

Second Convocation Ceremony at Rama Devi Women's University

On the occasion of Second convocation ceremony the first citizen of India, Ms. Droupadi Murmu, visited Rama Devi Women's University on Feb 10, 2023. Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Union Education



the ceremony. Sasmita Parida from the Computer Science department and Priyadarsini Swain from the Odia department awarded the Ph. D degree. President Murmu started her convocation speech by sharing her university life experiences and became emotional.

Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Odisha education Minister Rohit Pujari and Odisha's culture minister Ashok Panda and Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury Vice Chancellor of Rama Devi Women's University were present in the programme. President awarded degrees to 7,430 students

and 22 of them are endowed gold medals. Odissi dancer Aruna Mohanty in art and culture, an octogenarian poet Purnamasi Jani in literature, former chief scientist of WHO Soumya Swaminathan in science and technology and social activist Sunitha Krishna in women empowerment received honorary doctorate degrees at

During speech at her alma mater she added, "I can still clearly recall my college days when I used to watch a street seller sells spicy peanuts with lemon and chilli for 25 paise. Since I never had enough money to eat in the university canteen I used to buy food from street sellers." She felt proud to be the student of the institution.

The exchange of love and affection

After the end of the Convocation, students waited eagerly to meet President Murmu at the University gate. Along with the students Ankita Das, a 5th class student of Vankateswar English Medium School, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar, wait-



ed to gift an oil painting to President which was painted by her. The President received her gift and appreciated her. It was worth the wait for tiny girl Ankita. Her happiness knew no bounce. She has got precious moment with President Murmu Which she will embrace for the rest of her life.

“Joy of learning is the process of learning”: Roopa Roshan Sahoo

The convocation program commenced with the lighting of the lamp and the welcome address by Smt. Shyamali Mohapatra, the Registrar of the university. Smt. Roopa Roshan Sahoo, IAS, as director, Teacher Education and State Council of Educational Research and Training, Government of Odisha and an alumna of Rama Devi was there as a chief guest and asserted that the joy of learning is the process of learning. Smt. Mohapatra laid stress that the growth and vision of the university rests on the efforts of students and shared her precious student life.

experience being an alumna of this institution. She called upon the students to emulate the spirit of deep listening which is instrumental for students overall growth. The Vice-chancellor of the university, Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury addressed the gathering and stated that the girls are the reservoir of talents. Prof. Chowdhury suggested that students should not over-rely on the technologies all the time. Gold medalists are not the mere

gold medalists rather they are the role models of women empowerment and inclusive development, she added. The Chairperson of PG Council Prof. Chand Charan Rath was present and graced the occasion. Dr. Mamata Mohanty, the Controller of Examinations offered the vote of thanks. The event concluded with the screening of Documentary film on the life of honorable President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu “Rama Devi Ru Raisina” produced by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the university.



For the Sake of Honour

An Octogenarian poet from Khajuripada locality in Kandhamal district, Ms. Purnamasi Jani has never been to a school, but she recites poems in Kui language. She received Padma Shri Award in 2021 for her contribution towards Literature.

Ms. Soumya Swaminathan got Honorary Doctor-



ate Degree in Rama Devi University convocation. Sixty-three years old Ms. Soumya Swaminathan, is a Pediatrician, Head of the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation. She is a globally recognized Researcher on Tuberculosis and HIV.

Ms. Sunita Krishnan received honorary doctorate degree in Rama Devi University convocation. Ms. Sunita is a Social Activist



and Co-founder of Prajwala. Her organisation rescues, rehabilitates and reintegrates sex-trafficked victims into society. She was awarded Padma Shri in the field of social work in 2016.

The Secretary of the Odisha Dance Academy, Ms. Aruna Mohanty is an Odissi Dance Choreographer. She was awarded with the Padma Shri Award in 2017.



Confab

When you heard about the Gold Medal that you would be awarded on the Convocation, what was your feeling? Also what was your experience after coming here?



It was my dream to achieve something by studying hard. One of the major concern is if you go for higher studies like- pursuing masters, then you should do it from a central university, not a state university as people consider it have low value and weightage, Even I as a student had the same concern also I used to feel insecure about the future. But after joining the university, the curriculum, the atmosphere, the co-operation I received definitely played an important role in changing my mindset. Secondly, as I stated previously that I had dreamed to achieve something because the Gold Medal through my hard work, the faculty is my first motivation for this achievement. Moreover, I was definitely very excited but I witnessed the same that too received the award from The President, It was all worth it.

Archana Rath
Hindi Department
2022 batch

What does success mean to you? Please share your feelings on receiving the Gold Medal from the First Citizen of India.



I was really glad when I got to know that I have achieved a Gold Medal and it felt like all my hard work and patience were finally fruitful. As our department was new, our lecturers tried a lot and helped me in my journey by answering my doubts even late at nights. As I recall there was no equipment, but they tried to pitch in their practical knowledge to make us understand the intrinsic details of the subject. This prize isn't my achievement alone, it belongs to all the teachers and my parents who supported me throughout this journey. When I came to the university, it seemed like a lot had changed and it was noticeable. I did my higher secondary here too, and I'm lucky to be a part of RDWU

Debjani Mohapatra
Journalism and Mass
Communication Department
2022 batch

Snippets of Convocation



The Vice-Chancellor extends acordial greeting to the President



A Small Gesture: Hon'ble President felicitating Purnamasi Jani with certificate of honoris causa



The Vice-Chancellor bestows a present to India's first President



Hon'ble President reminisces on her undergraduate days



Hon'ble President, Smt. Droupadi Murmu with Top Achievers



Alumni Association of RDWU felicitated a canvas painting of Maa Rama Devi to Hon'ble President of India



Hon'ble President with honoured guests on dias



Students Gathered at the Auditorium to Meet our Hon'ble President

IPR cell conducts IPR Awareness Programme



A one-day Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness Program was successfully conducted on 17th Feb, 2023 organized by the IPR Cell of Rama Devi Women's University and Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster (BCKIC) Foundation in partnership with the Science and Technology Department, Government of Odisha and Indian Patent Office, Delhi in the Academic Block-1 auditorium. Prof. Chandi Charan Rath, (Chairperson, P.G. Council), RDWU, Ms. Puja Mishra, Joint Secretary, S&T Dept.,

Government of Odisha, Dr. Alok Prasad Das, coordinator IPR Cell RDWU, Ms. Chhavi Garg, Examiner of Patents and Designs, IPO Delhi, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Ms. Smrita Pathak Assistant Manager-IP, BCKIC Foundation (S&T Cluster, an initiative by the O/o PSA, GoI) were the honorable dignitaries program. Ms. Chhavi Garg delivered her talk on "Introduction to IPR and its Importance". The event was concluded with the enthusiastic participation of faculties, Graduate and Postgraduate students along with Ph.D. Scholar.

RDWU celebrates National Science Day

The National Science Day was celebrated at the Old Auditorium, Academic Block-1 of RDWU on February 28, 2023. On this event the Chief Guest, Director of A I I M S , B h u - baneswar, Prof (Dr) Ashutosh B i s w a s stated that, "Science is a blessing to India and Medical Science plays a huge role in our daily lives". The Guest of Honour, Prof. Chandi Charan Rath, CPGC, RDWU said that, "Modern Science helps human society in every possible way and



human society fulfils all their needs by the use of science." The Secretary of Science Society, Dr Debabala Swain, has addressed the meeting and delivered her speech on the importance of Science Day. Along with Prof. Sikha Singh, and Prof. Sasmita Mohanty other faculty members were also present. The winners of essay, debate and Quiz competitions were felicitated with prizes and certificates. Prof. Monalisha Mohanty, Department of Bio Technology delivered the vote of thanks.

*The place where
dream gets wings to fly*



Department of Economics organizes two-day seminar



The Dept. of Economics of RDWU had organized two days of seminar on "Climate Change and Economic Growth". The seminar was about how to supplement, enrich and texture to the academic experience of students. On the first day of the seminar Dr Padmaja Mishra, former Vice Chancellor of RDWU and Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Sahoo, the General Manager of NABARD, Bhubaneswar were invited as chief

guests. Dr. Sarita Supkar, the former CPGC and member of OPSC, Cuttack, Sri Panchanan Kanungo, former Finance Minister of Odisha, Prof. Deepak Kumar Mishra, CSRD of JNU, Prof. Madhusmita Das, former Vice Chancellor of Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Prof. Mrutyunjay Mishra, Prof. of BHU, Dept. of Economics, Prof. Sudhakar Patra, HOD of Dept. of Economics, Berhampur University were also invited for the seminar. The students of Ravenshaw University, Berhampur University and Central University of Odisha were also present in the two days of seminar.

Embrace Equity

International Women's Day aims to celebrate the achievements of women in social, economic and cultural environments across the globe. I personally feel blessed to be around women who have shaped my life including my mom, my wife and my mentor. But this is also an occasion when we recognize the massive challenges they face-social injustice, deprivation to education, violence and workplace discrimination. As a professor working in

a Women's University, I feel fortunate to be around some of the brightest women who have overcome all societal prejudices and stirred forward in creating personal autonomy in their lives. This year's theme emphasizes the need for technology and innovation

for gender equality. We must rise and support a greater role for women in STEM education, digital literacy, technological transmission and governance. Digital development can only provide great opportunity to abolish all forms of disparity and inequality

towards women. Let us care them, encourage them, make them realize their potential and more importantly stand with them in achieving their dreams. Men must realize that women participation is essential for the upheaval of the communities, societies and countries. Only a holistic growth for both men and women alike can make the society a lofty pedestal of heavenly bliss.

Raj Kumar Joshi, PhD
 Assoc. Prof. of Biotechnology
 Rama Devi Women's University



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“Gender equality through innovation and technology”



International Women's Day on 10th March 2023. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on the occasion of International Women's Day emphasised on the importance of gender equality in today's fast-changing world. She said that University is always determined to uphold the flame of gender equality in all respects. On the occasion of International Women's Day celebration students of Rama Devi Women's University performed vibrant performances to showcase the traditions and culture of India.

CAMPUS SPROUTS



Subhasmita Dehuri,
+3 1st yr, Computer
Science

Q: Do you think each department should be provided with one vending machine?

The vending machine will work as an asset for the students when they have paucity of sanitary napkins. It is also need to be repaired because in matter of necessity it will help the girls by providing sanitary napkin to them. Vending machine is also cost-efficient. So, each department of the University should be allocated with one vending machine.



Rajashree Mallick,
+2 2nd yr, Arts

Q: Our University has provided with one vending machine. According to you why is it necessary



Source: HLL Lifecare Limited

VENDIGO Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine is a state of art, two selection fully automated, electronic vending machine with unique features like multiple coin acceptance, price programmable, product customizable and also programmable for new coins etc. These machines also offer off-line electronic data retrieval thus controlling various operation factors thereby ensuring success of vending operations.

for the students?

When students choose to go outside of the campus in case of emergency, the vending machine will help them

out by providing sanitary napkins with minimum amount of cost.



Siprasmita Panda,
PG 2nd yr,
Gender Studies

Q: As a student of Women's University what is your opinion on the uses and necessity of vending machine?

Of Course! The vending machine ought to be repaired. Four thousand girl students have studying in this University, if more than twenty girls will require feminine napkin in a day, then one vending machine will definitely not provide the number of napkins girls need once at a time. So, every department must have provided with one vending machine to consume the students' time and money. It is highly necessary for the sanitation and hygiene for the students of the University.

Workshop on Mobile Filmmaking

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of RDWU organized a two-day of workshop on "Mobile Camera Film-Making" on February 24 and 25, 2023 at Smart Classroom, Academic Building II.

The first day of the workshop commenced with the topic on 'Writing for Cinema' in which Ms. Ahaana Mansai delivered on the practicality to writing for the film. Then, the next session was started by Dr. Ambika Sankar Mishra on the contents "Cinema as an Art and Science",

"Visual Thinking", "Lighting effects" and "Cinematographic Techniques". After recess, the practical session on "One Sec. Film" was handled by Mr. Narsingh Majhi and Dr. Ambika. The practical trainings from the resource persons were ben-

eficial for the participants.

On the second day of the workshop, the resource person was Mr. Ashok Panigrahi, former senior Visual Editor of OTV, Kalinga TV and Dharitri. Mr. Ashok delivered a hands-on training on "Visual Editing". Mr. Ashok discussed and exhibited on various editing softwares. The session was interactive in nature and students could learn mobile filmmaking through mobile. Along with the faculty members, students from both 1st yr and 2nd yr from JMC and History, UG were present.