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Name of the department: Economics

About the Department:

The P G Department of Economics had its humble beginning in the year 2015 and it has made a mark of itself as one of the emerging Post Graduate Department of the first Women's University of Odisha. The core strength of the department is the quality of faculty which is competent, qualified and trained in modern teaching and research methods. The Department is actively engaged in research and developmental activities that have resulted in the publication of good number of research papers in different fields of Economics. Several faculty members are involved in research projects and are members of distinguished professional bodies. A number of research scholars have published their research work in various journals, presented research papers in seminars and qualified NET examinations.

The Department has encouraged a view of learning, in which students are given an opportunity to participate actively in discussions. The Department has been frequently organizing seminars, workshops and invited talks by academicians and eminent economists. The fast changing economic scenario poses to the department a challenge of continuously updating its curriculum and faculty, which have been made regularly by the department. The department is offering many emerging, research oriented, mathematical and econometrics based elective courses in MA in Economics. To equip the students with research skills and prepare them for various avenues of employment, the department is providing research methodology and dissertation courses. As a leading teaching and women research centre in Odisha, the department holds field surveys, seminars, conferences, panel discussions and interactive sessions regularly in the areas of development economics, rural economics, environmental economics, agricultural economics and managerial economics etc

Vision

- To emerge as a centre of excellence with emphasis on deeper and stronger interdisciplinary teaching and research and to prepare leaders to address the emerging global challenges and develop socially responsible citizens to serve the larger interest of humanity.

Mission

- Empowerment of young girl students and scholars through imparting high quality education, training and research.

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- Promoting innovation in teaching, learning and research in a wider diverse national and international perspective.
- Creating and disseminating knowledge through strengthening multidisciplinary research for a dynamic and sustainable social system.

Strategic Goals

- Promote multidisciplinary research for larger and greater interests of the economy.
- Encouraging mutually beneficial collaboration in areas that form crossroads for developing an understanding of society, culture and economy.
- Sensitise young minds to address the needs of the people for community connectivity.
- Collaboration with universities, institutes and industries to form research clusters for creation and dissemination of new knowledge and ideas.

Thrust Areas

Present Thrust Areas

Economics of Social Sector
Economics of Agriculture
Economics of Environment

Proposed Thrust Areas

Economics of Social Sector
Economics of Agriculture
Economics of Environment
International Trade and Finance

SWOC (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Challenges):

Strength

- Competent and Experienced Faculty
- Locational Advantage
- Hard Working Students
- Updated syllabus (as per UGC)
- Brand Name
- Learning exposure

Weakness

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- Lack of adequate number of Faculties (Specialization Wise)
- Lack of Administrative and Technical Support Staff
- Computational Lab with software package

Opportunity

- To offer new courses in the thrust areas of research
- To offer bridge courses like Rural Development, Rural Entrepreneurship and Computer Applications in Economic Research and Gender budgeting
 - ☛ Rural Development with the Department of Sociology
 - ☛ Rural Entrepreneurship with the Department of Commerce
 - ☛ Computer Applications in Economic Research with the Department of Computer Science
 - ☛ Gender Budgeting with the Department of Gender Studies
- Field based research training and Base Line Survey
- To conduct outreach activities for community connectivity

Challenges

- Placement of the Students
- To prepare the students for Competitive Examinations
- To facilitate Research

Academic Programmes

| Year – 2018-19 | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Programme name | Number of seats available/sanctioned | Number of Students admitted |
| UG | 48 | 45 |
| PG | 48 | 48 |
| MPHIL | 4 | 4 |

Publications/patents

Journal Publications

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| Title of paper | Name of the author/s | Department of the teacher | Name of journal | Year of publication | ISSN number |
|--|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------|
| Issues and Challenges of Financial Availability to MSMEs in Odisha | Dr. Aparajita Biswal and Jayanti Behera | Economics | Asian Journal of Research in Social Sciences and Humanities | 2018 | 2249-7315 |

Book/Book Chapter Publications:

| Sl. No. | Name of the teacher | Title of the book/chapters published | Title of the paper | Title of the proceedings of the conference | Year of publication | ISBN/ISSN number of the proceeding | Whether at the time of publication affiliating institutions was same (Yes/No) | Name of the publisher |
|---------|----------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Aparajita Biswal | Costal Eco-System and Its Impact on Livelihood strategies of Costal People: A case Study in Odisha | NA | NA | 2018 | ISBN: 81-8324-912-4 | yes | Mittal Publications |

Projects: NIL

Teachers' achievement: Resource Persons/Visiting Faculty/Panellist/Invited Guests/ Speakers/
Conference Presentations

Dr. Aparajita Biswal

1. International Seminar on **Institutional Excellence and Economic Growth**, NITI Ayog and Dept of Commerece, Utkal University during January, 2018
2. **Golden Jubilee Conference of Orissa Economic Association**, NKCDS, Bhubaneswar during February, 2018
3. International Seminar on **Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development** Dept of Commerece, Utkal University during March, 2018
4. International Seminar on **Institutional Excellence For Economic Growth**, Nity Ayog and department of commerce, Utkal University, January 2018.

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5. **Golden jubilee conference of OEA**, NCDS, Bhubaneswar, February 2018.
6. International seminar on **innovation and entrepreneurship for sustainable development**, department of commerce & MBA, Utkal University, March 2018.

Dr. Kalpana Sahoo

1. Presentation on “Importance of Agriculture and Industry in Economic Development: Empirical Evidence from India”, National Seminar on Agricultural Production and Productivity: Issues and Challenges, at Rama Devi Women's University dated 02nd – 03rd March 2019

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Students' achievement: 2018-19

| Sl. No. | Name | Competition / Event | Year | Prizes/Awards | Date |
|---------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|------|
| 1 | R.U. Megha | Microsoft Office Specialist National Championship | UG 3 rd year (2017-20) | 1 st Runner Up in Microsoft Office specialist National championship | 2018 |
| 2 | Prerana Patra | Debate conducted by ABVP | UG 3 rd year (2017-20) | 2 nd in District level English Debate | 2018 |
| 3 | Prerana Patra | Debate conducted by OPTCL | UG 3 rd year (2017-20) | 2 nd in District level English Debate | 2018 |
| 4 | Soumyashree Dey | Conducted by OPTCL | UG 3 rd year (2017-20) | 2 nd in English debate competition | 2018 |
| 5 | Soumyashree Dey | Conducted by XUB | UG 3 rd year (2017-20) | Verbal Mention in International XUB MUN | 2018 |
| 6 | Soumyashree Dey | Conducted by IIT | UG 3 rd year (2017-20) | Special Reference in IIT MUN | 2018 |
| 7 | Soumyashree Dey | Conducted by ABVP | UG 3 rd year (2017-20) | 1 st in English Essay | 2018 |
| 8 | Soumyashree Dey | Conducted by SBI | UG 3 rd year (2017-20) | 2 nd in English Debate Competition | 2018 |

1. Name: R U Megha, 1st Runner Up in Microsoft Office specialist National championship

2. 2nd in English Debate Competition
 Name: Soumyashree Dey

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Seminars/FDPs/Workshops organized

| S l N o | Name of the Event | Date/Month/D uration | Topic | Particip ants | Type of Progra mme | Venue | Source of Funding/Colla boration | Resource Person (Internal/External/I nstitution) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Invite d Lectur e | 7 th January 2019 | Gender Inequal ity | Faculty Member s, Resear ch Scholar s and Students | Univer sity Level | Univer sity Auditor ium | Seminar Fund of the Dept | Prof Mitali Chinara, PG Dept. Of A&A Economics Utkal University, Bhubaneswar |
| 2. | Invite d Talk | 11 th January 2019 | Artificia l Intellige nce | Faculty Member s, Resear ch Scholar s and Students | Univer sity Level | Smart Class Room | Seminar Fund of the Dept | Mr. Pradipta Mishra, Chief Data Scientist, Lymbyc Company Bengaluru |
| 3 | Invite d Talk | 15 th January 2019 | Gender Inequal ity, Multipl e Dimenti ons | Faculty Member s, Resear ch Scholar s and Students | Univer sity Level | Smart Class Room | Seminar Fund of the Dept | Prof. Bedabati Mohanty, Former Professor, PG Dept. Of A&A Economics Utkal University, Bhubaneswar |
| 4 | Study Tour | 3 rd February 2019 | Socio – Econom ic Lifestyl e of the Rural People | Faculty Member s and PG Students | Local Level | Deogar h, Odisha | Contribution by the Students | Internal: Resource Persons from the Dept of Economics, R D W U |
| 5 | Nation al Semin ar | 2 nd -3 rd March,2019 (Two Day) | Producti on and Producti vity in Agricult ure: Issues and Challen ges | Faculty Member s, Rese arch Scholar s and Students | Nationa l Level | Auditor ium | ICSSR, New Delhi | Faculty Members of Universities within/Outside the State |

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| 6 | Invited Talk | 18 th March 2019 | Financial Market Volatility | Faculty Members, Research Scholars and Students | University Level | Smart Class Room | Seminar Fund of the Dept | Prof. Puja Padhy, Associate Professor, Dept. of Social Science and Humanities IIT, Bombay |
| 7 | Workshop | 19 th -20 th March, 2019 (Two Day) | Use and Applications of SPSS in Social Science Research | PG Students | University Level | Smart Class Room/ E-Learning Centre | Seminar Fund of the Dept | Faculties and Experts from Institutions/Universities within the State |