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### ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Rama Devi Women's University, the first Women's University of Odisha, is an institute of excellence established on 30 May 2015, after the erstwhile Rama Devi Women's Autonomous College was upgraded to a University by the State Government. This university is named after Maa Rama Devi, a prominent figure in the Indian freedom struggle, and an ardent follower of Mahatma Gandhi. This institute of excellence started in 1964 as a Government Women's College with a mission of propagating education among women in the state. The university offers courses in UG, PG, and PhD programs across various disciplines while catering to the higher education requirements of around 30,000 students of Odisha and beyond. It aims at imparting holistic education and an inclusive academic environment for honing the "women of the future". The university constantly and consistently carries out research, innovation, and outreach activities in order to put forward the educational vision of Odisha on the national front. Presently, there are 48 Women's Colleges covering nine districts of Odisha affiliated with this University.

### ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Economics had its humble beginning in the year 2015 and it has been marked as one of the emerging Post Graduate Departments in Odisha. The Department is known for its holistic teaching curriculum, frontier research, and dynamic teaching fraternity with diverse training and research interests. The Department is actively engaged in various research and development activities which have not only resulted in the publication of quality research papers but have also contributed to the policy debates concerning the economy of Odisha. It frequently organizes seminars, workshops, and invited talks involving academicians, eminent economists, and policy makers to shed light upon some of the contemporary issues concerning the world. The Department promotes fieldbased and action-oriented research among the students. Along with classroom learning, it encourages students to participate in various policy debates, issuebased deliberation, and extra-curricular activities. The alumnae of the Department are well placed including qualifying of UGC NET-JRF and other competitive examinations and got into job markets; some f them are pursuing higher education in reputed academic institutions across the country.

# STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENT

	Name of the Students	Competition / Event	Prizes/Awards
1.	R.U. Megha UG 3 <sup>rd</sup> year (2017-20)	Microsoft Office Specialist National Championship	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up in Microsoft Office specialist National championship
2.	Prerana Patra UG 3 <sup>rd</sup> year (2017-20)	Debate conducted by ABVP	2 <sup>nd</sup> in District level English Debate
3.	Prerana Patra UG 3 <sup>rd</sup> year (2017-20)	Debate conducted by OPTCL	2 <sup>nd</sup> in District level English Debate
4.	Soumyashree Dey UG 3 <sup>rd</sup> year (2017-20)	Conducted by OPTCL	2 <sup>nd</sup> in English debate competition
5.	Soumyashree Dey UG 3 <sup>rd</sup> year (2017-20)	Conducted by XUB	Verbal Mention in International XUB MUN
6.	Soumyashree Dey UG 3 <sup>rd</sup> year (2017-20)	Conducted by IIT	Special Reference in IIT MUN
7.	Soumyashree Dey UG 3 <sup>rd</sup> year (2017-20)	Conducted by ABVP	1 <sup>st</sup> in English Essay
8.	Soumyashree Dey UG 3 <sup>rd</sup> year (2017-20)	Conducted by SBI	2 <sup>nd</sup> in English Debate Competition



R U Megha  $1^{st}$  Runner Up in Microsoft Office specialist National championship



Soumyashree Dey receiving prize in English Debate Competition

## TEACHERS' ACHIEVEMENT

#### Journal publications

Dr. Aparajita Biswal: Issues and Challenges of Financial Availability to MSMEs in Odisha, Asian Journal of Research in Social Sciences and Humanities 2018

#### Book/book chapter Publications

Dr. Aparajita Biswal: Coastal Ecosystem and its Impact on the Livelihood Strategies of the Coastal People: A Study in Odisha, Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 2018

# Participation & presentation in Conferences & Seminars (as invited/plenary/chair)

Dr. Aparajita Biswal: International Seminar on Institutional Excellence For Economic Growth, Nity Ayog and department of commerce, Utkal University, January 2018.

Dr. Aparajita Biswal: Golden jubilee conference of OEA, NCDS, Bhubaneswar, February 2018.

### • Resource Persons/ Visiting Faculty, Penalist

Dr. Aparajita Biswal: Fundamentals of Econometrics, Central University of Orissa, Koraput, Marc, 2018