



## REPORT OF THE BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 2011 PRESENTED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2012 ON THE OCCASION OF 46<sup>th</sup> FOUNDATION DAY

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Esteemed President, Prof. Jayanta Kumar Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, Berhampur University; Respected Chief Guest Dr. Ramesh Chandra Chyau Patnaik, Hon'ble MLA, Berhampur; Esteemed Chief Speaker Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy, Hon'ble MLA, Gopalpur; Distinguished Guests Respected Padmasree Dr. Tulasi Munda and Prof. Rajat Kumar Kar; Respected Chairman, P.G. Council Prof. Niraj Kanti Tripathy; Esteemed Teachers and Employees, Distinguished Invitees, Esteemed Members of the Media, Ladies & Gentlemen and Dear Students.

I deem it as a privilege and honour to place before this august gathering the Report of the University for the year 2011 on this memorable occasion of 46<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of our University on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012.

Berhampur University was established on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1967 by the Odisha Act 21 of 1966. The districts currently under the jurisdiction of the University are Ganjam, Gajapati, Kandhamal, Koraput, Rayagada, Nowrangpur and Malkangiri.

The number of affiliated colleges of our University is **135** (including **42** colleges offering professional courses) of which **107** colleges have been granted permanent affiliation. The Lingaraj Law College, Berhampur is the only constituent college of the University. These colleges have been imparting higher education in the faculties of Arts, Science, Commerce, Education, Medicine, Law, Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics and Computer Science including Information Technology. The University has the distinction of being one of the few universities in India to offer courses in Military Science. The Army Air Defence College, Gopalpur offers M.Phil., Master Degree and other Diploma Courses in various branches of Military Science.

As per the guidelines of the UGC, six colleges under the jurisdiction of the University have been accorded the status of autonomous colleges, namely, Khallikote College, Berhampur, Vikram Dev College, Jeypore, SKCG College, Parlakhemundi, Sashi Bhusan Rath Government Women's College, Berhampur, Government College, Phulbani and Rayagada College, Rayagada. These colleges enjoy their autonomy in framing curricula, conducting examinations and publication of results.

The University started with one Post-Graduate Department of Labour and Social Welfare (later renamed as Industrial Relations and Personnel Management) in 1967. Subsequently, the other 19 departments were established in phases. These 20 teaching departments offer the various courses at the diploma, post-graduate, M.Phil. levels and conduct Ph.D. programmes. While the M.Phil. course in Tribal Studies is being conducted at the Council of Analytical and Tribal Studies (COATS), Koraput, the M.Phil. course in Women's Studies is being conducted under the Women's Studies Research Centre. The M.Phil. course in Education is being imparted at DPIASE, Konisi. The University also offers courses on self-financing basis, viz., M.Tech. in Computer Science, M.Tech. in Electronic Information Systems, Master of Finance and Control, M.Pharm., M.Sc. in Biotechnology, M.Sc. in Geophysics, LL.M. (at Lingaraj Law College, Berhampur) and Post-Graduate Diploma in Banking and Insurance Management. The University has decided to introduce two courses, namely, Master of Financial Services under P.G. Department of Economics and Master of Social Work under P.G. Department of IR & PM, Berhampur University under Self-Financing Mode from the academic session 2012-13. It is also proposed to start a self-financing course under the Department of Business Administration, Berhampur University from the next academic year.

To provide facilities for teaching, research and extension, the University has five centres, namely, Women's Studies Research Centre, Centre for Canadian Studies, Biju Patnaik Computer Centre, Centre for Regional Studies and Harihar Mardaraj Distance Education Centre. To facilitate the Finance and Examination Data Processing of the University, a separate wing of the BPCC became functional in the Administrative Block of the University since April 2011.

A Library is the mirror as well as the knowledge hub of any educational institution. The R.P. Padhi Library of our University is well equipped with 1,23,464 books, 150 current journals, 830 back volumes of journals, 2827 statistical handbooks and 2510 reports. The University has subscribed to a number of Online Research Journals through the UGC INFONET Digital Library Consortium. A total of 9418 new books were added to the Library during this year with the financial assistance from the UGC under the XI Plan. The Library is now subscribing 46 monthly magazines and 23 newspapers.

The Distance Education Centre of the University was established in the year 1987. It has been named after Late Raja Saheb Harihara Mardaraj Deo of erstwhile Khallikote Estate. The Centre aims at providing educational facilities for those who cannot afford formal education and intend to pursue higher education through distance mode. The Centre is offering a total of 26 Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate and Professional courses. From this year, the Three Year Degree Course in Science was started under DE mode. It is a matter of great satisfaction that there is tremendous response for admission into all the courses offered by the Distance Education Centre. The University proposes to introduce more courses including

Master in Library Science under distance mode in order to make learning accessible to the educationally underprivileged, socially disadvantaged and economically backward sections of the southern region of the state of Odisha.

The College Development Council of the University monitors the UGC-funding to different colleges enlisted under 2(f) and 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956. A total of 50 colleges under Berhampur University have been enlisted under 2(f) and 12-B of the UGC Act and are receiving financial assistance under different schemes and programmes. The UGC has sanctioned and released financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1,22,51,282/- to different colleges under different Schemes during the year under report for procurement of books & journals, equipment and construction of buildings. The Lingaraj Law College, Berhampur, a constituent college of Berhampur University, has received financial allocation under different heads from the UGC to the tune of Rs. 23,17,000/- under the XI Plan.

It is widely recognised that one of the important functions of the University is to create, preserve, and disseminate knowledge. The University has taken appropriate action in this regard. The facilities of research are available in the post-graduate departments and some of the affiliated colleges including Autonomous Colleges under its jurisdiction. The University has been receiving financial assistance from the UGC, CMLRE, BARC, MoES, DST, INCOIS, etc. to undertake major research projects. The Earth Science and Technology Cell, funded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is also functioning in the University Campus. One Research Associate, two Senior Research Fellows, seven Junior Research Fellows, two Field Assistants and one Technical Assistant are working in the aforesaid Research Projects. There are 37 and 20 scholars belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively who are working under the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme of the UGC as Junior Research and Senior Research Fellows. Two SRFs and six JRFs are working in different Departments by availing financial assistance from the CSIR, ICHR and ICSSR. Besides, six Research Scholars are working in the University under the DST-INSPIRE Fellowship Scheme. A scholar has also been selected for undertaking research availing the Maulana Azad Fellowship in the Department of Odia.

The P.G. Department of History is running the UGC-funded SAP under DRS-III level. The Department of Odia has received UGC-assistance to the tune of Rs.55.00 lakhs for a period of five years at the level of DRS-I under the Special Assistance Programme (SAP) out of which the Department has received an amount of Rs. 18,96,000/- towards the first instalment.

The University has made optimum use of the UGC financial assistance under the XI Plan. It has been decided to procure equipment worth Rs. 2.25 crore by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. The UGC has accorded approval for construction of a Women's Hostel with a cost of Rs. 94,47,508/- under Merged Scheme out of XI Plan Grant of UGC and the work is in progress. It is worth mentioning here that the construction work

of two other Women's Hostels is under progress with the financial assistance from the Department of ST & SC Development, Government of Odisha, which will go a long way in providing adequate accommodation to girl students in the campus. The University has received Rs. 10.00 lakh from the MP-LAD fund sanctioned by Shri Sidhant Mohapatra, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Berhampur and Rs. 5.00 lakh from MLA-LAD fund sanctioned by Dr. Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy, Hon'ble MLA, Gopalpur for construction of the boundary wall of the playground and the provision of Hi-Max light in-front of the P.G. Central Office. We place on record our sincere gratitude for their gesture towards this University.

It is worth mentioning here that many teachers of the University have gone abroad on academic pursuits during 2011. Prof. B.P. Rath, Department of IR&PM attended the **Global Conference on Business and Finance** held at Las Vegas, USA during 2-5 January 2011. Prof. P.K. Padhy, Department of Business Administration has attended an International Seminar on **Development Management** at Bangkok during 24-27 February 2011 and was the Chairperson of a Panel. Prof. Padhy was also the Keynote Speaker at the **2<sup>nd</sup> IIMS-AIS**, Auckland at Penang, Malaysia during 9-11 November 2011. Dr. Aparajita Chowdhury attended International Conference at Canada on **Violence against Women** during 29<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011. Dr. B.K. Garnaik, Lecturer in the Chemistry attended an International Conference on **Global Challenges – Role of Chemistry in giving their solution** at Bangkok (Thailand) during June 11-15, 2011. Prof. Trinath Sahu, Department of Electronic Science attended the International Conference on **Materials for Advanced Technologies** held at Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011. Dr. M.R. Patro attended an International Conference held at Tallinn, Estonia on **e-Governance** during 26-29 September 2011. Prof. P.C. Mishra, Department of Commerce participated in an International Seminar and Chaired a Technical Session in **2<sup>nd</sup> IIMS-AIS**, Auckland at Penang, Malaysia during 9-11 November 2011. Besides, many teachers of the P.G. Departments, such as, Dr. Sunakar Panda (Chemistry), Dr. S.K. Baral (Business Administration), Dr. S.K. Das (Computer Science), Dr. Suman Kalyan Choudhury (Business Administration), Prof. A.K. Panigrahy (Botany) and Prof. R.K. Mishra (Electronic Science) have attended International Conferences held inside the country. Further, many teachers of the P.G. Departments, Berhampur University and the Lingaraj Law College, Berhampur have attended National Conferences/Workshops/Seminars at the National as well as State level.

The P.G. Central Office has adopted e-admission into the P.G. and M.Phil. courses. The Research Journal of Berhampur University, which has received the ISSN number, will have its first publication to be released today.

Prof. R. Sahu (Physics) and Prof. Snehalata Panda (Political Science) have joined this University as UGC Emeritus Professors during the year under report.

During the year 2011, there were a number of activities and programmes undertaken by different P.G. Departments and Centres of the University in order to rejuvenate the academic life in the campus. The various P.G. Departments of the University have successfully organised Conferences, Workshops and Seminars on various emerging issues. The P.G. Department of Commerce hosted the **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Odisha Commerce Association** during 19-20 February 2011. The Department of History organised a **National Seminar on Social Protest Movement in Odisha since early times** during 12-14 March 2011 under SAP-UGC. The Department of Journalism & Mass Communication organised a National Seminar on **Media Audit: Need for Greater Accountability, Transparency and Responsibility** during 29-30 March 2011. His Excellency Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare, the Governor of Odisha and Chancellor, Berhampur University graced the Inaugural Function as the Chief Guest. The P.G. Department of Home Science conducted a National Seminar on **Maternal and Child Health: A Challenge of Millennium Development Goals** during 4-5 May 2011. The Department of Economics organised a National-level Capacity Building Workshop on **Budgetary System of National and Sub-National Governments in India** in collaboration with the CBGA, New Delhi and OBAC of CYSD, Bhubaneswar during 7-8 May 2011. The Department of Business Administration has organised a UGC-sponsored **Workshop on Research Methodology** during 29-30 October, 2011. The P.G. Department of Odia organised a National Seminar on the topic **Odia Lokasahityara Sima O Sambhabana** during 11-12 November 2011. The P.G. Department of Chemistry organised a National Seminar on **Frontiers in Recent Chemical Research** during 26-27 November 2011. The Department of Botany organised a Regional Workshop on the **Forest for People**, sponsored by the Department of Forest, Government of Odisha on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The year came to a close with the Department of Law organising a National Seminar on **Intellectual Property Rights: Issues and Challenges** during 21-22 December 2011, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice S.J. A.K. Patnaik of the Supreme Court of India, New Delhi on 21 December 2011 as the Chief Guest. All these conferences were well attended and eminent scholars in the respective fields from different parts of the country have participated and deliberated. Besides, various Departments/Centres of the University and Lingaraj Law College, Berhampur have conducted Seminars and Interaction Sessions by inviting eminent academicians of the country. In order to promote interdisciplinary teaching and research, the University has implemented a new practice of having the lecture programmes in P.G. departments by inviting faculty members from other departments.

The University organised a function to commemorate the celebration of Swami Vivekananda's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary in collaboration with the Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari (Branch: Berhampur) entitled as "**Vijay Hi Vijay!! – State Level Youth Leadership Development Programme**". The University also observed the

Vigilance Awareness Day on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 in the University in order to highlight the cancerous growth of corruption at all levels and how to eradicate it.

The timely conduct of examinations and publication of results is a major responsibility of the University. It is a matter of great satisfaction that our University during the year under report has published the +3 Final results within one month from the last day of examination and it set a new record. Similarly, the University has conducted examinations as per the Academic Calendar decided for the purpose and we have been successful in publishing results within the stipulated timeframe. These steps have been taken in the greater interest of the students appearing at different university examinations. During the year 2011, a total of 123 Ph.D. degrees, 3 D.Sc. and 3 D.Litt. degrees have been awarded.

The University has limited funds at its disposal. In spite of this, during the year we have taken up many repair and renovation works. An amount of Rs. 15.00 lakh was sanctioned by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Orissa for construction of the First Floor of the Biju Patnaik Computer Centre and the work is in progress. The extension work of the Administrative Block is in progress. Besides, the University has taken steps for repair and renovation of the Canteen, Health Centre, Commerce Block, Departments of Botany, Zoology and Business Administration. The University has given emphasis on providing good ambience for the borders of different hostels. As a part of this, the repair and renovation of the hostels, especially, the hostels meant for ladies have been undertaken to make it user-friendly.

I am immensely happy to note that many reputed companies covering different sectors like Pharma, Logistics, FMCG, Retail, IT, Insurance, BPO, etc. visited the University on campus recruitment drive and selected twenty students from different post-graduate departments during the year under report.

Prof. J.K. Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, Berhampur University visited University of Hong Kong to attend the Conference of the Executive Heads of Association of Commonwealth Universities during 6-8 April 2011 with the focus on **Higher Education in Hard Times – Risk, Reputation and Reform developing new business in a changing environment**. He also visited Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada during 15-19 June 2011 as a Member of the Indian Vice-Chancellor Delegation to participate in the **Indo-Canadian Education Summit** held at the initiative of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi. Prof. Mohapatra attended the East Zone Vice-Chancellor's Meeting – 2011 held under the auspices of KIIT, Bhubaneswar during 2-3 September, 2011. He attended the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Indian Universities organised at Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi during 15-16 December, 2011.

It is worth mentioning here that in order to strengthen the existing P.G. Departments and Lingaraj Law College, Berhampur, a number of teaching posts have been filled-up. Similarly, the services of a large number of Daily Wage Workers engaged by the University have been regularised against the existing vacancies in Class-III and Class-IV posts. We place on record our gratitude to the Government of Odisha and the Office of the Hon'ble Chancellor for giving the permission to fill-up these vacancies.

The NSS Bureau has been actively involved in extension activities. The Bureau has a volunteer strength of 10,750 spread over 104 colleges in 7 districts. Female volunteers account for 3600, which is 33% of the total strength. The year under report has been eventful for the NSS Bureau. Mrs. Indira Priyadarsini Patnaik of Sunabeda Women's College has won Indira Gandhi NSS National Award as best Programme Officer, the only Programme Officer in the state to have won such a prestigious award this year. Biswa Ranjan Samal, a final year MBBS student and NSS volunteer visited China as a part of Indian Youth Delegation during 19-28 September 2011. Mr. Krushna Chandra Padhy of Science College, Hinjilicut has been selected to participate in the Republic Day Parade to be held at New Delhi on 26 January 2012. Till date, record number of nearly 2000 units of blood has been collected. It is a matter of great satisfaction that a record 1031 units of blood was collected at a camp held at Gandhi Engineering College, Gunupur on 14.11.2011. A total of 40 NSS Units in 7 districts under the jurisdiction of the university have been identified for implementing the Gyanalok Programme. Besides, the NSS Bureau has undertaken various other programmes, such as, Youth Leadership Development, Plantation, AIDS awareness, Women Empowerment, Awareness on Health and Sanitation in adopted villages, etc.

During the year under report, the Sports Council, Berhampur University organised the Inter-College Tournaments/Competitions in different disciplines and the University teams have been sent to participate in the Inter-University and All-India Inter-University Tournaments, Meet and Competitions.

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication is bringing out the *Bhanja Bihar Reporter*, *Bhanja Bihar Samachar* and *Bhanja Bihar Review*, as Laboratory Journals. The students of the Department are also organising news-casting '*Bhanja Bani*' on regular basis.

It is a matter of great pride that three of our distinguished colleagues have been elected as Presidents of three Associations at the state level. Prof. P.K.Biswasroy was elected as the President of the Orissa Commerce Association. Similarly, Prof. Lakshmi Narayan Raut has been elected as the President of the Odisha History Congress and Prof. Jugal Kishore Mishra has been elected President of the Odisha Political Science Association. Dr. (Ms.) Smita Sinha, Department of Linguistics has been appointed as the Honorary Major President of City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA in February 2011.

Prof. J.K. Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, Berhampur University has led the NAAC Peer Team as Chairman for assessment and accreditation of a College in Kerala. Prof. P.K. Biswasroy, Department of Commerce visited as Chairman/Member Coordinator of the NAAC Peer Team for assessment and accreditation of the centres of higher learning in the states of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Goa. Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury, Department of Home Science also visited a college in Assam as a Member of the NAAC Peer Team.

On this auspicious occasion of the 46<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day, the University is going to honour two eminent personalities, Padmasree Dr. Tulasi Munda in recognition to her contributions in the field of social service and Prof. Rajat Kumar Kar, a prominent Scholar for his contribution to the society in the field of literature. We feel honoured by honouring them. I am extremely grateful to Dr. Tulasi Munda and Prof. Rajat Kumar Kar for accepting the honour bestowed on them by the University.

On this occasion of the 46<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the University, let us resolve to make sincere and sustained efforts in translating the vision of the University into a reality and to fulfil the hopes, aspirations and expectations of the people of Odisha in general and South Odisha in particular. This will be possible with the wholehearted cooperation among all the stakeholders and with the active support of both the UGC and the State Government.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy, Prosperous and Meaningful New Year.

Thanking you all.

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**Bhanja Bihar**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012**

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