

The Journey from Rairangpur to Raisina Hills

Droupadi Murmu is an Indian politician who has been serving as the 15th president of India since 25 July 2022. She is the first person belonging to the tribal community and also the second woman after Pratibha Patil to hold the office.

Her journey started, when she was born to a Santali family on 20 June 1958, in Uparbeda village, Rairangpur, Odisha. Her family named her Puti Tudu. She was renamed by her school teacher to Droupadi. Murmu studied elementary education at the local primary school in Uparbeda. At age five, she moved to Bhubaneswar for higher studies. She completed secondary education from Girl's High School Unit-2, and graduated in B.A. from Rama Devi Women's College.

She married Shyam Charan Murmu, a banker, in 1980 with whom she had two sons and a daughter. From 1979 to 1983, Murmu worked as a junior assistant at the irrigation department of the Govt. of Odisha. From 1994 to 1997, she then worked as a teacher at the school Sri Aurobindo Integral Education and Research Centre in Rairangpur.

Droupadi started her political activism in 1997 when she was elected as a parliamentarian for Lairapur Nagar Pancha-

yat. She also served as National Deputy Leader of the BJP Party. She eventually became the first tribal woman to become the Governor of Jharkhand.

She won the 2000 Odisha Legislative Assembly election from Rairangpur Assembly constituency and served two terms in the Odisha Legislative Assembly between 2000 and 2009.

During the BJP and BJD coalition government in Odisha, she was the Minister of State with Independent Charge for Commerce and Transportation from 6 March 2000 to 6 August 2002. She

also served as Minister of State responsible for trade and transportation, fisheries and animal resource development. Apart from that, she was an MLA for four years from 2000 to 2004. After she became an MLA, In 2007 she won the Nirkantha Award for her tremen-

dous work and was also portrayed as Best Party Worker and MLA. Murmu was sworn in as the Governor of Jharkhand on 18



For any academic institution its alumni is the most precious property. We are proud because her excellency, Ms. Draupadi Murmu was a student of this institution. This convocation special edition is dedicated to her and her legacy.

entered the oath of office to Hemant Soren as Chief Minister of Jharkhand in 2019.

In June 2022, the BJP nominated Murmu as the National Democratic Alliance (NDA)'s candidate for President of India for the 2022 election. During her election campaign, Murmu visited various states seeking support for her candidature. Several opposition parties like BJD, YSRCP, JMM, BSP, SS, JD(S) among others had announced support for her candidature prior to polling. On 21 July 2022, Murmu secured a clear majority in the 2022 Presidential election defeating common opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha with 676,803 electoral votes (64.03% of total) in 21 of the 28 states (including in the union territory of Puducherry) to become the 15th President of India.

On 26 July 2022, Murmu took oath as the 15th President of India. She is the first person from India's designated tribal communities to be elected president. She is the youngest and first individual born after India's independence in 1947 to have been elected president.

During her six-year tenure as a governor and was also in power in the Union Government throughout her tenure. She adminis-

Journey of Rama Devi Women's University



Rama Devi Women's University, one of the premier institutes for women in the state of Odisha, was established in 2015. It is the only women's university in the state and eastern India, having unitary status with 48 affiliated colleges across nine coastal of the state. The institute was established to commemorate the spirit of the nationalist icon of the State of Odisha Maa Rama Devi and a role model for young women to emulate. Since establishment it has maintained the quality education, influential research and visionary mission, in service of state and society. This University aspires to be a vital community of academics, researchers, staff, students and alumni working together. The University was recognized by UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act 1956. It has been granted provisional membership of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with effect from 11.5.2016.

Rama Devi Women's University is the stepping stone for fulfilling the dreams of millions of girls in the state of Odisha. The University accommodates the day-to-day teaching, learning, research and administra-

tive activities. In the year 2022, it also added several new buildings that showcase newer and state-of-the-art architecture.

The new infrastructure will transform student experience, providing laboratories for undergraduates, postgraduates and researchers, as well as smart class galleries.

Academics & Learnings:



The relevance of an academic programme lies in its constant evolution to fit in into the current needs of the society. Without academic courses being tailor-made to suit the contemporary changes and address the challenges, they lose their significance. Keeping these aspects in mind, in the year 2022 so far, the academic programmes at Rama Devi Women's University have been designed and developed. Academic progress has been measured in terms of the quality of teaching, development of curriculum, innovative courses, achievement of students and contribution of teachers to teaching, publication and research. Faculty members and students are undergoing

training programmes and getting updated as per latest trends in academic and industry requirements.

Research & Impact:

Research activities have gained special attention at Rama Devi Women's University (RDWU). All Faculties and Centres in RDWU have made significant efforts in order to boost the research out-



put of the University and promote the research culture, which in turn, will contribute to the excellence of the society. The research and innovation have been an integral part of the University's activities and is committed towards building an inclusive, as well as diverse and collaborative research environment, prioritizing quality research and innovation having societal relevance.

In order to facilitate research activities, the University has developed a well drafted Research Policy to guide, encourage, fund, support and monitor core and interdisciplinary as well as multidisciplinary research in emerging socially relevant areas. The University aims to have a research and innovation ecosystem leading to consistency, efficiency, and quality output for the society.

Rama Devi Women's

University aims to fill the minds of students with a determination and undying spirit to achieve milestones in life.

Extra-curricular Activities:

These are essential part of student life. The University welcomes the contributions of student clubs and aims to promote a lively, creative and inclusive range of activities by providing support, resources and guidance for committees to manage their clubs and committee effectively. NCC unit at RDWU



is a vibrant part of the University where cadets learn important values and skills that moulds them into responsible citizens of the Country. These include unity and discipline, camaraderie, leadership, teamwork, social and community service and above all patriotism. Shaping Future With RDWU believes in continuously upgrading its pedagogical techniques, teaching-learning environment, teacher-student dynamics, curriculum and research centers to become a dynamic and emerge as a leading university in the field of women education in Odisha. Students are equally proficient in extra-curricular activities as per the demand with the pace of time.

Glimpses of Alumni Meet 2022@RDWU



Revisiting the Life of Droupadi Murmu

The students of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication along with the faculty members explored the life of the President of India, Droupadi Murmu by visiting Madam's hometown, Mayurbhanj, Rairangpur, Odisha. The students went to Madam's school where she had acquired her primary education and had a conversation with one of her teachers by visiting teacher's home. The students of Dept. of JMC



also visited the school where Madam was the teacher and interacted with her colleagues. They also met the pupils of the school and got to know about their future career plans. Students had a great experience by visiting Madam's close relative's house and listening to the incidents from her personal life where spiritualism and humbleness were the main mantras of living a peaceful life.



Photo Speaks



With lots of Hopes in Eyes

Photograph of young Droupadi Murmu from her adolescent age.

Family Time

Ms. Droupadi Murmu with her family at a special moment.



Spreading Fragrance of Knowledge

Ms. Droupadi Murmu as a teacher With colleagues at Sri Aravind Purnang Shiksha Kendra.



Work is Worship

Ms. Droupadi Murmu busy at work.



Photo Speaks



Signing for Responsibilities

Ms. Droupadi Murmu as the Honourable Governor of Jharkhand.

Moments of Happiness

Ms. Droupadi Murmu in one of yester years Alumni Meet of Rama Devi Women's University.



Carving History

Ms. Droupadi Murmu with Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi before filing of nomination.



The Dignified Moment

Ms. Droupadi Murmu taking oath as 15th president of Indian republic.



RDWU is the Light House of Women Education: VC,OUAT

The 8th Foundation Day of Ramadevi Women's University has been celebrated at the University Auditorium under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury. MLA, Shri Anant Narayan Jena was the chief guest for the program. Shri Jena called upon the students to work hard and create their identity in all fields. On this occasion, he promised that the government will provide all kinds of support for the growth of the institution. The Guest of honour Vice-Chancellor Prabhat Kumar Raul attended and stressed that Rama Devi University is the lighthouse of education. This varsity is the epitome of women's edu-

cation. He also added that there is no competitor to this educational institution. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Choudhury, in her presidential address, highlighted the ideals and ascetic life of Maa Rama Devi. She said that although the university has achieved a lot in the eight years since its establishment, there is more to go. On the occasion, Chairperson of PG Council, Prof. Chandi Charan Rath delivered the welcome address while the Registrar, Shyamli Mohapatra presented the annu-

al report to the audience. The Deputy Registrar (administration), Navneet Kaur gave the vote of thanks. On this occasion, students were awarded for their achievements in various intra University and Inter college competitions organized for the University Cup (P.G.) and Vishwavidyalaya Cup (U.G). A cultural program was followed by the students. As the only women's university in the state, it has produced many talents. Aliva Prusti, Vidya Hota, Priyadarshini Das, Aparajita Das, Swapnarani Biswal, Sangeeta pragyan Pradhan, Lizalin Bisoi, Aliva Parida are the few names of the awardees. The students have brought glory to both the university and the state.

Celebration of the Republic Day



Rama Devi women's University celebrated its 74th Republic Day on 26th, January 2023. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Aparajita Choudhary along with all the faculty members and students hoisted the national flag of India in the university campus. In the speech, Prof. Choudhary motivated and fostered the spirit of patriotism in the fraternity of students. She also stressed on the spirit of unity and sacrifice for the inclusive development of India. The refreshments were distributed among the students and staff. Students participated in a programme "Mo Triranga" to create the Guinness World Record.



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Deligates Fostering the Spirit of Hockey



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Winners in a Frame



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Vibe of Inter-College Competitions



Rama Devi Women's University organized inter-college and inter-university championship for celebrating the “Spirit of Odisha Hockey World-Cup 2023”. Eight other universities participated in the events. The Sports Council of the University conducted Essay, Debate (English and Odia), Poster-making, and Quiz competitions. Walkathon and Signature Campaign was also held in the University. More than 300 students participated in all the events where the winners were awarded with the trophies and prize money.

