

RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, BHUBANESWAR

EVENT REPORT FORMAT

"सा विद्या या विमुक्तये" (Knowledge is that which liberates)

1. Department Name: MAA RAMA DEVI CHAIR

2. Title of the Event: MAA RAMA DEVI LECTURE SERIES (9th Session)

3. Type of Event: Lecture Series

4. Date & Time: 13.10.2025; 3:30 p.m- 5:30 p.m.

5. Mode of Conduct: Offline

6. Venue Used: Old Auditorium

7. Name of Resource Person: Prof. Jatindra Kumar Nayak, Former Professor of English,

Utkal University

Special Guests for the Classical Musical Session:

Mr. Swapnil Roy Chowdhury, IT Professional & Accomplished Indian classical vocalist, Toronto, Canada &

Mr. Soumen Manna, Software Engineer & Tablist

- **8. Objective of the Event:** The purpose of this lecture series is to create awareness among students about the life, values, and societal contributions of Maa Rama Devi. Through a series of 15 lectures, the initiative aims to highlight her work and attributes that played a significant role in shaping society and inspiring future generations.
- **9. Brief Description of the Event (3–5 lines):** The 9th session of the *Maa Rama Devi Certificate Lecture Series* (15 lectures) was held on 13th October 2025. The session was followed by a special classical musical performance.

Prof. Jatindra Kumar Nayak, Former Professor of English at Utkal University, was the distinguished Resource Person for this lecture. The guest musical artists were Mr. Swapnil Roy Chowdhury and Mr. Soumen Manna.

Prof. Chandi Charan Rath, Hon'ble VC (I/C), Smt. Manaswini Sahu, Registrar, and Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini, MRDCP, felicitated the guests. Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini delivered the welcome address, while Prof. Chandi Charan Rath gave the presidential address.

In his talk, Prof. Jatindra Kumar Nayak reflected on Maa Rama Devi's circumstances during her time, her emergence as a powerful woman, and her decision to write her own autobiography. He also emphasized the significance of knowledge and wisdom in shaping the lives of women. His words were both inspiring and empowering.

After the lecture, the audience was captivated by a soulful classical musical performance by Mr. Swapnil Roy Chowdhury and Mr. Soumen Manna. The session beautifully conveyed the message that knowledge and art together enrich and give meaning to life.

10. Number of Participants:

- Internal (Students/Faculty): 60+
- 11. Outcome of the Event: The talk by Prof. Jatindra Ku. Nayak ignited a spark in the minds of the audience, highlighting how education and knowledge can empower women, and how they should not remain objects to be written about but rather become the writers of their own stories. The beautiful classical musical performance further reflected the greatness of our culture, the depth of music, and its profound impact. It was indeed a powerful and soulful session.
- 12. Feedback Summary (if collected): NA
- 13. Photos (attach separately or paste here):















14. Report Prepared by: Prof. Sucheta Priyabadini, Maa Rama Devi Chair Professor

15. Date of Submission to IQAC: 15. 10. 2025