

New Initiative

Major Initiatives of Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha.

Expansion

- Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC) was formed through a resolution by the executive order of the Govt. of Odisha on 09/05/2014. Members to the Council were nominated by the State Government on 10/12/2015
- R.D.Women's (Autonomous) College, Bhubaneswar; Khallikote (Autonomous) College, Berhampur and G.M. (Autonomous) College, Sambalpur were up-graded into universities under RUSA project and were declared as Universities on 30th May, 2015.
- State Open University at Sambalpur was set up at Sambalpur.
- Three (03) Colleges were up-graded to Model Degree Colleges(S.C.S College, Puri, KKS Women's College, Balasore and Govt. College, Sundargarh) under Rashtriya Uchhatar Sikshya Abhiyan(RUSA) project of MHRD.
- New Model Degree Colleges have been set up in 08 Educationally Backward Districts (Boudh, Deogarh, Malkanagiri, Nawarangpur, Nayagarh, Nuapada, Rayagada, Sonepur) under RUSA project of MHRD and are under construction.
- UGC assisted Community Colleges have been opened in 07 Autonomous Colleges with trade-related courses viz. Tourism and Hospitality Management and Retail Management.
- Higher Education in Govt. of Odisha has applied to open B. Ed. a m. Ed. courses in all State universities and 16 Govt. colleges.
- 1.2 Lakh seats in Junior Colleges and 54,000 seats in Degree colleges were increased to increase the GER of higher education in Odisha (from 17.5 % to 30% by 2020).

Recruitment

- Infrastructure grant to universities/college has been enhanced to provide stable infrastructure (Rs 238.00 Cr.)including Govt. Colleges (Rs 70.00 Cr.)
- Government is committed to provide hostel facilities to all girl students, for which it has been planned to create 20,000 hostel seats in colleges and universities. Infrastructure grants have been provided to HEIs for hostels.
- Infrastructure grants were provided to non-Govt. Aided Colleges @10 /12 Lakhs per college in coastal/Backward areas respectively.

- In all Government Colleges and Vocational Colleges, the laboratories were strengthened with the financial assistance of Rs 13.00 crore from the state budget.
- Establishment of Language Laboratories:
- In order to enhance the proficiency in communication in English, 93 language laboratories (35 in 2015-16) have been set up both in Government as well as non-Govt. colleges and short term course in Communication skill in English language is imparted in 25 colleges on pilot basis through these language laboratories.
- Human Resource Development Centre" in each University for capacity building of teachers has been set up.
- "Central Instrumentation Centre" in Utkal University has been set up.

Infrastructure

- 339 ad-hoc teachers in both in Junior and Degree Colleges
- 101 Junior Lecturers have been selected through OPSC. They have undergone "Induction Training Programme" at Utkal University and they have been appointed in Junior Colleges.
- OPSC has conducted interviews for 352 posts of Degree lecturers.
- Government have given permission for filling up of all the 426 vacant posts in the state universities and interview process is going on.
- The recruitment process for the post of 1625 teachers in non-govt. aided colleges by State Selection Board (SSB) has been initiated. The last date of submission of on-line application for these posts was 15th February, 2016.
- Recruitment for 274 Non-Teaching posts for Govt. Colleges is being done by DHE through OSSC/OSSSC.

Equity

- Government- has increased the percentage of reservation for SC and ST category in education sector from 8% to 16.25% and 12% to 22.50% respectively.
- For Higher Education, Government has started implementation of interest subvention of 4% and 6% for boys and girls for educational loans which have been approved by Govt.
- RUSA has approved Rs 5.00 Cr. for providing e-content through virtual tutorials to the tribal students of Odisha and it will be ready by July, 2016.

Quality

- State Quality Assurance Cell (SQAC) has been set up in the Higher Education Deptt. to sensitize the HEIs to go for NAAC accreditation and monitor their activities in the post-accreditation period.
- Introduction of Compulsory Debate/Group Discussion classes: Colleges have been instructed to conduct Debate and Group Discussion for the students in all +2 and +3 Colleges in every week to enhance the communication skill and create general awareness among the students.
- Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) have been introduced in all the 32 Autonomous Colleges and all Universities of the State during 2015-16. For all the General Degree Colleges, CBCS would be introduced from the academic session-2016-17.
- Integration of Skill based subjects in +2 and +3 Curriculum:
 1. Government has integrated 12 vocational subjects in the streams of Arts, Science and Commerce at +2 level in general colleges during the academic session 2015-16. The curriculum for the courses has been approved by the CHSE. Most of the colleges have opted vocational courses at +2 level.
 2. Ten vocational subjects have also been integrated in degree curriculum of Arts, Science and Commerce from the academic session 2015-16 with a vision to enhance the existing employability skills of students as per NSQF guidelines.

Skill Development Training:

- Collaboration with TISS (Tata Institute of Social Sciences) has been made to impart skill development training to students of 03 colleges (Balugaon, Chandikhole & City Women's College, Bhubaneswar) on pilot basis. Besides, training of Teachers of Vocational Colleges is imparted by Centurion University of Technology Et Management, Bhubaneswar and Central Institute of Plastic Engineering, Bhubaneswar.
- Capacity Building development programmes:
 1. Leadership development programmes have been organized under RUSA for the Vice-Chancellors / Registrars/other officials of Universities and also for Principals of Colleges by the Higher Education Deptt.
 2. Training programme of Principals, Accountants on web based Accounting System of all non-Government Aided Colleges by NIC: Government in Higher Education Department, in consultation with the Finance Department have implemented a web based financial accounting-system developed by NIC in the name of "College Accounting Procedure Automation"(CAPA) in non-Govt. aided Colleges from the next financial year i.e. 2016- 17and a training programme of

Principals and Accountants was organized from 30th January to 9th February, 2016 at KIIT Conference Hall on CAPA.

- Opening of different Cells in all Universities and Colleges:
- 1. All Vice-Chancellors of Universities and Principals of all Colleges have opened Students Advisory Bureau, Career Counseling Cell, Placement Cells, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, and Equal Opportunity Cell.
- Research & Innovation:
- 1. Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC) has submitted proposals of Rs196.00 Crore Research & Innovation under 05 broad themes to RUSA Mission Authority, MHRD for approval.

Lifestyle Intervention:

- Self-Defence Training Programme: Around 2.5 lakh girl students have been covered under "State Youth Policy-2013" during 2014-15 and another 2.5 lakh students are trained during 2015-16.
- Distribution of Laptops to Meritorious students: For the last 03 years, 15,000 laptops are distributed every year to the students, passing from Annual HS Examination and continuing their study in higher educational institutions.

Implementation of public service delivery system:

- Timelines have been fixed for 39 essential services, like issuance of certificates to students, authentication of certificates etc. In the first phase, authentication of original certificates has gone on-line.

E-Governance:

- e-Admission: Throughout the state, e-admission has been introduced by means of Student Academic Management System to bring better transparency, error free admission to the students in an economical mode. This year, "SAMS Society" has been set up in the department to monitor e-admission activities of the Colleges.
- e-Despatch: Letter for communication has been channelized through e-despatch system with an intention of economical mode, less time consuming, immediate response as well as lead to eco-friendly environment.
- e-Scholarships: Different types of Scholarships are awarded to students pursuing higher studies by the Higher Education Department. In order to make the process easy, it has been made on-line for application /selection/renewal and disbursement. 24,500 students are benefitted every year.

All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) in Odisha:

- Odisha is among, the few states to achieve 100%target in data uploading for AISHE-2014-15.or 2015-16, 95% colleges and 90% Universities have already uploaded their data as on 20th March, 2016.

State's participation in Higher Education Leadership Forum:

- Eighteen (18) participants, representing academic administrators, policy makers, college & university teachers attended 'H.E. Leadership Forum' in 02 batches on 8th-9thet 11th -12th January, 2016, organized by TISS, Mumbai.
