, plantation programme in the campus. It has also organised a state level study cum training camp for women volunteers from 28-03-2017 to 30-03-2017. The Camp was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister Higher Education Sri Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and the Chancellor of



University Dr. S.C. Jamir and the first lady of the state madam Almela Jamir. About 200 girl students from across the State participated in the training camp. They were trained with humanitarian values, issues relating to gender disparity, first-aid, fire safety etc.

Achievements of National Cadet Corps (NCC)

- i. Major Dr. Kalpana Das, OIC NCC of the University has received Defence Secretary Commendation Card from Deputy Directorate General N.C.C. Commendation Lalit Kumar Aggarwala.
- ii. SUO Rajalaxmi Baral received Rakshya Mantri Commendation Card from the Honourable Defence Minister Sri. Manohar Parikar for her excellence.



Rajalaxmi Baral receiving the Rakshya Mantri Commendation Card

NSS Activities for the session



- i. A plantation programme was organised by the NSS Unit on 22nd July 2016 in the premises of the Anupama Hostel as part of the observance of Maa Rama Devi's death anniversary.
- ii. A campus cleaning programme was organised by the NSS Unit from 21st July 2016 to 23rd July 2016 as part of the observance of Maa Rama Devi's death anniversary.

Rangers' activities

The volunteers of the Rangers unit of the University had participated in the plantation programme and cleanliness drive inside the campus. They had also participated as volunteers in various functions organised by the University such as: The University Foundation Day, Annual function of Students Union and Drama Society, Annual Sports etc.

Other Programmes

Several programmes were organised in the University to create awareness among students and motivate them to be good human being which are as follows:

- i. On the occasion of observance of the **Sraddha Divas of Maa Rama Devi on 22.07.2016**, a Blood donation camp was organised in the University in which 85 units of blood were collected. The volunteers of NSS, NCC, YRC and Ranger units of the University participated in the plantation programme and Campus Cleaning programme organised in the University. A programme based on devotional songs was also organised on the occasion.



Plantation Programme organised inside the campus



Sri. Subroto Bagchi, Chairman SDA, Odisha interacting with Students

- ii. An awareness programme on **Yoga & Pranayam** was organised by inviting experts from "**Patanjali Yoga Samiti**" on 10.09.2016.
- iii. To motivate students to look at life from a different perspective a programme on "**Live stories from the World of skill**" was organised on 09.11.2016 in which **Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chairman of Skill Development Authority Odisha** joined as the **Chief Guest** and interacted with the students.
- iv. A **free Dental Check-up** camp was organised on 11.11.2016 by **Dr. Abhijata Mishra & her team**.

- v. To create awareness on **Swachha Bharat Mission**, "**Swachha Bharat Pakhwada**" was organised from 01.11.2016 to 15.11.2016 in the University during which the following programmes were organised.

- Essay and Painting competition among students.
- A seminar on "**Swachh Brarat**"
- Cleanliness drive of the University Campus and areas near the Hostel.
- Signature Campaign.
- Talk on cleanliness by the Vice- Chancellor on the topic '**Dimensions of Cleanliness-a Bird's eye view**'
- Mass pledge on "**Swachhata**".



- vi. During the observance of **vigilance awareness week** i.e. from 31.10.2016 to 05.11.2016, mass pledge to stop corruption was taken by the staff members of the University. Essay, debate and painting competitions were organised among students to create awareness.

- vii. An awareness programme on **cashless transaction** was organised on 17.12.2016 to motivate students to be the volunteers for "**Vittiya Sakhyarata**". More than 100 volunteers registered in this mission & spread awareness on cashless transaction among friends & relatives.

- viii. As a part of observance of Birth centenary of the legendary leader **Sri Biju Pattnaik**, a **science exhibition** was organised in the University exam hall on 04.11.2016.



- ix. To commemorate the Birth Centenary of Legendary leader of Odisha, Sri. Biju Pattnaik and to observe 80 years of formation of Odisha State, the University has organised various events such as Essay Completion, Debate Competition, painting Competition. Prizes were distributed to the winners on the occasion of Annual Function of Student's Union.
- x. As a part of observance of Birth centenary of the legendary leader Sri Biju Pattnaik., a **Cycle Rally** was also organised from Cuttack to Puri in which NCC cadets of the University participated.



The Inter college Athletic Meet of Rama Devi Women's University was organized on 22nd & 23rd December 2016. Sri Satyajit Nayak (IPS) joined as the Chief Guest and Ms Valina Valentina, Karate Queen of Odisha joined as Guest of Honour. The meet was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Padmaja Mishra.

Students' Union Election

Students today are the future citizens of the country. To tune them with the democratic process of nation building the Students' Union Election for the academic session 2016-17 was held on 05.10.2016.

Annual function of students' union

The annual function of students' union for the session 2016-17 was held on 09.02.2017 and Sri R. Balakrishnan (IAS), Development Commissioner cum Additional Chief Secretary graced the function as the Chief Guest. Padmashree Guru, Ms. Aruna Mohanty, Eminent Odishi Dancer and Sri K. B. Singh, IPS, D. G Police Odisha graced the function as Guests of Honour. Prizes and Certificates were distributed to the winners of various competitions.



Annual function of Drama Society



The annual function of Drama Society for the session 2016-17 was held on 10.02.2017 and Sri Sambit Acharya, Cine Artist graced the function as the Chief Guest. Sri Prem Anand, Eminent Music Director, and Miss Anubha Sourya, Cine Artist joined the function as Guests of Honour. Prizes and Certificates were distributed to the winners of various cultural competitions.

Annual function of Science Society

The Annual Function of the Science Society of the University was organised on 03.02.2017 in which Prof. Nityananda Swain, Rtd Prof. of Biochemistry, S.C.B medical College joined as the Chief Guest and delivered a talk on "Faith and Health".

Alumni Meet-Silver Jubilee Celebration

The Old Students' Association of the erstwhile Rama Devi Women's College and presently the Rama Devi Women's University was formed in the year 1991. Since its inception the Old Students' Association is engaged in organising various literary, educational and cultural activities among the students inside the campus and also outside the campus. The Association celebrated its Silver Jubilee on 08.01.2017 in which a distinguished alumuni, presently the Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand Smt.



Droupadi Murmu graced the function as the Chief Guest. The session was chaired by prof. Susama Tej, the founder of the association and Prof. (Dr.) Padmaja Mishra, the Vice Chancellor of the University and Ex-Officio President of the Association, joined as the Guest of Honour. Amid hundreds of alumni and students, the function was observed with grandeur and pleasure.

Foundation Stones Laying Ceremony

To Move ahead with its vision to be a Centre of Excellence in the higher education map of Odisha, the university has taken a step further in expansion of its infrastructure.



Foundation stones were laid for an administrative block, an academic building and a new hostel building by the chancellor of the university and the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha Dr. S. C. Jamir.

Inauguration of the Statue of Maa Rama Devi

To pay homage to the Universal Mother, a six feet tall Bronze Statue of Maa Rama Devi was sculpted and installed in the University Campus by the Department of Culture, Govt. of Odisha. The Statue was unveiled by the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and the Chancellor of University Dr. S.C. Jamir on 17-01-2017 in the presence of the Vice chancellor Prof. (Dr.)Padmaja Mishra, the Principal Secretary Higher Education, Sri G.V.V. Sharma and Commissioner cum Secretary, Dept. of Culture Sri Manoranjan Panigrahi.



For a new University there are myriad of challenges and countless moves to gear up .To provide the women aspiring for higher education, a conducive ambience for holistic development and empowerment, while moving ahead with its mission and vision, many stones were turned and it has miles to go in the journey of success...





A Museum of 'Maa Rama Devi' in the University

