

MAA RAMA DEVI



Rama Devi Women's University is named after Maa Rama Devi as an humble tribute to the values and sacrifices she stood for. Rama Devi Choudhury, adoringly called Maa (Mother) by the people of Orissa, was a celebrated freedom fighter and a social reformer. Born on the 3rd December, 1899 at Cuttack, she inherited a great legacy as the daughter of Gopal Ballav Das and the niece of Utkal Gaurab Madhusudan Das. At the tender age of 15, she married Gopabandhu Choudhury then Deputy Collector.

The historic day of Dola Purnima, the 23rd March, 1921 marked the turning point in Rama Devi's life, when she was fortunate to meet Gandhiji and Kasturba in the Women's Meeting at Binod Behari. They inspired her to dedicate herself for the cause of the country. In 1928, she left Cuttack and stayed at the Alaka Ashram, Jagatsinghpur, to organise constructive activities of spinning of Khadi, prohibition of liquor and removal of untouchability.

Rama Devi was imprisoned on 8th November, 1930 for leading the Salt Satyagraha at Srijanga (Balasore) and Kujanga (Jagatsinghpur). On the eve of the independence, Rama Devi was nominated the State Convener of Kasturba National Memorial Trust and she took the opportunity to launch several programmes for the emancipation and empowerment of women. After independence, Rama Devi dedicated herself entirely to the cause of Bhodan and Gramdan movement of Acharya Vinoba Bhave. In recognition of her selfless services to the nation, Rama Devi was honoured with the Jamnalal Bajaj Award on 4th November, 1981 and the Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris causa) by Utkal University on 16th April, 1984. A remarkable saga of courage, dedication, and supreme sacrifice came to an end on 22nd July, 1985, the day Rama Devi breathed her last.

RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY



In Odisha there are many state universities but Rama Devi Womens College established in 1964 in a small building in Bhubaneswar, which is named after Ram Devi Choudhury. Now the college has turned to university as Rama Devi womens University, the only women university of Odisha in the year 2015. The College was given a Lead College Status by the Govt of Orissa in 1994. The college was given CPE (Center of Excellence) status by CPE in 2010. The Chief Minister of Odisha officially inaugurated the University in a ceremony

held on 3rd December 2015 coinciding with the birth day of Maa RamaDevi after whom the University is named and the university celebrates this day of 3rd December as its Foundation Day. With 48 womens colleges covering 9 district of the state affiliated to it, is the stepping stone in fulfilling the dreams of millions of girls in the state of Odisha. The university aims to achieve quality education and meticulous academics. It also emphasize on extra curricular activities, skill enhancement and extensive activities to give the students a holistic development.

RamaDevi University has given some of the prominent Alumni, Hema Gamang (Member of Parliament), Anu Choudhury (Indian Actress). Rama devi Womens University has been constantly upgrading its research grants with international bodies and skill development collaborations. The University has its own Entrepreneurship cum start-up club to promote Entrepreneurial skills among the students of the University

INSPIRING WORDS FROM ESTEEMED



Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury
Vice Chancellor

Nuturing creativity and inspiring innovation are two of the key elements of successful education, and a campus newsletter is the perfect amalgamation of both. It enhances the creativity and updates the new campus activities to the students as well as the official of the university. I am quite pleased to learn about the inaugural issue of the university. "VIDYA -SANCHAR". The name itself signifies that it will help to stay up-to-date each and person related to the university. In the era of digital news updating, "I am happy to know that our JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION DEPT. took an initiative to produce a newsletter for the university.



Prof. Sasmita Mohanty
CPGC

It gives me immense pleasure to know that our very own news letter "VIDYA SANCHAR" is ready for publication. True of its name this newsletter will trend the tiniest event of the campus to the grand ones. Vidya Sanchar will give an insight into the range and the scope of the imagination and creativity of our students and faculty members. I congratulate the team of students and the faculties of JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION DEPT. for their tireless future of the university. I wish it all success and hope this tradition set by the current students will be followed hence forth.



Smt. Shyamali Mohapatra.
Registrar

Being the first women's university of the Odisha RamDevi Womens University did a great contribution towards different fields. I am quiet pledge to hear that DEPT. OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION is publishing our very own news letter named "VIDYA SANCHAR". Vidya Sanchar provides an intersection of great talent and opportunity for the students to review their efforts and to analyse their achievements research, development, circular activities and many more. I applauded the hard work and dedication behind this wonderful initiative and aims to have many more edition of Vidya Sanchar.

Rama Devi Upgrades Its Position to UGC 12(B) List



The University grant commission (UGC) inspects Rama Devi women's university on 17th and 18th February, 2021. To qualify for central assistance, the university has submitted the proposal for UGC 12(B) status in the year 2019. Due to covid 19 pandemic situation, the UGC expert committee could not happen. The Chairperson Prof. (Mrs.) Anu S. Lather, Coordinating Officer Mr. Kishor Kumar and other three members Prof. (Ms.) Namita Singh, Prof. (Mrs.) Sunita Mishra, Prof. (Ms.) Nalini Srivastava are the five members

of UGC team are assigned to examine the university.

In the Two days visit conducted by the team along with the Vice-chancellor Prof. Aparajita chowdhury and CPGC mam. The committee has visited all infrastructural, academic, hostel, library, research and development facilities. The team has an interaction session with the students regarding hostel facilities, availability of laboratories, books. At the end on 1st July in the 551st meeting of Commission, the name of Rama Devi Women's Univer

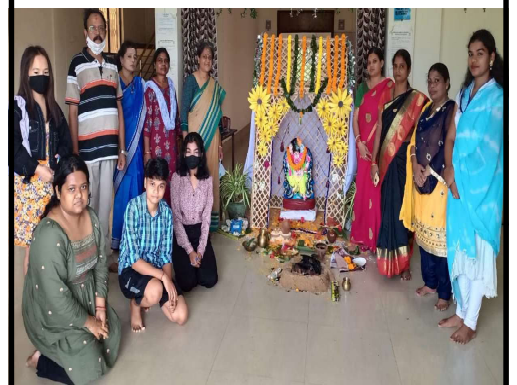


sity has been included in the list of Universities under section 12(B) of UGC.

The 12B will help in coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of University education. It provides recognition to universities in India, and disburses funds to such recognised universities and colleges.

Now the University is eligible to receive **Central assistance from the Government of India** for research and development and infrastructure, international faculty and other quality assurance etc. Now the University is ready to apply for NAAC accreditation in the upcoming year.

RDWU Graced By ASHTA VINAYAK



In this pandemic situation Rama Devi Women's University welcomes Lord Ganesha whole heartedly. Sculpture of Ganapati erected in the University campus. With the blessings of Ganesh students including professors, teaching and non-teaching staffs performed all the rituals. Students from different department have also worshipped Lord Ganesha. It took place according to SOP Covid guidelines norms. As per the guidance of Dr. Sanghamitra Bhanja from Odia Dept. and Supema Patel from Home Science Dept. this ceremony turned out successful. On the other hand hostellers also celebrate Ganesh Puja, along with wardens, they prayed and worshipped whole heartedly which turned out success.

Rama Devi Opens Its Gate For UG Freshers



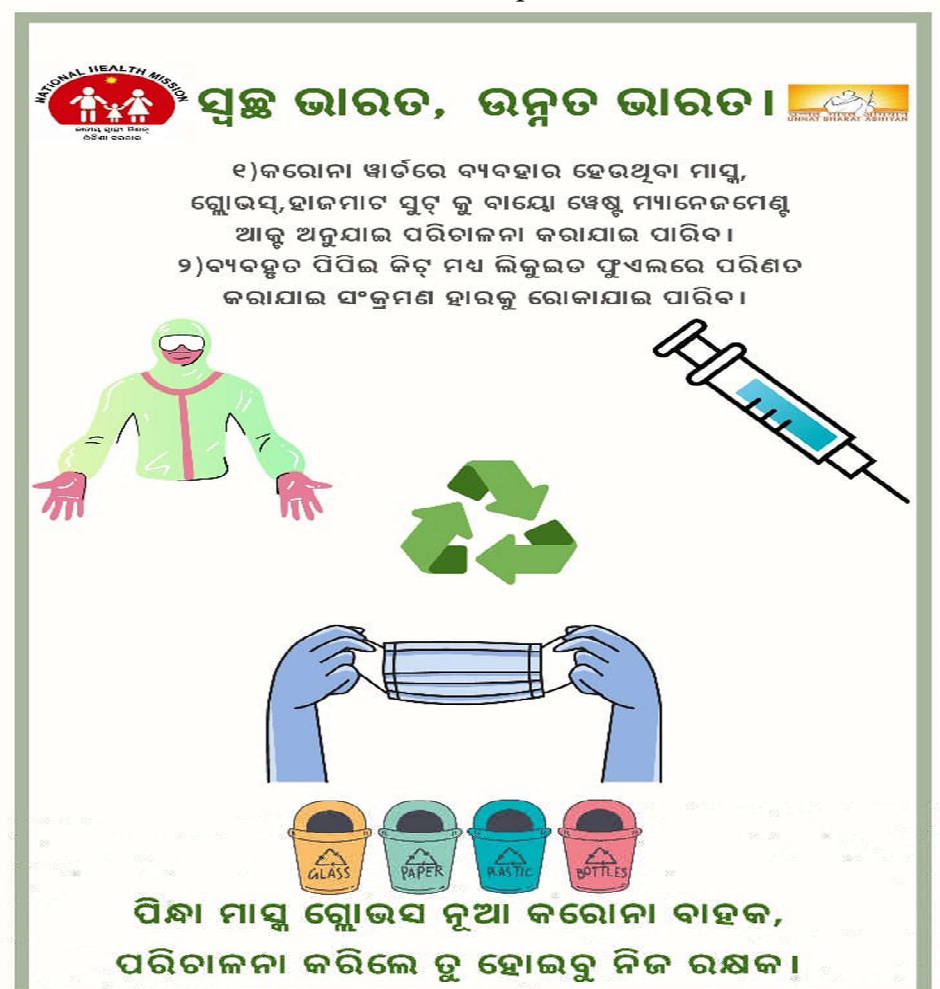
RamaDevi being the first women university of the state of the has now open up its gate for 2020- 2021 UG Students in different department . After Covid restrictions ease, on 13th September 2021, RamaDevi womens university has gained a huge crowd of new enroll students in 23 different courses. Though students has already paid their admission fees through online mode with the help of SAAMS portal during covid time but the process of documents verification has conducted in offline mode. The administration of university has made all necessary arrangements to help the students during admission.

Admission process has occurred at auditorium. A help desk with three members help the students to clarify the procedure of admission. Each and every person who is in the process of admission follows the covid 19 protocol and enroll the new students in a discipline manner, says Raj Kumar Joshi, Admission Incharge. As per fresher and their parents, this university is their first opinion as it has all the basic facilities like library, advanced labarotor, NCC, hostels etc. and it has the safe and friendly environment for women. There also expecting more and more facilities in the upcoming days.

Covid - 19 Waste Management

Waste Management is a very necessary step to maintain balance in environment. The rising amount of covid - 19 waste is adding up new problems to the waste management process. The contaminated mask, PPE kits and the waste from the vaccination are adding up new barriers to human development and health outcomes in the country. Government of India is taking all the

preventive measures under "UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN" to manage the covid-19 waste. Under this mission the government is encouraging the youngsters to make aware all the people regarding Covid - 19 waste management. They are also organising different kinds of waste managing awareness poster making and video making competitions.



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The Hybrid System of Learning: The New Mode



Prof. Madhusmita Pati
Department of English
Director, Center of Excellence

The Higher Educational Institutions has witnessed paradigm shift in the teaching-learning process with the onslaught of the pandemic in 2020. UGC has prepared a concept note in accordance with the new National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020) which gives acceptability to many modes of 'hybrid' learning, including face-to-face online learning and distance or virtual mode. But before declaring 'hybrid' learning as a 'new normal', the pros and cons of online education, its limitations, especially in the context of a developing nation like ours should be reflected upon. On a positive note, learning online does theoretically make it possible for students with inadequate flexibility and resources to acquire world-class education through just an internet connection.

In India, like in rest of the world, we are trying to establish an outcome-based learning, its limitations, especially in the context of a developing nation like ours should be reflected upon. On a positive note, learning online does theoretically make it possible for students with inadequate flexibility and resources to acquire world-class education through just an internet connection. In India, like in rest of the world, we are trying to establish an outcome-based learning, our education system is struggling to match international standards across the globe. And here a blended mode of online and offline teaching comes most handy and 65 per cent of the Indian population lives in rural areas, but internet density in those areas is significantly lower than urban regions, and this indicates the existence of the digital divide between urban and rural India. The average revenue per user in wireless telecom services is around rupees hundred per month. This is not only symbolic of the low financial capacity of an average Indian household but also revealing of the challenges of providing a seamless access to online education. Also during the pandemic, it has been reported that there has been a significant rise in the number of drop-outs and a decrease in the number of applications in the Indian higher education system. High dropout rates can be attributed to the fact that while the average

family size in India is 4.8 people, less than fifty percent of mobile phone users use smartphones, thus limiting access to online education of the children middle-class families. Any educational system points towards a holistic development of the student – both academic as well as emotional. And this can be achieved only through curricula that focuses on multidimensional approach to learning both inside and outside the classroom. A classroom is important for psycho-social development of the student and with compas-

sionate friends and concerned teachers around there is a better chance of mental well-being. These issues raise serious doubts about the effectiveness of online teaching and learning in India, where today, except for a few of the top-class institutions, most universities are struggling with the mediocre quality of their digital infrastructure. As we move towards normal times, the new educational system, the 'newnormal', will become hybrid – a com symbolic of the low financial capacity implementation will further provide a new opportunity for innovation and growth and make the 'hybrid' mode, the 'new normal'.

NSS: Greener Environment to Live In



NSS day is celebrated every year in Rama Devi Women's University. This NSS day, the campus wing of the university have organised in a different manner with a plantation programme followed by a small play by the volunteers in front of the administrative building. Under the auspicious presence of the hounarable Vice Chancellor, Registrar, CDC, CPGC and other

officials of the University to encourage the volunteers. The day started with a noble cause of plantation to make our environment greener to live in. They have added value to the day by giving tributes to our COVID warriors through small heart touching play. It ended by distributing educational materials and covid-19 prevention kits to the inhabitants of Asha Kiran orphanage, believing that sometimes a small thing can mean everything in another person's life. The token of love and share was presented by Prof. Aprajita Choudhary Vice Chancellor, Shyamali Mohapatra Registrar, Shasmita Mohanty CPGC and Dr. Gouri Prava Samal NSS programme officer made that day memorable.

ALUMNI Speaks : Past, Present and Future

Q. How were your days in Rama Devi Women's college?

A. Those days were the best period of my life. In fact, I as a student of Unit IX Govt. girl's high school, had the opportunity of going to RD Women's college building since class VI, because our school was a new one, morning shift for the school & day shift for college. That way we Unit IX school students acquainted with college atmosphere, our seniors who passed out from our school, we used to meet them in school/college corridor they showered with us love and affection and inspired us as well. RamaDevi Women's college only Women's college at that time in Capital city which is famous in entire Odisha few of many reasons prominent were Ultra Modern, fashionable, daring attitude, out spoken about opinion of women getting education from here. Whenever our students attended events at other educational institutions the sense of being unique prevailed amongst audition for RD-ians. I cherish the memories.

Q. Want to share any special moment or memory during your tenure at RDC?



Snigdha Panigrahi

She is an active hustler in the field of child & women development & a comrade in women politics.

A. There are lots of special memories from my time at RD college which are close to my heart. But one incident stands out and act as a source of inspiration. It is a reminder to look at silver lining out of any adverse situation. One of our close friend was for the post of president in students election. As batch mates and friends, we actively took roles in campaigning for her, distributing leaflets, pamphlets etc. In those days these were the forms of campaigning. Unfortunately our friend

lost the election, we took it rather hard. One of our lecturers at that time noticed us that we were crying and she consoled us stating a simple fact "It is a blessing in disguise, since this is your final year you should be concentrating in your exams". This is a simple statement made us really aware that in every adversity we face, we should look for positive to take from it be in terms of learning or focussing our attention on other constructive avenues.

Q. As a woman, what obstacles or hindrances you have you have overcome to be this successful?

A. As woman of that time opportunities for a girl was very limited. Career options for a girl was very few and subject to permission of guardians. Allowing to do graduation was also a task. Parents were reluctant to send their daughters to co-education institutions when RD women's college started, it really become a symbol of women Empowerment in the sector of education. I got a opportunity to complete my graduation and could not pursue my Post graduation because the only option was VaniVihar which again a Co-education university. Now I am happy that a RD WOMEN UNIVER

SITY have come up and as an Alma mater I am connected with it.

Q. How would you like to contribute yourself?

A. Ramadevi women's college put the foundation of my life so strong and positive that today I feel proud and confident enough to move ahead hold being recognised I am contented happy that I am there with my alma mater. I am indebted to my alma mater that it has given me so much. I wish to do whatever I can for improvement.

Q. How did RD College shape you and your future?

A. The time spent at RD College was a very pivotal moment in my life. As students, the time spent at RD helped us shape our personalities. It exposed us to different thought processes and taught us to think for ourselves. The time when we were in college, access to education particularly among girls was difficult. The aspiration for higher studies post our graduation was also inculcated during my time here at RD College. I believe if it were not for the rigorous process that we faced at RD. I would not have had the confidence to pursue my future career as a lawyer and a human rights activist.



Anisha Champaty
(Dept. of Economics)

Hostel life is full of amusement and opportunities for studies and savor. In Anindita Hostel I'm having my super fun experience and I can relate my hostel life with CHHICHHORE movie hostel life. As in the first phase of the movie all the seniors maintain their seniority with the fresher but at last there is no difference between senior and junior. Same scene is happening with me and I'm so lucky



New life, friends, environment sets up the mood for a new journey. Rama Devi campus of Bhubaneswar opens up its gate for the 2020 freshers batch. To grow up faster, new sprouts expects a lot of sunshine, a lot of energy and a full year supply of minerals in the form of amusements and jubilation. Rama Devi sprouts also hope for the filmy fun in there campus life.



Devi Sugandha De
(Dept. of Life Science)

Three Idiots is the true mixture of the fun and knowledge. I can connect my campus life with the character Rancho. He is the character who always gains his knowledge with the fun process like that Rama Devi provides me all the fun way to learn and do something new.



Debajani Mohapatra
(Dept. of JMC)

Would it be better to follow a professor just like in Money Hiest? Yes, I found some of the best Professor and me and my friends as the characters of the famous series. I have already proved my self under thier guidance and feel very protective for my career. As professor will do anything to protect the team and he cares for deeply for everyone in gang. I got my NAIROBI and DENVER in the form of two best friends.

Nimantran to the real taste of Odia cuisine



The Odians are always fond of food, that is why the Odia cuisine has most numbers of food menus compared to any food palate. Odia cuisine serves the richness of taste in simplicity. Rama Devi Women's University is now enjoying the aroma of Odia Cuisine with Nimantran. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister Mr. Naveen Pattanaik has inaugurated it on the occasion of the 42nd foundation of OTDC on 3rd September 2021. It is the first restaurant for public by OTDC beside Rama Devi Women's University and its motive is to spread Odia culture and cuisine. Its name itself invites people from Odisha as well as from other states and countries to feel the real taste of Odisha. Only authentic Odia food will be served here like mandia soup, pohala fish, chicken besara, Karadi and ambila etc. Chairman of OTDC said that it will reflect our slogan worldwide i.e. "unity in diversity" and "Basudhaiva kutumbakam". As per the opinion of some staff and students of Rama Devi Women's University it could have been better if it was built somewhere else due to space issue and some said they had not visited yet. The OTDC project will soon come up with

another two branches at Puri and Sambalpur. Let's see how this step of OTDC contributes in the glory of Odisha. Although the dishes are costly they have planned to visit it on holiday, as per a student from the dept of Hindi in the University. The restaurant is always seen with visitors which makes the hotel packed with no seats for the university students.

Onset Of Spring : Basant Utsav



Holi may be celebrated in various part of state, but the graceful "BASANT UTSAV" is our innovative way to celebrate holi. Students union has changed the name holi fest into Basant utsav. The student council is the official organizer of this non official fest. This festival has sponsored by different kinds of advertisements and the collection money of students. Rama Devi usually celebrates utsav for 5 & 6 days, but in this year, due to corona pandemic,

Utsav has conducted for 4 days. University has also invited students from underlying colleges to participate in the events. Rangoli, RGT, Miss Rama Devi, Jhoti, Treasure hunt and many more events have organized by student union to enhance talent, knowledge, ability of students. On last day, vice chancellor, DSW and PG councillor have encouraged the winners with trophy. The main purpose of this grand festival is to develop the hidden talent of students. It is a great example of sisterhood.



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