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GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY



Annual Report

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PREFACE

The academic session of 2023-24 marked a significant activity at GM University, beyond the conventional classroom. Various schools organized national and international seminars and conferences expanding the academic horizons of the students and faculty and enhancing institution's visibility. Students actively participated in numerous cultural and athletic events, earning accolades at both the inter-university level and beyond. The University organized the "Culture Fest, 2K24" boosting the Cultural spirit of both UG and PG students. The University also coordinated the "East Zone Inter-University Cricket (Men) Tournament 2023-24". Seed money was disbursed to the faculty members to support and foster research. Despite the limitations of space, concerted efforts were made to enhance the campus's green coverage. Collaborations with prestigious institutions like BARC for organizing DAE- BRNS Outreach program on "Societal Application of DAE Technologies and R&D Opportunities in Nuclear Science" which was a new initiative and provided valuable opportunities for the teaching staff to know about cutting edge research. On 1st March 2024, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, inaugurated the "ODISERV" project at GM University. Additionally, prominent industrialist Mr. Sandeep Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv, assured the university of his continued support. The School of Economics organized two-day International Conference on "New Frontiers in Economic and Financial Research". The School of Odia organized the "First World Odia Language Conference 2024" (ପ୍ରଥମ ବିଶ୍ୱ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ, 2024). A programme on Interaction of Students with Special Needs was organized by the Divyangjan Cell with Prof. Ulrika Zeshan and Sibaji Panda. The School of Anthropology at GM University, in collaboration with Sambalpur University, successfully organized a Post Congress sequel to World Anthropology Congress (WAC). The growth of Gangadhar Meher University from its earlier history as college is sure and steady. The mission of improving instructional facilities, creating research avenues and outreach activities in the University is gaining ground with each passing day. All the stakeholders work and hope that this heritage institution will continue to grow and shine bright in the years to come

Prof. N. Nagaraju
Vice-Chancellor

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About the University

Gangadhar Meher University (GMU), Sambalpur, came into existence on the 30th of May 2015 as a unitary Institution of higher learning [vide the Government of Odisha Order No.11598/HE Dated 30" May 2015]. That was a momentous event for the people and student community of Western Odisha for the fulfilment of their long-cherished dream and aspirations. The newly formed University replaced the erstwhile Gangadhar Meher College (Autonomous). Consequently, the entire teaching and non-teaching staff of the G.M. College were deployed to G.M. University and became the stakeholders of the newly formed GMU. This transition was indeed the crowning glory for an institution that had a humble beginning at its Inception way back in the pre-independence era.

Gangadhar Meher College, one of the oldest and the largest in Odisha, owes its origin in 1944 to the strong initiative, determination and tireless efforts of the people, including intellectuals and academicians of Sambalpur, and their intense yearning for quality education. Initially known as Sambalpur College, it was later renamed in 1949 as Gangadhar Meher College after Gangadhar Meher, a renowned Odia poet and a worthy son of the soil. The College started on a modest scale with the student strength of only 192. It went on expanding and growing in stature with the passage of time. In 1944, degree programs in Arts and Commerce were introduced, while B.Sc. programs were added in the year 1957. The College reached a milestone in 1964 when post graduate departments were opened. Another landmark was achieved when M.Phil. programs in various disciplines were offered by the institution from 1983 onwards. Pre-Doctoral coursework was also introduced in 2012 in four subjects to meet the demand for higher education and research. From this year (2018), GMU started offering Ph.D. programs in many subjects. The primary mission of the institution was to cater to the needs of the poor and underprivileged students of this tribal-dominated region of the State. The institution performed the role with great distinction in the subsequent years. It made rapid strides to emerge as a premier institution of the State in the domain of higher education culminating in its elevation to the status of a Unitary University. The College was able to carve out a special niche for itself in the academic landscape of Odisha. It started functioning as an autonomous college in 1991 and was controlled and managed by the statutory and the non-statutory bodies as prescribed by the UGC. On the basis of its academic reputation and its quality of institutional management and responsive administrative structure, the autonomy of this institution was extended by UGC. Further, the institution was identified as the College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) by UGC in the session 2004-05. The institution added another feather in its cap when it was accredited by the NAAC with an 'A' grade in the session 2015-16 in recognition of its excellent performance.

The newly instituted G.M. University has taken on the mantle from G.M. College (Autonomous) and is poised to take-off to new heights of excellence in the academic firmament in the years ahead. The new entity started functioning from 30 May 2015 following its new incarnation. Prof. Sudhansu Sekhar Ratha, an eminent professor of Economics and a noted economist from Sambalpur University was appointed as the OSD, while Dr. Smita Devi, Reader in English and Principal of the erstwhile (Autonomous) College was deputed as the acting Registrar to oversee the administration of the University. On 27th April 2015, Prof. Ratha was officially designated as the first Vice-Chancellor of G.M. University. The University provides teaching and research facilities for running Undergraduate, Post-Graduate and Research programs smoothly on various subjects. This University is serving to the needs of around 5500 students at present and rendering services to the society at large. Within a short span of three years, it has already made a mark in the academic arena by providing good quality education, conducting national and international level seminars and workshops on a regular basis under the dynamic leadership, long-term vision and missionary zeal of the incumbent Vice-Chancellor, Prof. N. Nagaraju.

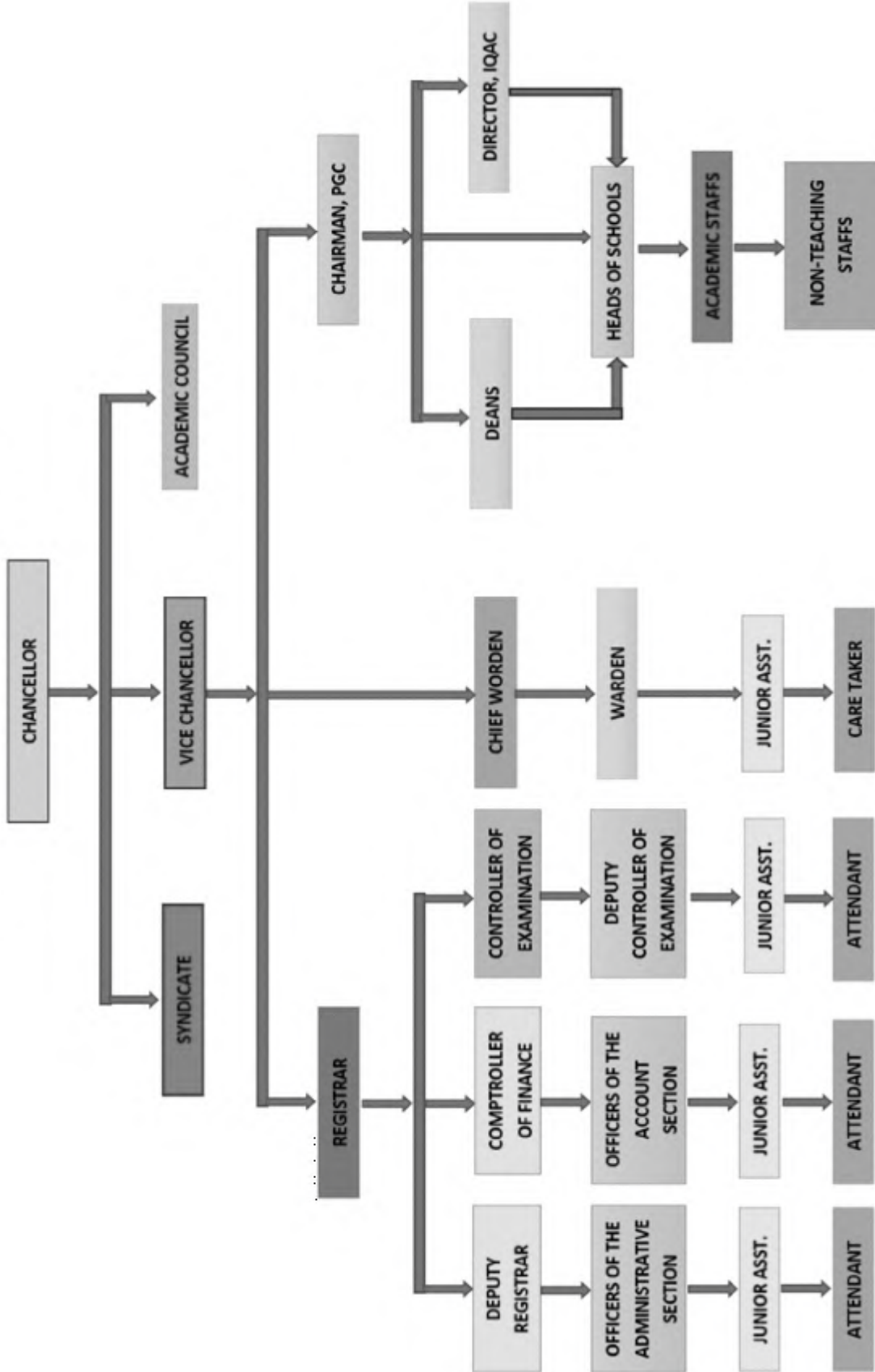
Vision

- To make quality higher education accessible to the students without discrimination.
- To develop and nurture the intellectual capital.
- To promote self-learning and self-assessment through adopting technology-intensive education system.
- To expand the areas of higher education through inclusion of both basic and applied disciplines.
- To promote professional programs.

Mission

- To adopt inclusive policy in enrolment.
- To offer incentives to girl students pursuing higher education/research.
- To ensure flexibility in syllabus by involving representatives of students and alumni in syllabus framing.
- To promote student centric learning by developing hi-tech classrooms with high-speed internet connections.
- To provide the students with the congenial research ecosystem with the target to solve local and global issues and problems.
- To evolve mechanisms to explore the diversity in talent and counsel career development in congruence with their talents.
- To train the graduating students in finishing schools to make them society-ready.
- To offer online and offline certificate courses for enrichment and refinement of their skills.
- To offer certificate courses in foreign languages and computer literacy for attaining global competency.

**ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY, SAMBALPUR**



Administration of the University

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Chancellor | : His Excellency Prof. Raghubar Das, Governor of Odisha |
| Vice Chancellor | : Prof. N. Nagaraju |
| Chairman P.G. Council | : Prof. Susanta Kumar Das |
| Registrar | : Smt. Jugaleswari Dash, OAS(SS) |
| Comptroller of Finance | : Smt. Kanakalata Ekka |
| Deputy Registrar | : Dr. Uma Charan Pati |

Officers

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Director, IQAC | : Prof. Gyanaranjan Swain |
| 2. First Appellate Authority | : Shri Jagannath Rout |
| 3. Second Appellate Authority | : Sri Sanat Kumar Naik |
| 4. Public Information Officer | : Dr. Sasmita Rani Sasini |
| 5. Coordinator World Bank | : Dr. Monalisa Mohapatra |
| 6. Coordinator RUSA | : Dr. Uma Charan Pati |
| 7. Public Relations Officer | : Dr. Uma Charan Pati |
| 8. Purchase Officer | : Dr. Gnyanaranjan Bal |
| 9. NCC, ANO Army wing | : Prof. Gyanaranjan Swain |
| 10. NCC, ANO Naval wing | : Sri Sadhujana Bankira |
| 11. Coordinator NSS | : Dr. Atula Kumar Pradhan |
| 12. Budget-cum-Accounts Officer | : Dr. Gnyanaranjan Bal |
| 13. Research Officer | : Dr. Chandan Sahu |
| 14. Students' Welfare Officer | : Sri Nilamadhav Pradhan |

Members of the Academic Council

1. Prof. N. Nagaraju, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor- Chairman
2. Prof. Himanshu Sekhar Mohapatra, Retired Professor of English, Utkal University
3. Prof. Padmabati Gahan, Retired Professor of Business Administration, Sambalpur University
4. Director, Higher Education – Ex-Officio Member
5. Prof. Susanta Kumar Das, Chairman- PGC, Head, School of Physics
6. Dr. Bibhu Kalyan Mohanty, Head, School of Anthropology
7. Dr. Santosh Kumar Sethi, Head, School of Bio-technology
8. Dr. Pradosh Kumar Acharya, Head, School of Botany
9. Dr. Alekha Kumar Sutar, Head, School of Chemistry
10. Dr. Priyabrata Panda, Head, School of Commerce
11. Dr. Madhumita Panda, Head, School of Computer Science
12. Dr. Uma Charan Pati, Head, School of Economics
13. Dr. Partha Sarathi Mallik, Head, School of Education
14. Dr. Anjali Tripathy, Head, School of English
15. Dr. Arabinda Sharma, Head, School of Geography
16. Dr. Pramod Kumar Samal, Head, School of Hindi
17. Dr. Atul Kumar Pradhan, Head, School of History
18. Dr. Jayendra Kumar Singh, Head, School of Library & Information Science
19. Dr. Bijaya Laxmi Panigrahi, Head, School of Mathematics
20. Dr. Laxmi Priya Behera, Head, School of Odia
21. Dr. Himanshu Sekhar Samal, Head, School of Philosophy
22. Prof. Gyana Ranjan Swain, Head, School of Political Science
23. Dr. Sanjukta Padhi, Head, School of Psychology
24. Dr. Suneli Dei, Head, School of Sanskrit
25. Dr. Meera Swain, Head, School of Sociology
26. Dr. Rajendra Gartia, Head, School of Statistics
27. Dr. Namita Shadangi, Head, School of Zoology
28. Smt. Jugaleswari Dash, Registrar – Member Secretary

Syndicate Members

| | | |
|----|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | Prof N. Nagaraju | Vice Chancellor & Chairman |
| 2 | Sri Ramakanta Nayak | Special Secretary, Department of Higher Education & Representative of Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Higher Education Department |
| 4 | Prof. Susanta Ku. Das | Chairman, P.G. Council |
| 5 | Prof. Kalidas Mishra | Retd. Professor, Department of English, Sambalpur University & Nominated by State Govt. |
| 6 | Prof. Shankar Prasad Pati | Retd. Professor, Department of Physics, Sambalpur University & Nominated by Chancellor |
| 7 | Prof. Sabita Tripathy | Professor, Department of English, Sambalpur University & Nominated by Chancellor |
| 8 | Prof. Pravabati Guru | Regional Director of Education, Sambalpur |
| 9 | Prof. Sadananda Naik | Professor, Department of Odia, Berhampur University & Nominated by State Govt. |
| 10 | Prof. Rajalaxmi Mishra | Retd. Professor, Department of Political Science, G.M. College, Sambalpur & Nominated by State Govt. |
| 11 | Dr. Anjali Tripathy | HoD, School of English & Member & Elected from Academic Council |
| 12 | Dr. Partha Sarathi Mallik | HoD, School of Education & Nominated by Hon'ble VC & Elected from Academic Council |
| 13 | Smt. Jugaleswari Dash | Registrar Secretary |
| 14 | Sri Jagannath Naik | Junior Assistant, Representative of Non-Teaching employee |

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

| UG | | PG | |
|---|---|---|--|
| Regular | Self-Financing | Regular | Self-Financing |
| Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Anthropology</u> ▪ <u>Economics</u> ▪ <u>Education</u> ▪ <u>English</u> ▪ <u>Geography</u> ▪ <u>Hindi</u> ▪ <u>History</u> ▪ <u>Mathematics</u> ▪ <u>Odia</u> ▪ <u>Philosophy</u> ▪ <u>Political Science</u> ▪ <u>Psychology</u> ▪ <u>Sanskrit</u> ▪ <u>Statistics</u> Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Anthropology</u> ▪ <u>Botany</u> ▪ <u>Chemistry</u> ▪ <u>Mathematics</u> ▪ <u>Physics</u> ▪ <u>Statistics</u> ▪ <u>Zoology</u> Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Commerce</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>BBA</u> ▪ <u>BSc IST</u> ▪ <u>Computer Science</u> ▪ <u>Integrated BA B.Ed.</u> ▪ <u>Integrated BSc. B.Ed.</u> | Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Anthropology</u> ▪ <u>Economics</u> ▪ <u>Education</u> ▪ <u>English</u> ▪ <u>Geography</u> ▪ <u>Hindi</u> ▪ <u>History</u> ▪ <u>M.LIB</u> ▪ <u>Mathematics</u> ▪ <u>Odia</u> ▪ <u>Philosophy</u> ▪ <u>Political Science</u> ▪ <u>Psychology</u> ▪ <u>Sanskrit</u> ▪ <u>Sociology</u> Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Anthropology</u> ▪ <u>Biotechnology</u> ▪ <u>Botany</u> ▪ <u>Chemistry</u> ▪ <u>Mathematics</u> ▪ <u>Physics</u> ▪ <u>Zoology</u> Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Commerce</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Computer Science</u> ▪ <u>MBA</u> ▪ <u>MBA [FM]</u> ▪ <u>MCA</u> |

Established in the year 2019, the School offers UG, PG and PhD programs.

Visiting Professors

| Sl. No | Name of the Professor | Position |
|--------|----------------------------|--|
| 1 | Prof. Sudhansu Sekhar Rath | Former Member, Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC), Bhubaneswar |
| 2 | Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa | Chairman, National Monument Authority, New Delhi |
| 3 | Prof. Atanu Kumar Pati | Executive Member, Odisha State Higher Education Council, Bhubaneswar |
| 4 | Prof. Pradeep Kumar Pujari | Senior Professor, HomiBhaba National Institute, Mumbai |

Information relating to signing of MOU with different institutions in Gangadhar Meher University

| Sl. No. | MOU Signed with the Institution | Subject Matter | MOU Signed Date |
|---------|--|---|-----------------|
| 1. | University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya | Agreement for Academic Collaboration | Dt.24.03.2023 |
| 2. | Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar | To establish academic and allied Cooperation | Dt.13.06.2023 |
| 3. | The Dr. Parshuram Mishra Institute of Advanced Study in Education, Motijharan, Sambalpur | To establish academic and allied Cooperation | Dt.22.09.2023 |
| 4. | Media & Entertainment Skills Council, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 5. | Electronics Sector Skills Council of India, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 6. | Logistics Sector Skill Council, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 7. | Automotive Skills Development Council, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 8. | Home Management and Care Givers Sector Skill Council, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 9. | Assam Down Town University, Guwahati | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 10. | D Y Patil International University, Pune | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 11. | SAM Global University, Bhopal | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 12. | Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 13. | Sanskriti University, Mathura | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |

| Sl. No. | MOU Signed with the Institution | Subject Matter | MOU Signed Date |
|---------|--|---|-----------------|
| 14. | BEST Innovation University, Andhra Pradesh | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 15. | GD Goenka University, Gurugram | Collaboration to promote Education Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 16. | GL Bajaj Institute of Management & Research, Greater Noida | Collaboration to promote Educational Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 17. | Rourkela Institute of Management Studies, Rourkela | Collaboration to promote Educational Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 18. | Sri University, Cuttack | Collaboration to promote Educational Skill & Research | Dt.27.09.2023 |
| 19. | Ministry of Textile, Office of the Development Commissioner Handicraft Service Centre, Shanti Nagar, Sambalpur | To establish academic, Handicrafts & allied Cooperation | Dt.09.11.2023 |
| 20. | PATANG, Sambalpur | To make young Boys & Girls gender sensitive and create positive social norms that value diverse gender identities and their rights. | Dt. 14.11.2023 |

School of Anthropology

- About the School**

The vision of School of Anthropology is to set a standard of excellence at different levels engaging in quality teaching and research by extending and applying anthropological knowledge for promoting inclusive development and to bring positive social change. With such a vision the School of Anthropology is trying constantly to impart quality education to the students. The school plans to introduce two value added courses. Every year students of School of Anthropology get exposure to study the indigenous tribal population as well as to visit different museums. Through such visits we are creating trained anthropologists to bring social changes. Our biological unit is also focusing on human health and development.

- Staff Strength : 06**

- Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 | Dr. Bibhu Kalyan Mohanty | Associate Professor | Social Anthropology |
| 02 | Dr. Meera Swain | Associate Professor | Social Anthropology |
| 03 | Dr. Kalyani Rath | Assistant Professor | Physical Anthropology |
| 04 | Dr. Minaketan Bag | Assistant Professor | Social Anthropology |
| 05 | Shubhashish Pandia | Guest Faculty | Physical Anthropology |
| 06 | Samikshya Pradhan | Guest Faculty | Social Anthropology |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

| WOS | Scopus | UGC Care | Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
|-----|--------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

- **Student Strength**

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|----|----|-------|
| 72 | 28 | 05 |

- Projects of the Department/ School-02
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (01)
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (6 faculties and 9 scholars)
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (Two)
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (01) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.
 - e. Organizing Education Tours (01) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.
 - f. Departmental Seminar (64) – UG, PG, Ph.D.
- Extension Programs-02
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded (01)
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (04)
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (02)
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (02)
 - d. International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (02)

School of Biotechnology

- **About the School**

The School of Biotechnology came in to existence at Gangadhar Meher University in 2019. The School was established to give a new shape to the development of Modern Biological Science in Western Odisha, as per the need for introducing modern technology in the western part of the state.

The thrust areas of the School in teaching and research include multidisciplinary research in the fields of Bioinformatics, Microbiology, Environmental Biotechnology, Plant Biotechnology, Animal Biotechnology, Genetic Engineering etc. Research is undertaken in areas like Bioprospecting of Microbes, Stress biology, Plant tissue culture, Microbial Proteomics and genomics under stress and Bioinformatics. The School has a dedicated qualified faculty team having doctoral and post-doctoral research apart from teaching experiences and focus on research in the areas of Biotechnology.

The Master's program in Biotechnology was started at the School from the year, 2019. The M.Phil and Ph.D. program were started from 2020.

- **Staff Strength: 05 (04 teaching + 01 non-teaching)**

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Santosh Kumar Sethi | Assistant Professor | Microbiology |
| 2 | Dr. Raghunath Satpathy | Assistant Professor | Bioinformatics |
| 3 | Dr. Swetaleena Tripathy | Assistant Professor | Molecular biology |
| 4 | Dr. Monty Kujur | Assistant Professor | Microbiology |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

| WOS | Scopus | Any Other (Book chapter) |
|-----|--------|--------------------------|
| 10 | 10 | 14 |

- **Student Strength**

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|------|----|-------|
| N. A | 38 | 6 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 06
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers) :01
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers):12
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers): 02
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.:1
 - e. Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.: 01
 - f. Organizing Summer Internship Training (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D.: 0
 - g. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D.: 10
- Non-teaching Staff: 01 (in association with School of Botany)
- Publication of the Department/ School: 24
- Extension Programs:01
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded: 03
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers): 07
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 10
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 05

School of Botany

- **About the School**

The School of Botany, established in 1957, is one of the leading departments of the University in the field of teaching and research. The School has been declared as "Star Performer" Department by the UGC under CPE Programme. It offers UG, and P.G. programme. The Botanical Garden of the School has remained as a unique identity in the state having a good number of medicinal plants. One "Herbal Garden", a "Green House" and a "Mist Chamber". It has been set up with the assistance of CPE Grant. The School is marching ahead keeping pace with the advancement in science accepting a new challenge in frontier areas of Plant Sciences and research. It publishes a scientific journal "BIOHELICA" and organizes National Seminar at regular time intervals.

- **Staff Strength: 11 (07 teaching + 04 non-teaching)**
- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Pradosh Kumar Acharya | Adhoc (Lecturer) | Taxonomy |
| 2 | Dr. Pragyan Sahoo | Adhoc (Lecturer) | Genetics |
| 3 | Dr. Sneha Shriparna Satpathy | Guest faculty | Biochemistry and bioinformatics |
| 4 | Ms. Sanip Manisha Tripathy | Guest faculty | Molecular biology |
| 5 | Ms. Neha Rani Nayak | Guest faculty | Plant physiology |
| 6 | Ms. Sweta Rani Sahoo | Guest faculty | Microbiology |
| 7 | Mr. Subham Meher | Guest faculty | Microbiology |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

| |
|-----|
| WOS |
| 01 |

- **Student Strength**

| | |
|-----|----|
| UG | PG |
| 141 | 56 |

- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers) :01
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers):04
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers): 01
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.:01
 - e. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D.: 10
- Non-teaching Staffs: 04
- Publication of the Department/ School: 03
- Extension Programs:01
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipment etc.): 04 lab
- Students' Progression
- Students' Placed (in Numbers): 05
- Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 30
- NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 05
- International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers): 02

School of Information Science & Telecommunication (IST)

- **About the School**

The School of Information Science and Telecommunication (IST) started functioning in the year 2003 with an undergraduate self-financing degree program namely BSc-IST(Information Science and Telecommunication) under the mentorship of Physics Department and under the banner of Professional Courses. Since its inception, it is growing continuously to provide quality professional education in the field of Information Science, Electronics and Telecommunication. In the year 2018 a post graduate program (MSc-ETC) was started. During this journey of 20 years, the school has produced 18 batches of successful

under graduates and 04 batches of postgraduate students. It has earned the glory to produce much efficient manpower for IT and Telecommunication industry. Now it is attracting students from different parts of Odisha and many of its alumni are working in different national and international reputed IT companies with many of them working in banking sector and government offices in different capacities as well.

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | SATYABAN BEHERA | Asst. Professor | IT/Computer Science |
| 2. | SUJIT TRIPATHY | Guest faculty | Electronics & Telecomm |
| 3. | RAMAKRISHNA MOHAPTRA | Guest faculty | Electronics & Telecomm |
| 4. | KOLLOL ADHIKARY | Guest faculty | IT/Computer Science |
| 5. | NANDA KISHOR SANBAD | Guest faculty | Mathematics |
| 6. | SMITA MISHRA | Adjunct faculty | English & Communication Skills |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

| |
|---------------|
| Scopus |
| 02 |

- **Student Strength :**

| |
|------------|
| UG |
| 135 |

- Projects of the Department/ School:
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers): 02
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 01
 - c. Organizing Summer Internship Training (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D: 45
 - d. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D: 05
- Non-teaching Staffs: 01
- Extension Programs: 02
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 17
 - b. International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers): 06

School of Chemistry

- **About the School**

School of Chemistry of erstwhile G. M. College, Sambalpur (G. M. University since 2015) came into existence in the year, 1944. The Intermediate in Science opened in that year followed by B.Sc. (Hons.) in 1960. The Post-Graduate teaching in Chemistry started in the year 1964 and it has been imparting teaching in UG (Hons. & Pass) and PG students since then. The faculty members of the Department are actively pursuing research activities and have produced eminent scholars in their respective areas. The Department holds the distinction of being the premier centre of tertiary education in the state of Odisha. Many alumni of the Department have held higher respectable positions both in India and abroad.

- **Staff Strength: 11**

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Alekha Kumar Sutar | Professor | Inorganic Chemistry |
| 2 | Dr. Monalisha Mohapatra | Professor | Biophysical chemistry |
| 3 | Dr. Suprava Nayak | Assistant Professor | Inorganic Chemistry |
| 4 | Dr. Debasis Behera | Assistant Professor | Physical Chemistry |
| 5 | Sumanta Pradhan | Assistant Professor | Inorganic Chemistry |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

| WOS | Scopus | Peer Reviewed |
|-----|--------|---------------|
| 5 | 5 | 5 |

- **Student Strength**

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|----|----|-------|
| 58 | 32 | 07 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 01
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers): 01
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 02
 - c. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D. : 02
 - d. Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.: 02
- Non-teaching Staffs: 05
- Publication of the Department/ School: 05
- Extension Programs: 02
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipment etc.): 03 (UG/PG Labs) + 03 (Research Labs)
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded: 07 (Registered)
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers): 01
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 11
 3. JAM. Qualified (B.Sc Student) : 03 NET-(LS): 01

School of Commerce

- **About the School**

The School of Commerce started the new academic year at the School of Commerce, filled with excitement and optimism for the journey ahead. Despite the challenges posed in the previous year, the school continued to thrive, thanks to the dedication of the students and the unwavering support of the faculty and staff. In the coming year, the School remains committed to providing a world-class education equipped with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary for success in the ever-evolving business landscape. The School continues to foster a nurturing and inclusive environment that encourages innovation, critical thinking, and collaboration.

- **Staff Strength -08**

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1. | Dr. Priyabrata Panda | Assistant Professor | Accounting, Taxation, Finance, Marketing |
| 2. | Dr. Gnyana Ranjan Bal | Assistant Professor | Finance, Taxation, Economics |
| 3. | Ms. Saroja Meher | Assistant Professor | Marketing, Management, Accounting |
| 4. | Mr Subash Chandra Jhankar | Assistant Professor | Business Mathematics, Statistics, Management |
| 5. | Ms. Jhansi Rani Parida | Assistant Professor | Business Mathematics, Statistics, Economics |
| 6. | Ms. Shubheschha Nayak | Assistant Professor | Marketing, Accounting, Management |
| 7. | Mr. Ambarish Pratap Singh | Assistant Professor | Accounting, Finance, Economics |
| 8. | Prof. Shyama Charan Acharya | Visting Professor | Marketing, Management, Accounting, Finance |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

| WOS | Scopus | Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
|-----|--------|---------------|------------------|
| 1 | 4 | 5 | Book Chapter- 15 |

- **Student Strength**

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|-----|----|-------|
| 384 | 64 | 2 |

- Projects of the Department/ School- 02
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers)- 2
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers)- 15
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers)- 2
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.- 1
 - e. Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.-2
 - f. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D.- 15
- Publication of the Department/ School- 10
- Extension Programs-3
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipment etc.)- 1 lab, 22 systems
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded- Registered-2, Awarded- 5
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers)- 30
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers)- 50
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers)-3
 - d. International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers)- 1

School of Computer Science

- **About the School**

The School of Computer Science was established in the year 1998 and offering the B.Sc Computer Science course under the aegis of the School of Physics. Later in the year 2001, MSc in Computer Science has been introduced. The School got its own identity as a fully independent department in the year 2017. The school started the PhD programme in the year 2020 after the recruitment of three faculty members along with support staff. The vision of the school is to create globally competent undergraduate and post graduate students in Computer Science by imparting training in emerging technologies. It also promotes collaborative research through a conducive and disciplined academic environment and orient the students towards serving the society.

- **Staff Strength**
- **Regular Faculty-03**
- **Programmer-01**
- **Lab Assistant-01**
- **Attendant-01**

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| 01 | Madhumita Panda | Associate Professor | Quality of service in networks, Information Security, Machine Learning |
| 02 | Ajaya Kumar Tripathy | Assistant Professor | Machine Learning, Soft Computing, Formal Language Processing |
| 03 | Usha Manasi Mohapatra | Assistant Professor | Applied Machine Learning, Soft Computing |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

| WOS | Scopus |
|-----|--------|
| 01 | 5 |

- **Student Strength (AY 2023-24)**

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|----|----|-------|
| 94 | 31 | 04 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 03
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 04
 - b. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – 16
- Non-teaching Staffs: 03
- Publication of the Department/ School: 06
- Extension Programs: 01

- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipment etc.)
- No. of Labs -02
- No. of Computers: 25
- Number of Ph.D. students awarded: 1
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers): 01
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 08

School of Economics

- **About the School**

The School of Economics has been integral to Gangadhar Meher University since its inception as a college. However, P.G. course was introduced in the session 1966-67. The department has contributed to society and the nation through its teaching and research activities. The department has introduced M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses since the academic session 2018-19. The school currently hosts 05 full-time faculty member and 08 Ph.D. students. Their research focuses on topic in Microeconomics, Economics Theory, Agricultural Economics, Political Economy, Tribal Development, Behavioral Economics and Financial Economics.

- Staff Strength: Teaching – 06,
Total - 06
- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Dr. Uma Charan Pati | Assistant Professor | Behavioural Economics, Econometrics |
| 2 | Dr. Muralidhar Majhi | Assistant Professor | State Finance, Development Economics |
| 3 | Dr. Suraj Badaik | Assistant Professor | Macroeconomics, Public finance |
| 4 | Dr. D P Priyadarshi Joshi | Assistant Professor | Productivity Measurement, Input-Output Analysis, Migration |
| 5 | Mr. Anuranjan Tete | Assistant Professor | Economics of growth and development, Tribal and Rural Economy |
| 6 | Mr. Akshya Kumar Jena | Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty) | Macroeconomics |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

| WOS | Scopus | Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
|-----|--------|---------------|-----------|
| 05 | 05 | 01 | 01 |

- **Student Strength**

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|-----|-----|-------|
| 240 | 112 | 8 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 01
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers): 02
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 19
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers): 02
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG-01, PG-01, and Ph.D.-01
 - e. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – 06
- Publication of the Department/ School: 07
- Extension Programs: 02
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipment etc.): 01
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded: Awarded-02
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers): 22 (SSB), 01 (Postal)
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 38
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 07
 - d. International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers): State Representation- 01

School of Education

- **About the School**

The School of Education is one of the oldest departments of Gangadhar Meher University which provides BA(Education), M.A. (Education), and Ph.D. in Education along with Integrated B.A./ B.Sc. B.Ed. A record number of students are qualifying NET/JRF, CTET, OTET, OSSTET every year from the school. A good number of students/ scholars are serving in different reputed educational institutions in India and abroad. The School of Education organizes national and international seminars, workshops and symposiums on a regular basis. The School of Education prepares highly qualified scholars and educators to meet the needs of students in diverse settings within the State of Odisha and beyond by linking theory, practice, and social justice. The programs emphasize equity, academic excellence, reflective practice, curriculum integration, and advocacy. The programs promote meaningful fieldwork in which students and pupil-teachers engage with students, families, and other educators within diverse communities. The students conduct research, understand educational policies, and develop the skills required to meet the needs of all students. Through their courses and fieldwork, our students develop the dispositions that guide and support their teaching and leading.

- **Staff Strength: UG/PG- 05, Integrated B.Ed.- 07**

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Partha Sarathi Mallik | Professor of Education | Measurement and Evaluation |
| 2 | Dr. Neena Dash | Assistant professor | Inclusive Education |
| 3 | Dr. Sanjukta Bhuyan | Assistant Professor | History of Indian Education |

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|----|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4 | Mr. Gopikanta Suna | Assistant Professor | Philosophy of Education |
| 5 | Mr. Sadhujan Bankira | Assistant Professor | Sociology of Education |
| 6 | Mr. Gajanan Behera | Assistant Professor | Perspectives Of Education |
| 7 | Mrs. Madhusmita Panda | Assistant Professor | Pedagogy of Mathematics |
| 8 | Mrs. Suruchi Sahoo | Assistant Professor | Pedagogy of English |
| 9 | Mrs. Bhagyashree Naik | Assistant Professor | Pedagogy of Biological Science |
| 10 | Mr. Bimal Kumar Sahoo | Assistant Professor | Pedagogy of Social Science |
| 11 | Miss Sonali Hota | Assistant Professor | Perfectives of Education |
| 12 | Mrs. Satabhisa Debata | Assistant Professor | Pedagogy of Physical Science |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

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|---------------|
| Peer Reviewed |
| 31 |

- **Student Strength**

| UG | PG | B.Ed. | Ph.D. |
|----|----|-------|-------|
| 32 | 48 | 100 | 03 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 03
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers): 02
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 04
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers):04
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.-03
 - e. Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.-03
 - f. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D.- 02
- Non-teaching Staffs-03
- Publication of the Department/ School-31
- Extension Programs-03
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded
- Registered-18
- Awarded- 02
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers): SSB-13, Teacher Educator-19
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers):43
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET/OSSTET/CTET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 60

School of English

- **About the School**

With a history as old as that of the institution, the School of English is one of the oldest of its kind in the state of Odisha. Ever since its inception the School has been striving to disseminate knowledge in English Literary and Language Studies. Currently, the School offers courses in B.A. Honours in English, M.A. in English and Ph.D. The thrust areas of research include New Literatures, Postcolonial Studies, Literature and Performing Arts, Partition Literature, and Ecocritical Studies. Encompassing relatively new and unconventional areas such as Life Writing, Popular Literature, Gender Studies, Travel Narratives, Translation Studies and Theoretical Approaches to Literature in its courses, the faculty members of the School are attempting to keep students abreast of the latest development in the field.

- **Staff Strength – 03 (Regular)**

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Dr. Anjali Tripathy | Professor | Partition Literature, New Literatures |
| 2 | Dr. P. Muralidhar Sharma | Assistant Professor, Stage-II | Literature and Performing Arts, Indian Literature in Translation, Postcolonial Studies |
| 3 | Dr. Brahmanda Padra | Assistant Professor, Stage-II | General Linguistics |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

| WOS | Scopus | Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
|-----|--------|---------------|-----------|
| 01 | 01 | 04 | 2 BOOKS |

- **Student Strength**

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|----|----|-------|
| 48 | 48 | 03 |

- Projects of the Department/ School - 02
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers) - 02
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers)- 03
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers)- 06
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D. - 01
 - e. Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D. - 01
 - f. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D. - 62
- Publication of the Department/ School – Meher Journal of English Studies ((ISSN: 0975-8518)
- Extension Programs - 03

- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded – 03 registered, 04 awarded
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers) - 06
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers) - 14
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers) - 03
 - d. International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers) - 10

School of Geography

- **About the School**

The School of Geography (the then-Department of Geography) was established in 1964 with undergraduate study and an intake of 16 students. However, the teaching of geography as a subject was undertaken in G.M. College prior to the inception of an independent Department of Geography. At that time, it was one of the few institutes that were imparting geography teaching in the entire state of Odisha and the adjoining Jharkhand region. Thus, the department has played a pivotal role in establishing geography as an academic discipline among the people of the eastern part of India in post-independence times. In the year 1985, postgraduate programmes in geography was introduced by the department. The Department contributed a lot in the area of cartography and human geography, focusing on social, cultural, and economic aspects of geographic study for the next three decades. Because of these contributions, the department was designated as the nodal center of Sambalpur University in 2010 to carry out our research work leading to a Ph.D. degree. The introduction of the M.Phil. programme with an intake of 10 seats is another milestone that the department had achieved prior to getting renamed as the School of Geography at G.M. University in the year 2015. Full-time Ph.D. programmes were introduced in the School of Geography in 2020, followed by the opening of B.Sc. and M.Sc. programmes for students with a science background in the academic years 2021-22. Currently, the department has an intake of 32+5* (integrated B.Ed.) and 25 at the UG and PG levels, respectively. The School of Geography became a distinct entity within universities, gaining recognition as one of the standalone departments. The school of geography has evolved over time to incorporate advanced technologies, including remote sensing, geospatial analysis, and web-based mapping, to address sustainability issues and environmental issues at a local to global scale. The school increasingly emphasizes experimental learning, community engagement, and practical applications of geographic knowledge. The able faculty members and staff of the school are working seamlessly to contribute meaningfully to the development of its students, the school, the university, and society as a whole.

Staff Strength: 4

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| 01 | Dr. Arabinda Sharma | Associate Professor | Geoinformatics, Environmental Geography |

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|----|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| 02 | Dr. Sujit Kumar Jally | Assistant Professor | Physical Geography, Environmental Geography, Geoinformatics |
| 03 | Dr. Rashmi | Assistant Professor | Social Geography |
| 04 | Dr. Pammi Nitin Sinha | Assistant Professor | Geoinformatics, Physical, Economic Geography |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

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|--------|
| Scopus |
| 07 |

- **Student Strength:**

| | | |
|----|----|-------|
| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
| 37 | 24 | 02 |

- Projects of the Department/ School- 02
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (03)
 - b. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (05)
 - c. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (01) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.
 - d. Organizing Education Tours (01) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.
 - e. Departmental Seminar (10) – UG, PG, Ph.D.
- Non-teaching Staffs-03
- Extension Programs- 02
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs-02)
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded-02
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (07)
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (08)
 3. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (03)

School of Hindi

- **About the School**

The department is one of the premier centers for Hindi teaching in Odisha. From the time of establishment of Gangadhar Meher University in 1949, the teaching of Hindi language and literature is going on. The year 2018 proved to be a milestone when Post Graduate, MPhil and PhD courses were initiated simultaneously. At present, a total number of 157 students of Under Graduate, Post Graduate and PhD students are studying and conducting research in Hindi language and literature and are making important contribution in the development of Hindi language. In very short time the Department has earned a brand name as one of the excellent teaching and research centers in Hindi language in the state.

- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------|---|
| 1 | Dr. Dasharathi Behera | Guest Faculty | Itihas, Gadya, Patrakarita, Karyalayeen hindi |
| 2 | Dr. Pranati Behera | Guest Faculty | Gadya, Natak |
| 3 | Dr. Smruti Smaranika Jena | Guest Faculty | Gadya, Kavita |
| 4 | Ms. Mamata Naik | Guest Faculty | Itihas, Kavita |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

| Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | 02 |

- Student Strength:

| UG | PG |
|----|----|
| 32 | 30 |

- Academic Activities of the Department/ School

- Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers) : 02
- Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers) :5
- Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers): 05
- Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.: 02
- Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.: 01
- Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D.: 06

- Extension Programs : 02

- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded : 0/3

- Students' Progression

- Students' Placed (in Numbers) : 12
- Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers) : 17
- NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers) : 04
- International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers) : 02

School of History

- About the School

One of the oldest Departments of this prestigious institution, the Dept. came into existence in 1944. Since then it has catered to the academic needs of the students of this region in particular and of Odisha in general. Presently the Dept. offers U.G., P.G., and Ph.D courses with 48, 78, and 16 seats respectively.

- Staff Strength: Teaching – 04, Guest Faculty-02 Total - 06

- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1 | Dr. Atul Kumar Pradhan | Assistant Professor | Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology |

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|---|--------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 2 | Dr. Paramatap Pradhan | Assistant Professor | Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology, Ethno-Archaeology |
| 3 | Dr. Santosh Kumar Mallik | Assistant Professor | Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology, Art History |
| 4 | Dr. Sasmita Rani Sashini | Assistant Professor | Modern Indian History, Contemporary History & Legal History |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

| | | |
|----------|---------------|-----------|
| UGC Care | Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
| 04 | 04 | 03 |

- Student Strength:

| | | |
|----|----|-------|
| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
| 48 | 77 | 02 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 07
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers): 02
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 20
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers): 06
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG-03, PG-03, and Ph.D.-01
 - e. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – 01
- ● Publication of the Department/ School: 08
- ● Extension Programs: 03
- ● Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers): 06 (SSB), 01 (High School)
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 22
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 05
- International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers): State Representation- 03

School of Library and Information Science

- **About the School**

The School of Library and Information Science at Gangadhar Meher University, offers a diverse range of programs designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the dynamic field of Library and Information Science. The esteemed institution is renowned for its commitment to academic excellence, cutting-edge research, and a vibrant learning environment. The MLIS program provides a comprehensive foundation in the core principles of library and information science. Students are exposed to subjects such as information organization, digital libraries, information retrieval, cataloguing, and more. This program prepares students to become a proficient and innovative information professional. The PhD program in Library and Information Science at Gangadhar Meher University provides a platform for

students to conduct in-depth research in areas such as information retrieval, knowledge management, scientometrics and digital preservation. Many of the students have assumed leadership positions in library and information science organizations, both on campus and beyond. The School of Library and Information Science has facilitated numerous internships and practical experiences for students, enabling them to gain real-world exposure and practical skills in the profession. Several students have qualified NET/JRF every year from the school.

- **Staff Strength**

Total sanctioned post: **07** [Professor (01), Associate Professor (02), Assistant Professor (04)]

Filled Post: **05** - (04 Assistant Professor), (01 Guest Faculty)

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Dr. Jayendra Kumar Singh | Assistant Professor | Scientometrics, Citation Analysis, Ranking System of Universities/ Organizations/ Institutions |
| 2 | Dr. Rosalien Rout | Assistant Professor | Knowledge Organization, Cataloguing, Information Storage and Retrieval, Information Technology, Applications, Research Methods |
| 3 | Mr. Ashok Kumar Das | Assistant Professor | Library Management, Digital Library, e-Publishing |
| 4 | Ms. Cinia Tigga | Assistant Professor | Learning Commons, Information Seeking Behavior, Information Literacy, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) |
| 5 | Ms. Joytirmayee Sahu | Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty) | Library Classification and Cataloguing, Library Management, ICT Applications in Libraries |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (04)**

| Name of the Faculty | Scopus | Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| Dr. Jayendra Kumar Singh | NIL | 02 | |
| Dr. Rosalien Rout | 01 | 01 | |

- **Student Strength:**

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| PG | Ph.D. |
| Total Seat-24 Filled - 16 | 01 |

- Projects of the Department/ School - 03
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers)- 01
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers)- 3
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers)- 01
 - d. Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – PG (01),
- Publication of the Department/ School- 04
- Extension Programs - 02
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipment etc.)- 06 Computer Systems
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded – Registered -01
- Students' Progression -
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers) - 10
 - b. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers)- 05 (UGC-NET & JRF)

School of Mathematics

- **About the School**

The School of Mathematics plays a crucial role in solving real world problems. From cryptographic to climatic modelling, the Department showcases the practical applications of Mathematics that shapes our daily lives. Challenge yourself and your friends to unravel the mysterious of numbers and patterns.

This year, stay in the loop with upcoming mathematical conferences, workshops and seminars. Find the opportunities to connect with fellow math enthusiast and professional

Table-1: Staff Strength (year-2023)

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| Teaching Staff-04 | Non-Teaching staff- 02 |
| Associate Professor-01 Assistant Professor-03 Guest Faculty- 02 | Lab Assistant-01 Lab Attendant-01 |

Table-2: Profile of Faculties

| SI. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 01 | Dr Bijaya Laxmi Panigrahi | Associate Professor in Mathematics | Numerical Functional Analysis Spectral approximations of Integral Operators Numerical solutions of Nonlinear Integral equations Inverse Problem |

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 02 | Dr Ashrita Patra | Assistant Professor in Mathematics | Fractional Calculus, Differential equations, Mathematical Modeling, Numerical Analysis |
| 03 | Dr Yudhisthira Jamudulia | Assistant Professor in Mathematics | Number Theory and Special Function, Ramanujan Notebooks, q-series, Partition Theory and Modular forms |
| 04 | Ms. Laxmi Majhi | Assistant Professor in Mathematics | Number Theory and Special Function, Ramanujan Notebooks, q-series, Partition Theory and Modular forms |
| 05 | Mr. Rashmita Sahu | Guest Faculty | |
| 06 | Ms Asha Purna Pattnaik | Guest Faculty | |
| 07 | Ashirbad Rath | Guest Faculty | |

Table-3: Publication by Faculty members and research scholars (in numbers)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | 2023-24 |
|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | | 01 |

Table-3: Student Strength:

| Year | UG | PG | PhD |
|---------|----|----|-----|
| 2023-24 | 65 | 46 | 03 |

Table-4: Project of the Department: 02

| Name of the Faculty | 2023-24 |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| | Dr Ashrita Patra |
| Dr. Yudhisthira Jamudulia | 01 |

Table-5: Academic activities of the department

| Name of the Workshop /Seminars | Year |
|--|---------------|
| Departmental seminar (in numbers) – UG, PG and PhD | 2023-24 10 |

Students' progression

a) Students' placed (in number)

| | UG | PG |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Year | 2023-2024 | 2023-2024 |
| Total students | 65 | 46 |
| No of student placed | 02 | 02 |

b) Students' opted for higher studies (in number)

| | UG | PG |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Year | 2023-24 | 2023-24 |
| Total students | 65 | |
| Opted for Higher studies | 05 | 03 |

c) NET/GATE/SLET etc. qualified (in number)

| | UG | PG |
|----------|---------|---------|
| Year | 2023-24 | 2023-24 |
| JAM | 01 | 00 |
| NET/GATE | 00 | 01 |

d) International / National / State representation in Cultural / Sports / Co-curricular activities etc. (in number)

| | UG | PG |
|------|---------|---------|
| Year | 2023-24 | 2023-24 |

School of Management

• About the School

The academic year 2023-24 has been a period of tremendous growth and accomplishment for the department. The School successfully organized 4 National Workshops, 3 National Seminars, 13 Corporate Seminars, and 3 Social Outreach Programs, all of which contributed to the holistic development of our students. These events provided valuable platforms for students to interact with industry experts, academics, and thought leaders, fostering a culture of learning and professional growth.

The MBA, MBA-FM, and BBA programs have continued to excel, with students actively participating in academic and professional initiatives, demonstrating their potential as future leaders. The Corporate Seminars have been particularly instrumental in bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world application, ensuring that our students are well-prepared to meet the demands of the corporate sector. The Social Outreach Programs highlighted the commitment to giving back to the community, instilling a sense of social responsibility among our students.

The School of Management remains dedicated to providing a dynamic and enriching environment that nurtures leadership, critical thinking, and innovation. The school looks forward to building on this momentum and continuing the tradition of academic excellence and social contribution.

• Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 01 | Dr. Srinibash Dash | Head and Associate Professor | HRM |
| 02 | Ms. Shibani Sharma | Assistant Professor (Contractual) | Finance |
| 03 | Mrs. Shruti Mishra | Guest Faculty | Finance |
| 04 | Dr. Mahesh Kumar Bagarti | Guest Faculty | Finance |
| 05 | Dr. Subrat Pradhan | Guest Faculty | Marketing |
| 06 | Dr. P.C. Tripathy | Guest Faculty | Marketing |
| 07 | Mr. K.D.Lenka | Guest Faculty | Finance |

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| 08 | Mr. Gourav Ku. Panda | Guest Faculty | HR |
| 09 | Mrs. Sandhya Rani Sahu | Guest Faculty | Finance |
| 10 | Mr. Sandeep Mukherji | Guest Faculty | Finance |
| 11 | Dr.Namita Mall | Guest Faculty | Statistics |
| 12 | CA. P. Panda | Guest Faculty | Finance |
| 13 | Mr.P.K. Sahu | Guest Faculty | General Management |
| 14 | Mr. Santanu Kumar Sarangi | Guest Faculty | IT |
| 15 | Mrs. Smita Mishra | Guest Faculty | Communication |
| 16 | CA Ashok Agrawal | Guest Faculty | Finance |
| 17 | Prasanta Susari | Guest Faculty | Finance |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

| Scopus | Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | UGC Care-7 | Edited book - 02 |

- Student Strength:

| UG(I,II,III) | PG(I,II) |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 197 | 118 (MBA) + 126 (MFM) = 231 |

- Academic Activities of the Department/ School

- Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers): 7
- Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers):05
- Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers):02
- Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.03
- Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.-02
- Organizing Summer Internship Training (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.02
- Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D. 56

- Non-teaching Staffs:02
- Publication of the Department/ School: 09
- Extension Programs: 03
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipments etc.): 01 computer Lab (48 Systems)
- Students' Progression
 - Students' Placed (in Numbers): 14
 - Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 14
 - International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers):01

School of MCA

- **About the School**

The MCA program at Gangadhar Meher University commenced in the year 1997 and currently offers a two-year course admitting 42 regular students through the Odisha Joint Entrance Examination (OJEE). The curriculum is regularly updated with advanced courses, and students are encouraged to supplement their studies with NPTEL/SWAYAM courses to stay abreast of cutting-edge technology. The curriculum is taught by two full-time contractual faculties along with regular faculties from the School of Computer Science. It maintains its library with a substantial collection of books spanning various computer science sub disciplines. The department is actively engaged in organizing national and state-level seminars, as well as outreach programs, to nurture student's growth. Its goal is to cultivate students from diverse backgrounds into competitive software professionals and educators, contributing to societal progress. Many Students have secured positions in prestigious companies in India as well as abroad.

- **Staff Strength**

Regular Faculty-00

Contractual Faculty-02

Programmer-00

Lab Assistant-01

Attendant-01

- **Profile of Faculties**

| Sl No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| 01 | Dillip Narayan Sahu | Assistant Professor | Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Internet of Things, Data Science, Algorithm |
| 02 | Prateek Mahapatra | Assistant Professor | Machine Learning |

- **Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)**

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| Scopus |
| 05 |

- **Student Strength:**

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| MCA |
| 42 |

- **Academic Activities of the Department/ School**

a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers): 01

b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 03

c. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – 18

- d. Mentor-Mentee Approach- 10
- e. Alumni Connect Meeting- 01
- f. Parent-Teacher Meeting- 01

- Non-teaching Staff: 02
- Publication of the Department/ School: 05
- Extension Programs: 01
- No. of Labs -01
- No. of Computers: 30

- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers): 08
 - b. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 01

School of Odia

- **About the School**

The School of Odia is one of the oldest departments of Gangadhar Meher University which provides BA (odia), M.A. (odia), and Ph.D. in Odia. A good number of students/ scholars are serving in different reputed educational institutions in India and abroad. The School of Odia organizes national and international seminars, workshops and symposiums on regular basis. The School of Odia prepares highly qualified scholars and educators to meet the needs of students in diverse settings within the state of Odisha and beyond. It does so by linking theory, practice, and social justice. The programs emphasize equity, academic excellence, reflective practice, curriculum integration, and advocacy. The programs promote meaningful fieldwork in which pupil-teachers engage with students, families, and other educators across diverse communities. Students conduct research, understand educational policies, and develop the skills required to meet the needs of all students. Through their courses and fieldwork, the students develop their teaching ability.

- Staff Strength-03

- Profile of Faculties

2023-24

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Dr.laxmipriya Behera | Assistant Professor | Poetry |
| 2. | Dr. Ranjan Sethi | Assistant Professor | Drama |
| 3. | Dr.Parikhita Bhoi | Assistant Professor | Prose literature |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

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| Peer Reviewed |
| 08 |

- Student Strength:

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|----|----|-------|
| 48 | 58 | 07 |

- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers)-03
 - b. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D.-09
- Publication of the Department/ School
- Total publications - 08
- Extension Programs- 02
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded
- Registered-02
- Awarded-02
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers)- 010
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers)- 13
 - c. NET/ JRF etc. qualified (in Numbers)- 09

School of Philosophy

- **About the School**

The Department of Philosophy was established with undergraduate program in 1956 and Post-Graduate program was introduced in 1993 in erstwhile G.M. (Autonomous) College. It was elevated to the status of full-fledged university in 2015 and the department was renamed as the School of Philosophy. This School is one of the most accomplished centers of learning and research in the field of Philosophy particularly in the Western part of Odisha. The School of Philosophy introduced both M.Phil. (2018) and Ph.D. (2020) research program to enrich the philosophical discourse in different areas.

The School aims to create an environment for teaching, training and research in Philosophy at par with national and international level through extensive teacher- student interaction; inculcate critical thinking and value awareness among the faculty, scholars and students associated with the department. The School of Philosophy is a vibrant centre of Higher education and research. Academic activities other than teaching which includes undertaking of research projects, publication of books and papers, organizing seminar/conferences etc.

- Staff Strength: 03 Permanent & 2 Guest Faculty

- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Himansu Sekhar Samal | Associate Professor | Philosophy of Science |
| 2 | Dr. Subhankari Pati | Assistant Professor | Social and Political Philosophy |

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|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3 | Mr. Jamric Ekka | Assistant Professor | Ethics |
| 4 | Dr. Manas Kumar Sahoo | Guest Faculty) | Analytic Philosophy |
| 5 | Ms. Itishree Sahoo | Guest Faculty) | Indian Philosophy |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

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| Any Other |
| One UG Care Listed |

- Student Strength:

| | |
|----|----|
| UG | PG |
| 72 | 76 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 03
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation program by the School (in Numbers):
One Periodic lecture & One National Seminar
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in numbers): 02
 - c. Delivering Invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers): 02
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D.: 02
 - e. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D.: 09
- Publication of the Department/ School: 01
- Extension Programs: 02
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers): 09
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 08
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 05 (01 JRF & 04 NET)

School of Physics

- **About the School**

The Department was established in 1957. The Department has a long-standing history of excellence in teaching and research. At present, the school offers Doctorate programme (Ph.D.), two years master degree course (M.Sc.) and three years under graduate course in physics (B.Sc.). Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) syllabus have been implemented at UG level since academic session 2015-16 and at P.G. level it was implemented from academic session 2018-19. School of Physics also implemented the outcome-based syllabus with incorporation of programme outcomes, programme specific outcomes and course outcomes with various level of cognitive learning.

Since 2020, seven faculties (one Professor, two Associate Professors and four Assistant Professors) have joined the School. All the faculties have their doctorates and post-doctoral experiences from reputed premier institutes of India and abroad. In the area like LASERS/ optoelectronics, theoretical condensed matter physics, cosmology. The average number of citations of the papers published by all the faculties is

332. At present, about 11 numbers of Ph.D. scholars are continuing their doctorate programme. One Ph.D. scholar is being awarded with Biju Pattanaik research fellowship award in 2023. Out of twelve numbers of procured projects of total grant 45.34 Lakhs (5 as extra mural and 7 as university supported seed grant), three projects are completed successfully. The School facilitates some research labs on the basis of expertise gained by the faculties. Apart from regular academic activities, the school offers preparatory classes for national level competitive examinations like NET/GATE/JAM. Since 2020, about 30 students have qualified such competitive examinations and also continuing their higher academic studies in reputed institutes of National importance. School of Physics conducted eight numbers of seminars with very good number of participation of delegates, research scholars and students across the country. All the students of the departments are also monitored through their respective mentors. The School also facilitates very good connectivity with alumni and parents of the UG/PG students.

- Staff Strength: Teaching – 07, Non-teaching -05, Total - 12

- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1 | Dr. Susanta Kumar Das | Professor | Nonlinear Optics, Laser science and technology, nanophotonics, photocatalysis, battery, solar cell |
| 2 | Dr. Namita Shadangi | Associate Professor | Theoretical Condensed matter Physics, Non-linear Optical Materials, HTc. Superconductivity |
| 3 | Dr. Pramoda Kumar Samal | Associate Professor | Cosmology; Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation |
| 4 | Dr. Ananta Prasad Chakraverty | Assistant Professor | Material Science, Polymer Composites, FRP composites, Carbon based nano fillers, environmental effect of FRP composite, Industrial waste utilization, coating |
| 5 | Dr. Pranati Purohit | Assistant Professor | Low dimensional semiconductors, Nano materials, Piezoelectric materials and devices |
| 6 | Dr. Gangadhar Behera | Assistant Professor | Light-Matter Interaction, Plasmonics, Nanophotonics, Metamaterial |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

| WOS | Scopus | Peer Reviewed |
|-----|--------|---------------|
| 11 | 11 | 11 |

- Student Strength:

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|-----|----|-------|
| 136 | 37 | 03 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 05
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers): 03
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 06
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers): 01
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG-00, PG-01, and Ph.D.-02
 - e. Organizing Summer Internship Training (in Numbers) – 06
- Non-teaching Staffs-05
- Publication of the Department/ School: 11
- Extension Programs: 02
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipment etc.): 03
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded: Registered- 04, Awarded-01
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 13
 - b. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 06
 - c. International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers): State Representation- 01

School of Political Science

- **About the School**

The School of Political Science (earlier Department of Political Science) has a venerable past, a dynamic present, and a bright future. It came into existence in the year 1964. Post-graduate teaching was introduced in the year 1983. M.Phil & Ph.D programmes were introduced in the year 2017. Its commitment to teaching and scholarship, as well as its belief in the importance of community service, can be traced back to the past glory of Gangadhar Meher College. Our school's teaching commitment and successes are reflected in our students. Faculties get to know students by name, not only in high-level seminars, but also from group discussions, and through an array of engaging courses, including experiential courses like the Model United Nations and Mock Parliament. We offer not only traditional courses required for different competitive examinations, but also many thought-provoking courses to encourage creativity among the students. The school offers programmes for U.G(96seats), P.G(58 seats) and Ph.D. students and runs regular seminars and workshops.

The School of Political Science strives to be a highly supportive, dynamic, and productive academic department. We are dedicated to the formation of intellectually deep, civically-engaged, globally-aware, and ethically oriented students. We accept the challenge to be distinctive, thoughtful, skilled, and service-oriented critics of society and agents of change as they faithfully pursue justice and peace in their individual lives, communities, and the world.

As a vibrant academic community, the School of Political Science is embedded in the tradition of dialogues. The school actively pursues the objective of being multidisciplinary in nature and at the same time respecting human values irrespective of one's identities. We actively serve multiple communities and we

produce high quality scholarship within the broad contours of our discipline. We provide an academically rigorous, critical, intellectually diverse, and praxis-oriented set of educational degree programs in political science, human rights studies, and policy studies intended to properly educate and equip our students for lifelong learning, faithful citizenship and positions of conscientious leadership and service to their professions, community, and the world.

- Staff Strength-04
- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------|---|
| 01 | Prof.Gyanaranjan Swain | Professor | Contemporary Political Theory, Odisha Politics, Research Methodology |
| 02 | Dr.Keshab Chandra Ratha | Asst.Professor | Political Theory,Political Sociology,Development Studies,Gender Studies,Sino-Indian Issues,Water Governance |
| 03 | Dr.Banita Mahanandia | Asst.Professor | International Relations and Gender Studies |
| 04. | Singh Subhalaxmi Baidhar | Asst.Professor | Public Administration and Western Political Thought |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

| Scopus | Peer Reviewed |
|--------|---------------|
| 01 | 10 |

- Student Strength:

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|----|----|-------|
| 96 | 58 | 02 |

- Projects of the Department/ School-02
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School-
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers)-05
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers)-15
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers)-02
 - d. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D.-10
- Publication of the Department/ School-11
- Extension Programs-01
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded-Registered-02, Awarded-04
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers)-12
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers)-43
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers)-03

School of Psychology

- About the School**

The School of Psychology is one of the oldest schools in Humanities and Social Sciences. It was established on the 1st August 1962. Subsequently, the postgraduate teaching in Psychology was added to the Honours department in the academic year 1980-81 with 16 (Sixteen) seats and M.Phil in Psychology was added in the academic session 2010-11 with 8 seats. The department also offers Ph. D programme from the session (2020-21). The School of Psychology assures quality education which fulfils the students' need and aspirations. In the process of growth, it has witnessed several transformations from time to time.

This department aims to be a centre of excellence and provides superior education of merit and distinction inclined with new developments and challenges and advanced scientific knowledge through the basic and applied research. The department has synergistic interaction with other departments of the institution as well as other institutions in the state.

- Staff Strength: 08 (Teaching 06 + Non-teaching (02))

- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Dr Sanjukta Padhi | Assistant Professor (HOD) | Social Psychology/ Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Educational Psychology, Physiology and Comparative Psychology |
| 2. | Dr Rupashree Goswami | Assistant Professor | Organizational Psychology |
| 3. | Dr Rupashree Brahma Kumari | Assistant Professor | Cognitive Psychology, Research Methodology |
| 4. | Mrs Puspa Hembram | Assistant Professor | Counseling Psychology, Developmental Psychology |
| 5. | Dr Manoranjan Tripathy | Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty) | Behaviour Modification, Research Methodology, Statistics |
| 6. | Dr Snehaprava Sahoo | Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty) | School Psychology, Social Psychology, Research Methodology, Statistics |
| 7. | Mr Santosh Kumar Sahoo | Laboratory Assistant cum Store Keeper | M.Phil |
| 8. | Mrs Sushree Sangeeta Behera | Laboratory Attendant | MA |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

| WOS | Scopus | Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
|-----|--------|---------------|-----------|
| 01 | 03 | 18 | 01 |

- Student Strength:

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|----|-----|-------|
| 96 | 100 | 06 |

- Projects of the Department/ School : 04
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers) : 01 Seminar
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers) : 15
 - c. Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers) : 05
 - d. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D. : 05
 - e. Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D. : 05
 - f. Organizing Summer Internship Training (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D. : 02
 - g. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D. : 07
- Non-teaching Staffs : 02
- Publication of the Department/ School : 23
- Extension Programs : 40
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipments etc.) : 01 Lab and 05 Equipment
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded : 05 Awarded and Registered 06
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers) : 05
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers) : 13
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers) : 02

School of Sanskrit

- **About the School**

The School of Sanskrit is one of the oldest Department of Gangadhar Meher University. From the beginning, teaching was imparted both at the Intermediate and Undergraduate level. Sanskrit M.A course was introduced in 1977, M.Phil Course was introduced in 2010 and Ph.D course was introduced in 2019. At present, the School of Sanskrit imparts teaching in undergraduate courses, post-graduate courses and Ph.D courses. The present curriculum empowers the learners to have glimpses of varieties of knowledge treasure stored in the Sanskrit Language. This will help them to explore more and more existing resources of different knowledge tools. They can go for higher research and unravel the important text and significant ideas not explored till date.

- Staff Strength: Teaching – 04, Total - 04
- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Dr. Suneli Dei | Assistant Professor | GRAMMAR |

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|---|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 2 | Dr. Sushree Sasmita Pati | Assistant Professor | Dharmashastram |
| 3 | Dr. Prasanta Kumar Sethi | Assistant Professor | Literature |
| 4 | Dr. Sala Besra | Assistant Professor | Veda |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| UGC Care Listed | Peer Reviewed | Any Other |
| 02 | 9 | 12 |

- Student Strength:

| | | |
|----|----|-------|
| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
| 32 | 58 | 16 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 04
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers): 05
 - Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 50
 - Delivering invited Lectures by the Faculty members (in Numbers): 02
 - Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) –11
- Publication of the Department/ School: 01
- Extension Programs: 02
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded: Registered- 01, Awarded-02
- Students' Progression
 - Students' Placed (in Numbers): 05
 - Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 08
 - NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 02
 - International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers): State Representation- 01

School of Sociology

- **About the School**

The discipline Sociology was established in Gangadhar Meher University in the year 2019. Despite its status as the most recent addition, the department consistently undertakes various activities other than class room teaching viz. National seminars, and departmental weekly seminars with the intention of providing students with a more comprehensive understanding on different branches of sociology. The students studying sociology display exceptional achievements in numerous physical and curricular undertakings at both the state and district levels. The department's objective is to expose students to a wide range of

contemporary social issues in order to foster a more profound understanding of our ever-evolving society, and to equip them with diverse knowledge that will prove invaluable support for future research endeavors and for the sustainability of society, and the attainment of academic excellence.

- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1. | Dr. Anjali Kashyap | Assistant Professor | Development Study |
| 2. | Dr. Jharana Mishra | Guest Faculty | Tribal Sociology, Gender Studies, Sociology of Health |
| 3. | Mrs. Liza Sahoo | Guest Faculty | Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Health, Indian Sociological Thought |
| 4. | Ms. Laki Rani Panda | Guest Faculty | Social Change and Development |
| 5. | Ms. Monalisha Khuntia | Guest Faculty | Sociology of Health, Industrial Sociology |
| 6. | Mr. Sudip Naik | Guest Faculty | Rural Sociology, Social Change and Development |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

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|---------------|
| Peer Reviewed |
| 5 |

- Student Strength:

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
|----|----|-------|
| 72 | 18 | 2 |

- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 14
 - b. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG PG and Ph.D.: 8
- Extension Programs: 2
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded: 2/0
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers): 4
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 12
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers): 2
 - d. International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers): 1

School of Statistics

- About the School

School of Statistics of Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur (Previously G.M. College) Odisha started in the year 1973 with 32 seats for Intermediate Science and Arts and in the year 1975, with 16 seats for the graduation classes was opened. Only in 1982, Honors in Statistics was introduced with 24 seats for both Science and Arts stream. Since then, this department has been catering to the needs of the students. The Department imparts a three-years BA/B.Sc. (Hons.), two-year MA/M.Sc. in Statistics as regular

courses. The Department also offers Ph.D. programmes in Statistics with specialization in Survey, Sampling, Operation Research, Applied Statistics and Econometrics. The faculty members have published books, good number of research articles in peer reviewed journals of National and International repute. The alumni of this Department have been serving in national international level institutions. The Course Curriculum has been updated as per the requirements of the industry, health, finance, corporate sector etc.

- Staff Strength

| Year | Staff Strength |
|-----------|----------------|
| 2023-2024 | 02 |

- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 01 | Dr. Nirupama Sahoo | Assistant Professor | Sampling Theory, Econometrics |
| 02 | Dr. Rajendra Gartia | Assistant Professor | Operation Research, Econometrics |

- Publication by Faculty Members and Research Scholars (in Numbers)

| WOS | Scopus | Peer Reviewed | UGC CARE |
|-----|--------|---------------|----------|
| 01 | 02 | 04 | 01 |

- Student Strength:

| UG | PG |
|-------|-------|
| 31/32 | 09/20 |

- Projects of the Department/ School: 02
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers)-01 (National Seminar)
 - b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers): 10
 - c. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG, and Ph.D: 01
Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG, Ph.D-08

- Non-teaching Staffs: 01

- Publication of the Department/ School

| Year | Paper Publication | Book Publication |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2023-24 | 08 | 01 |

- Extension Programs:01
- Research Infrastructure (No. of Labs, Equipments etc.): 10 (Equipments)
- Number of Ph.D. students registered and awarded:

| Year | Awarded |
|---------|---------|
| 2023-24 | 03 |

- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers):02
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers): 07
 - c. International/ National/ State Representations in Cultural/ Sports/ Co-curricular activities etc. (in Numbers):02

School of Zoology

- **About the School**

Department of Zoology was established in the year 1971 under Gangadhar Meher College, Sambalpur affiliated to Sambalpur University. Prof. G.S Ghosh served as the first Head of the department from 1971 to 1972. Initially the department offered I.Sc & B.Sc courses but later on in the year 1991 after getting upgradation to Autonomous status three-year UG course (both Pass & Hons), two-year PG course and one-year M.Phil course were introduced. The Autonomous College was again upgraded to university in 2015 and the department was renamed as School of Zoology. Ph.D course was introduced in 2018. Till date two scholars have successfully completed the course and were awarded Ph.D in 2020.

The total student strength of School of Zoology in UG is 144 and in PG-48 during the session 2023- 24 and total sanctioned strength of teaching post is 07. At present 04 regular faculties and 01 Guest faculty are imparting teachings in the school. The school also organizes regular extra co- curricular activities to boost overall development of the students.

- Staff Strength: **07**

- Profile of Faculties

| Sl. No. | Name of the Faculty | Designation | Specialization |
|---------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | Sibaji Sankar Naik | Asst. Prof. | Biochemistry |
| 2 | Dillip Kumar Sahoo | Asst. Prof. | Fisheries |
| 3. | Prashanti Mishra | Asst. Prof | Fisheries |
| 4 | Purnima Dash | Asst. Prof. | Biochemistry |
| 5. | Hema Kumar Nayak | Guest Faculty | Fisheries |
| 6. | Sawan Kumar Sahoo | Guest Faculty | Cytogenetics |
| 7. | Anupama Bhagat | Guest Faculty | Ecology |

- Student Strength:

| UG | PG | Ph.D. |
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| 58 x 3= 174 | 28 x 2= 56 | 02 |

- Projects of the Department/ School - 01
- Academic Activities of the Department/ School
 - a. Workshop/ Seminar Orientation by the School (in Numbers)- 01

- b. Participation of Faculty members and research scholars in Workshop and Seminar (in Numbers)- 02
- c. Organizing Field Exposure Trips for Students (in Numbers) – UG, PG -01
- d. Organizing Education Tours (in Numbers) – UG, PG - 01
- e. Departmental Seminar (in Numbers) – UG, PG - 02

- Non-teaching Staffs - 03
- Extension Programs- 01
- Research Infrastructure: No. of Labs – 03
No. of Equipment - 22
- Students' Progression
 - a. Students' Placed (in Numbers)- 03
 - b. Students opted for higher studies (in Numbers) - 03
 - c. NET/ GATE/ SLET etc. qualified (in Numbers)- 02

Odisha Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology (OCGG)

The Odisha Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology (OCGG) at Gangadhar Meher University (GMU), Sambalpur is the first-ever center in the field of gerontology and geriatrics in Odisha. Set up in 2020 with financial assistance from the World Bank-funded Odisha Higher Education Programme for Excellence and Equity.

Odisha Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology (OCGG) is the first-ever center in the field of gerontology and geriatrics in Odisha. The prime objective of this center is to address various issues related to the elderly population such as health problems, status of sarcopenia, economic and social security, psychological issues like anxiety, depression, dementia, sleep quality, etc. In the contemporary social situation, the number of these people is growing up significantly. Ipso facto creates an imbalance in normal social life. Multidisciplinary research on the elderly population was initiated by the center with the involvement of various departments having implications for studies on geriatrics and gerontology. An advisory committee was formed with outstanding academics from different corners of the country who have been working in the field of Geriatrics and Gerontology. A dedicated page was created and published on the website to disseminate knowledge on different dimensions of the growing issues of Geriatrics and Gerontology. A comprehensive questionnaire with more than 130 questions has been prepared including all the dimensions and issues related to the elderly population. Field studies are going on. It is quite encouraging that till date around 4000 samples were collected from 75 villages of rural areas Sambalpur district with proper stratification. The data collection has been extended to urban areas of Sambalpur and other districts of Western Odisha. Research papers have been published and communicated for publication in Scopus-indexed journals. To take care of the medical/biological dimensions of geriatrics, the CoE has involved the biggest medical college in western Odisha, VIMSAR, Burla, Sambalpur through an MOU. The Center has also signed an MOU with the Center for Translational Chronobiology, and the Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology of Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. A certificate

course on Geriatrics Care has been launched to leverage the academic extension dimension of geriatrics. The center is actively working on outreach activities to connect with elderly persons at the ground level. Several such activities have been organized in association with the old age home of Sambalpur and nearby places. Many workshops and conferences have been organized involving experts from outside Odisha to give a proper shape to the CoE vis-à-vis specified goals. The immediate mandate of the center is to undertake interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research on old-age problems in Odisha. Efforts are on to develop a policy document so that necessary contributions may be made to the policy design at the level of the Government.

Bhima Bhoi Research Centre

Introduction

Marginalized communities in Odisha constitute a substantial population of Odisha and research on their social, political and cultural aspects is very scarce, often not resulting in solutions to the problems. Their faiths and beliefs are almost invisible in the face of the dominant and assimilating Jagannath cult, the "Maudamani". Bhima Bhoi and Mahima Dharma, a living faith, manifesting rather late but incorporating many spiritual and philosophical traits of faiths of the Indian soil, offers interesting narratives on socio-cultural life of the marginalized/ 'others' in Odisha. It is interesting to study how this relatively new religion (it is considered to be of recent origin) has challenged the hegemony of a dominant religion and culture. The most curious aspect of this religion is its emphasis on egalitarianism and liberation from oppression to enlightenment. The Bhima Bhoi Research Centre at GMU was established with a missionary vision to study these aspects of Mahima Dharma and the role of Bhima Bhoi in promoting these values.

Vision

The story and faith of Bhima Bhoi reverberates, not just in Western Odisha but in other parts of the country as well. One of the most remarkable cultural figures of the late nineteenth century, he lived among the forest dwellers of Western Odisha, striking an instant cord with the people through his simple and lyrical Bhajans. Espousing a singularly inclusive faith which centres around the spiritual vision of Sunyata, they are oral, rhythmic and from the everyday life of the people, and at the same time enunciating lofty thought.

The chair at Gangadhar Meher University established by the Government of Odisha makes an impassioned effort to relate and research the works of this poet-preacher; establishing chronology, decoding and explicating the works contextually and bringing them to the larger public through publications, seminars and symposia. Interdisciplinarity and intersectionality underpin this effort which, apart from the above stated aims, should help in understanding the indigenous aspects of the communities of the region and their ecological practices.

The chair has started bringing out, reports, journal, theme papers and edited works on the poet. Hopefully the chair will make more such efforts and the government will support the chair to take the research to the next level. The works of a living faith needs all-round support.

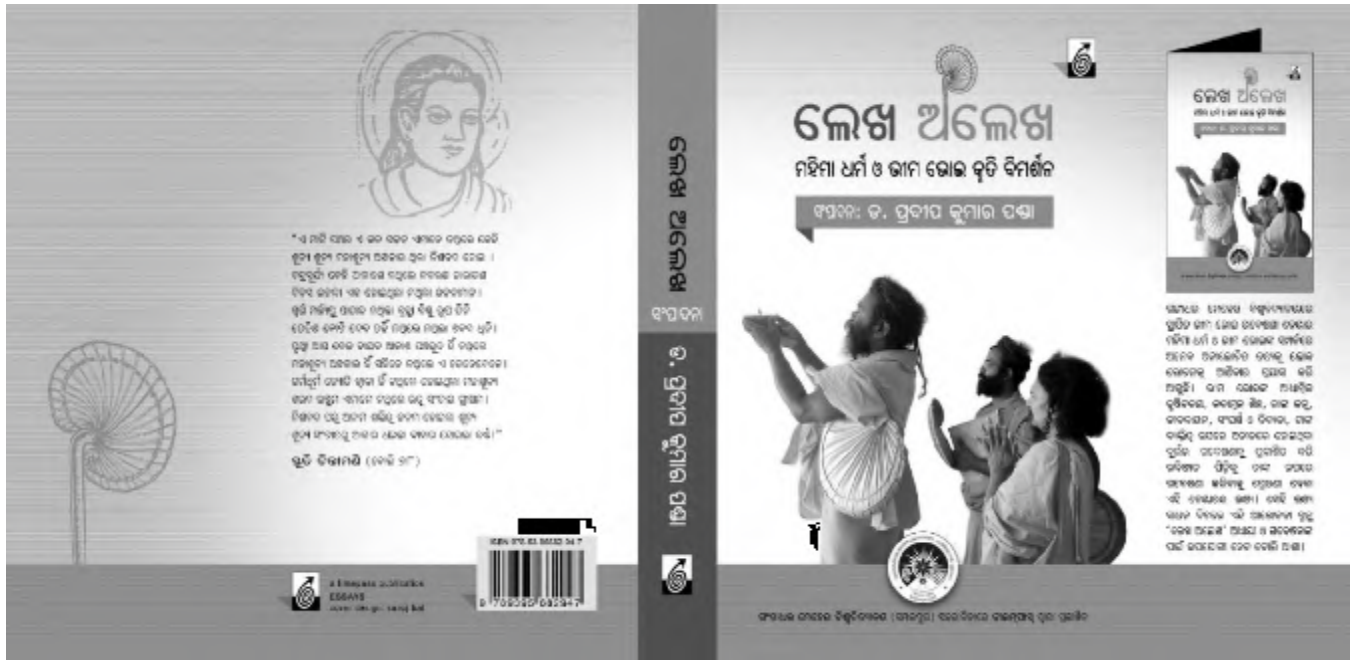
1. To study and research on the works of Bhima Bhoi and the living faith of Mahima Dharma from an inclusive perspective and develop a history of the communities of the Faith.
2. To publish the unpublished Pothis of Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi.

Research and Publications

The research centre carried extensive work during the COVID period. As there was no physical interaction, the centre focused on collection of manuscripts and Pothis during this period. The Centre now hosts a rich variety of Pothis in its possession.

2023

The book *Lekha Alekha* is a volume on some of the interesting facets of Bhima Bhoi and Mahima Dharma and many prominent scholars have contributed to the volume. The book is edited by Prof. Pradip Panda.



Seminar/Workshops/Webinars 2023

- Conducted three-day National Seminar on the topic “Mahima Dharma and Bhima Bhoi in our Time: Texts and Contexts” in the University from 1st to 3rd March. About thirty research papers have been presented by resource persons and research scholars. About three hundred scholars including teachers and students of the university participated in the event. Some highlighted themes of the seminar were,
 - Bhima Bhoi: Text analytics
 - Language of Bhima Bhoi a Linguistic Study
 - Modernity and Religious Believe and Literary Concept
 - Historical concept of Mahima Dharma and Bhima Bhoi ideology
 - Manaba Dharma O Biswa Drusti
 - Tradition and beyond in Bhima Bhoi Literature
 - Experimental Choutisha of Bhima Bhoi
 - Satya O Sunya Upasana
 - Sunya Sadhanara Parampara
 - Darshanika Dursti O Bhima Bhoi
 - Mahima Gosain eka Sambhabya Sangrachana.

On the final day, a field trip was conducted by the chair to Kandhara Village of Rairakhol where the smruti kupa is situated. A Santha Samabesa was conducted at the historical Divya Siddhi Khetra of Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi.



On 10th October 2023 Bhima Bhoi Memorial Talk was conducted in the seminar hall of the University. Two prominent Professors, Giribala Mohanty and Kailash Pattaniak of Biswabharati, Shantiniketan delivered the talks on the topic “Bhimara Katha O Kathare Bhima”.

2024

A National Seminar on 2nd and 3rd January 2024 was hosted by Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur in collaboration with Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh.



The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. N. Nagaraju, Vice Chancellor of Gangadhar Meher University and the Chief Guest was Prof. T.V Kattimani, Vice Chancellor Central Tribal University, Andhra Pradesh. 21 resource persons from different parts of Odisha and other states presented talks and papers. More than two hundred participants from different universities and colleges participated in the seminar.

The Chief Guest of the seminar Prof. T.V Kattimani. In his address he emphasised on the topic “The Legacy of Mahima Dharma and Cultural Preservation”. The other topics highlighted during all the four sessions were,

- Mahima Dharma: Origins, Beliefs, and Practices
- Bhima Bhoi: Life, Poetry, and Influence
- Literature of the Marginalised: Voices and Expressions
- Contemporary Relevance and Challenges
- Mahima Dharma and Social Justice
- Mahima Dharma & Cultural revolution
- Mahima Dharma in Comparative Religious Studies
- Mahima Dharma and Tourism
- Preserving Odia Identity through Mahima Poetry
- Exploring Mahima Dharma and Harmony with Nature

Beyond academic discussions, the seminar created a lasting impact on participants via the performance of Mahima Bhajans and Kirtan by renowned Mahima Sadhus, invited from Mahimapuram of Jharsuguda district of Odisha. Beside these, a film “Rupa Arupa” produced and directed by Shri. Debaranjan was screened. In its premiere show in which the life history of Bhima Bhoi and the concept of Mahima cult were narrated logistically.

A field tour to the Samadhi Pitha of Saint Bhima Bhoi, Khaliapali at Sonapur district of Odisha by scholars and guests addressed religious and cultural significance of Mahima Cult on the last day of the seminar.

A creative Art Workshop was organised during the seminar to glorify the sanctity of 'Sunya Brahma' where fifteen artists (students of Gangadhar Meher University) demonstrated live Art in canvas and showcased.

Extension Programmes

Bhima Bhoi Chair initiated many programmes to promote and preserve the values of Mahima Dharma and the teachings of Bhima Bhoi. The scholar visited many places like Kandhara, Khaliapalli (two most important places associated with Bhima Bhoi), Joranda, Madhupur, Kankanapada, Sohela, Mahimapuram (Bijapali), Bartunda, Bedalpat, Gujapahad, Budharaja etc. and had interaction with villagers and the Ashram Nivasis. The purpose of such visits was to interact with local villagers who are influenced by Bhima Bhoi teachings and to collect rare manuscripts and Pothis available with local people. The programme also focused on meeting Sadhus and understand their perspective of Mahima Dharma.





Ashram Bartunda (Kashipali, Bargarh)



With Birendra Baba at Sohela Mahima Ashram



Mahima

Research Collaborations:

During the post covid period, particularly after 2021, the chair has taken initiatives to engage many important public libraries in Odisha. Some of them are Public Library, Sambalpur, Nabin Sahu Museum, Jyoti vihar, State Museum Odisha, Odisha Sahitya Academy, Sahitya Academy, New Delhi, Ashrams of Mahima Cult of the locality including Joranda, Khaliapali, Kandhara, Madhupur, Kankanapada, Sohela, Mahimapuram (Bijapali), Bartunda, Bedalpat, Gujapahad, Budharaja etc. Most of them are local libraries but they contain important information about Bhima Bhoi and Mahima Dharma. The Chair had a formal dialogue with these institutions and there will be shortly mutual exchange of research material through exchange programmes.

The chair has also entered a formal MOU with KISS, Bhubaneswar with the sole objective to promote research on Bhima Bhoi and Mahima Dharma. The chair recently had started a dialogue with Andhra Pradesh Central University to enter into a formal engagement to carry forward the teachings of Bhima Bhoi.

Literary and Cultural Committee Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur Annual Report 2023-2024

The Literary and Cultural Committee of the university is actively involved in organizing events like Essay writing, Debates, Mono-action, Classical/Folk dance, Vocal/Instrumental music, Drama/Skit Painting/Drawing, Rangoli/Jhoti competitions regularly to promote literary and cultural awareness among students.

1. Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: The committee organized a set of events like Essay (English, Hindi, Odia), Debate (English, Hindi, Odia), Vocal music (patriotic), Painting (patriotic) competition through the 2nd week of August to observe the 76th year of India's independence. Students had participated in large numbers and performed exceedingly well. The events culminated in the celebration on the Independence Day, i.e. 15th of August, with flag hoisting and massive cultural events like classical dance, group song, mono-action on patriotic themes.

2. Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan: Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan was observed in the university by the cultural committee from 7th-10th November, when a number of events like Debate competition, Painting competition on the theme of awareness against the dangers of drugs were organized. As youth is the most vulnerable to drugs, students were made to participate and spread awareness.

3. Literary and Cultural Events: From 3rd to 10th January, the committee had organized a set of competitions like Painting, Song (Light Vocal), Classical Vocal, Instrumental Music, Classical Dancing, Folk Dancing, Western Style Dancing, Monoaction, Stand-up Comedy, Drama and the like to encourage talented students and make them aware of the significance of extra-curricular activities in their holistic development.

Library Information

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| Total Number of Books | 125766 |
| Total Numbers of Books Purchased 2022-2024 | 2177 (All English Books) |
| Total Number of E-Resource Database | Elsevier, Ebsco |
| Total Number of Journal | Current Science, Kurukshetra, Yojana |
| Membership | Infilibnet |
| Total Staff | One Assistant Librarian One Library Attendant Five outsourcing Staff as (Library Assistant & Library attendant) |
| Timing | 08:00 am to 05:00 pm Circulation Section |

Game and Sports Activities

Game and Sports is a part and partial activity of every educational institutions and other non-educational institutions also. To promote the spirit of Hockey World Cup 2024, the Sports Council of GMU organized the Intra-University Men's Hockey competition and represented the Odisha State Inter University Hockey (Men) Tournament-2024 and secured Fourth position in league Tournament organized by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha. Also, GMU organized Essay, Debate, Quiz and Art Competition related to Hockey for awareness among the students.

GMU has not only created awareness and promotion of Hockey but has also promoted other games and sports such as:

GMU participated in various State level Tournaments and National Tournaments Participated in East Zone Inter University Cricket (Men) Tournament 2023 at KIIS University, BBSR, Odisha from 27th-03rd March.

To develop leadership quality and improving sportsmanship spirit among the students, the GMU organized all types of Intra university game and sports competitions such as athletics, volleyball, kabaddi, kho-kho, football, cricket, badminton, chess, carrom, table tennis, swimming, yoga and activities like essay writing, elocution, drawing, one act play etc.

To get more professional athletes and players for various national and International Competitions GMU is planning for organized Inter Hostel Game and Sports Competition in the end of 2023, where students were involved in a competitive mood.

To get more enthusiasm towards game and sports GMU is planning for laying International Standard Acrylic Base Outdoor Basket Ball court and two no of Outdoor Volleyball Court in this campus.

Also, for promoting sound health of students and staffs GMU is planning, to set-up an open-air Gym Centre in this campus.

GMU Music Club

Introduction

GMU music club was formulated since 2021. Students of G. M. University across many disciplines have joined this music club to showcase their singing ability along with musical instrument playing ability in many competitions, as conducted in the University and outside forum of state importance. GMU music club also facilitates the wide spread of western bit music through “Dhol”, Nisaan” and “Tasa”. Since its formulation, the University has been actively involved in the elucidation of the epic and cultural music of Sambalpur and the western belt of Odisha, in general.

Motto

The Music club unites the students, faculties and staffs from various schools/Sections to showcase their singing, and musical instrument operating ability typically of Sambalpuri folk, Odishi and Music of various Indian “Gharanas”. The operation of the club is performed under the supervision and mentorship of faculty members. Students are being offered professional training to capable them for various stage performances. The student representatives and volunteers coordinate the events/competitions, to be scheduled within the Institute preferably in the time beyond the general academic schedule.

List of Activities

1. Participation of students of GMU Music club in Inter University Cultural Competitions held in Ramadevi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
2. Singing on Republic Day
3. Singing on Independence Day
4. Singing during Gangadhar Meher Jayanti on the 30th July 2024

Notable Achievements for the members of the Music club

Ankit Sarangi (School of Anthropology)

Nua - O Song Competition 2023:

1. Light vocal - (1st prize)
2. Folk song - (3rd Prize)
3. Musical Band - (1st prize)

Mohit Kshatri (School of Physics)

Nua O song competition 2023-24

- i. Light Vocal- (1st Prize)
- ii. Hindustani Classical- (2nd Prize)
- iii. Folk- (2nd Prize)

Odisha State Level Inter University Competition 2024

- i. Music Band- (2nd Prize)

Ramesh Meher (School of Mathematics)

1. Runners up in State Level Intra University Music Band competition

Rashmi Ranjan Sahu (School of Commerce)

1. 2nd position in a State level band competition at RDWU, Bhubaneswar
2. Stage opening ceremony for Kailash Kher

Vedavyas Meher (School of Mathematics)

1. Intra University Song Competition 2023, Light Vocal - 2nd prize

Bishnu Priya Pandey (School of Commerce)

1. 1st position in song competition in Commerce Fest 2024
2. 3rd position in song competition during Prathama Biwsa Odia Bhasa Sambilani 2024
3. IYDP 2023 3rd position in classical singing competition
4. 2nd position in singing competition in District Level Pratibha Sangam 2024

Nency Patra (School of Economics)

1. Intra University Instrumental Competition 2023-24
Flute - (1st Prize)
2. Nua O Instrumental Competition 2023
Flute - (1st Prize)
3. State Level Inter-University Competition 2024
Instrumental Band - (2nd Prize)

Vedavyas Meher (School of Mathematics)

1. Nua O 2024, Musical Instrument - 2nd prize

2. Odisha State level inter University Competition 2024, Musical band - 2nd prize

Gayatri Tripathy (School of Economics)

1. Intra University song competition 2023-24

i- Light Vocal- (2nd Prize)

ii- Hindustani Classical- (1st Prize)

2. Nua O song competition 2023

i- Light Vocal- (3rd Prize)

ii- Hindustani Classical- (1st Prize)

lii- Folk- (1st Prize)

3. Nua O District level Song competition 2024

i- Patriotic Song- 1st prize

4. Odisha State Level Inter University Competition 2024

i- Music Band- (2nd Prize)

Smritika Mishra (School of Psychology)

1. Performed on the occasion of Sambalpur Din

2. Featured in OTV for NUA KHAI special program

Aslesha Mishra (School of Economics)

1. Performed in Sambalpur Lok Mohatsav 2024

2. Prathama Biswa Odia Bhasa Sammilani competitions 2024

i- Odia song competition (1st prize)

3. Performed in Prathama Biswa Odia Bhasa Sammilani Program, GMU, 2024

4. Performed in Sambalpur Mohatsav 2024

5. Performed in Shital Shasti Program, Municipality Chowk, Sambalpur, 2024

6. Performed in Sambalpur Din Program (Paschimanchal Ekta Manch)

Sambalpur 2024

GMU Dance Club

Introduction:

Located in the heart of Sambalpur, and symbolically placed at the centre of Sambalpuri cultural ethos, Gangadhar Meher University has been instrumental in promoting the cultural diversity of this region. Ever since its inception the institution has been actively involved in the representation of the rich cultural traditions of Sambalpur and the western belt of Odisha in general. The institution has a vibrant team of both faculty members and students who are involved in the promotion of various traditions of performing arts, especially folk and classical dance forms. The pursuit of art in general and dance in particular bears testimony to the fact that the university and its student community place a lot of importance on aesthetic values. The Dance Club of the university has been formed with a view to revive the cultural activities of the university, streamline student participation in state/national/international programmes and events and promote the dance traditions of the region, state and the nation.

Motto:

The Dance Club brings together students from various departments/schools and offers training in classical/folk styles of dance, especially Sambalpuri folk, Odishi and Kathak. The club functions under the guidance and mentorship of a faculty member. Students are given professional training to enable them to acquire expertise and excel in the dance forms. The student representatives coordinate weekly/monthly events and stage performances within the campus preferably in the evening as a parallel pursuit along with academics.

Objectives:

- Revival of the co-curricular/cultural activities of the university
- Spreading cultural awareness among the student community and the youth of Sambalpur at large
- Initiation of regular rehearsals, composition, recording and other creative endeavours by students
- Offering professional training to students in folk and classical dance forms
- Organizing events on a weekly/bi-monthly/monthly basis for assessing the talent of the students
- Induction and training of new student participants as members of the club
- Arranging special workshops/lectures/short-term training programmes for students
- Facilitation of student participation in state/national/international events

List of Activities

1. On 10th November 2023 Intra-University Solo Classical Dance Competition
2. On 10th November 2023 Intra-University Solo Folk Dance Competition
3. On 10th November 2023 Intra-University Solo Western Dance Competition
4. On 11th November 2023 Intra-University Cultural Group Dance Competition
5. On 12th December 2023 Solo Classical Dance Competition (Integrated Youth Development Programme, Nua-O)
6. On 12th December 2023 Solo Folk Dance Competition (Integrated Youth Development Programme, Nua-O)
7. On 12th December 2023 Solo Contemporary Dance Competition (Integrated Youth Development Programme, Nua-O)
8. On 12th December 2023 Group Folk Dance Competition (Integrated Youth Development Programme, Nua-O)
9. On 28th December 2023 District-Level Classical Dance Competition (Integrated Youth Development Programme, Nua-O)
10. On 28th December 2023 District-Level Modern Dance Competition (Integrated Youth Development Programme, Nua-O)
11. On 26th January 2024 Dance Performance on Republic Day
12. On 30th January 2024 State-Level Inter-University Solo Classical Dance Competition, RD University
13. On 30th January 2024 State-level Inter-University Group Cultural Dance Competition, RD University
14. Dance Performances in the Inaugural Ceremony of National Cricket Tournament
On 3rd to 4th March 2024 Dance Performances in the Annual Cultural Fest

Yoga Club Activities

1. Introduction:

It is a proven fact that Yoga plays a great role for the good mental and physical health. It also increases the concentration as well as makes a person more agile and dynamic. So it is highly essential for a stronger present and future generation. Yoga practice is existing at GMU for more than 30 years. However formally the Yoga club of the University was started in the year 2020 and is running very vibrantly. It is regularly celebrating the International Yoga Day by conducting yoga orientation program, quiz competition related to Yoga etc.

2. Club members

- Currently more than 200 students, staff. Faculties are members of this club

3. Details of Events organized

| No. | Event | Date/ period of celebration | Brief Description of the activity |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | International Yoga Day celebration 2024 | 21-06-2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large number of students/staffs/faculties had joined in this event ● Dr. Jayadev Meher who is a Sr. Gynecologist and social worker was our resource person on this occasion. |
| 2 | Organization of Yogathan at GMU | 10.3. 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This Yogathan was organized at GMU in association with leading newspaper of Odisha "The Sambada" ● Apart from large number of faculties/students/staffs of GMU, more than 200 participants from all across the Sambalpur City have participated in it ● The duration of this program was about 2 hours ● Yoga practice, Yoga cultural program, discussion on physical and mental health benefit of various types of Yoga positions etc. were also done in this program. |
| 3 | Yoga practice on the occasion of Youth Day-2024 Celebration at GMU | 12.01.2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yoga practice was done on the occasion of Youth Day-2024 at GMU ● Two special invited talks were given on the role of Yoga on holistic development of youth |
| 4 | Yoga orientation program organized at different girls and boys hostels | 1.1.2024- 12.6. 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In this program a large number of Yoga classes were conducted in various girls and boys hostels of GMU. ● In each class discussion was done on physical and mental health benefit of various types of Yoga practices ● In some classes discussion was also made on spiritualism for the overall holistic developments of students |

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| 5 | Special Yoga practice and Distribution of Diary for regular maintenance of Yoga practice report | 13.3. 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this program some therapeutic yoga practices were taught • Special diary containing some important Sanskrit Slokas of GEETA along with their English meaning were distributed to the students |
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Sponsored Research Projects

External funding:

The details of research Projects and their funding agency are as follow;

| S.No | Name of the PI/ Co-PI/Name of the person holding the Chair | Title of the research project, endowments, Research Chairs | Name of the funding agency | Duration | Year of award or sanction | Amount in INR. |
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| 1. | Dr Alekh Kumar Sutar | Schiff base Transition metal complexes for the chemical coupling of Co ₂ and epoxides | OSHEC, Odisha | 2 YEARS | 2023-2024 | 9.70 |
| 2. | Dr. Partha Sarathi Mallick | Foundational literacy and numeracy crisis in primary education: An empirical study on Schools of Koraput district | OSHEC, Odisha | 2 YEARS | 2023-2024 | 6.15 |
| 3. | Dr. Subhankari Pati | Rawls conception of person: A feminist critique | OSHEC, Odisha | 2 YEARS | 2023-2024 | 5.26 |
| 4. | Dr. Gyana Ranjan Swain | Electoral mobilisation and political competition: A study of Panchayat elections in Odisha (2007-2022) | OSHEC, Odisha | 2 YEARS | 2023-2024 | 6.96 |

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| 5. | Dr. Atul Kumar Pradhan | An archeological investigation of Suktel Valley, Odisha | ICHR, Govt. of India | 2 YEARS | 2023-2024 | 3.50 |
| 6. | Dr. Santosh Kumar Mallick | The life and contribution of Santha Kabi Bhima bhoi a great philosopher of Odisha and proponent of Mahima tradition | ICHR, Govt. of India | 2 YEARS | 2023-2024 | 5.00 |
| 7. | Dr. Parikhita Bhoi | History and Socioeconomic Study of Western Tribal Odisha (Kalahandi, Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada) | ICHR, Govt. of India | 3 YEARS | 2023-2025 | 6.00 |
| 8. | Dr. Rashmi | The geography of womens fear; Spatial confidence versus fear of victimization | ICSSR, Govt. of India | 2 YEARS | 2023-2024 | 4.80 |
| 9. | Dr. D.P Priyadarshi Joshi | An impact acesment of Jan Dhan Jojana on farmers of sambalpur, Bargarh Balangir, Kalahandi and Koraput districts of Odisha | ICSSR, Govt. of India | 2 YEARS | 2023-2024 | 10.00 |
| 10. | Dr. Nibedita Nath | A study on Samabalpuri music and dance | MRP, OHEPEE (World bank) | 1 YEAR | 2021-2022 | 1.00 |
| 11. | Dr. Atul Kumar Pradhan | Rock art of bhimamandali of rairakhhol sambalpur; an ethno archeological study | MRP, OHEPEE (World bank) | 1 YEAR | 2021-2022 | 1.00 |

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| 12. | Dr. Santosh Kumar Mallick | Description of study on Sringeri Rasa: A comprehensive study on Chausathi Rati Bandha | MRP, OHEPEE (World bank) | 1 YEAR | 2021-2022 | 1.00 |
| 13. | Dr. Meera Swain | Kinship And Livelihood Among Sevayat Community of Puri, Odisha, India | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 14. | Dr. Ranjan Sethi | Odia sahitare kinnara prasanga | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 15. | Dr. Partha Sarathi Mallik | Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Skills Among Primary School Students Of Sambalpur District | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 16. | Dr. Sanjukta Bhuyan | Life Skill Education among Post Graduate Students of Odisha | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 17. | Dr. Amaresh Senapati | Problem of Odia pedagogy from teacher and student perspective | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 18. | Dr. Nirupama Sahoo | An Evaluation of The Socio-Economic Conditions of Farmers In Sambalpur District | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 19. | Dr. Rajendra Gartia | Is Social Media A Boon or A Curse In The Hand Of Youngsters: A Scientific Statistical Approach | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |

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| 20. | Dr. Sasmitarani Shasani | The Transformation of The Lord into A Subject: Jagannath Amidst Colonial Legal Interference | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 21. | Dr. Atul Kumar Padhan | Exploration And Documentation of Tangible Heritage of Sambalpur | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 22. | Dr. Paramatap Pradhan | An Ethnographic Study of Terracotta Art and Pottery Making in Subarnapur District (With Special Reference to Balijuri Village | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 23. | Dr. Santosh Kumar Mallik | Forms Andpatronage in Bhubaneswar Group of Temples: A Study of Kalingana School of Art (From 5 th Ce To 15 th Ce) | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 24. | Dr. Prashanta Kumar Sethi | A Literaryinterpret ation of Rivers in Kalidas's Work | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 25. | Dr. Sala Besra | Linguistics Study of the Tenth Mandala of Rigveda | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 26. | Dr. Keshab Ch. Ratha | Revisiting Tumultuous Tawang: A Journey from Hindsight to Insight to Foresight | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |

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| 27. | Dr. Banita Mahanandia | Grassroot Women Leadership and Their Mobility in India: A Case Study of Odisha | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 28. | Dr. Alekh Kumar Sutar | Synthesis And Characterization of Monometallic Schiff Base Complexes for Coupling of CO ₂ and Epoxides | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 29. | Dr. Debashis Behera | Removal Of Toxic Dyes from Waste | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| | | Water Using Modified Graphene Oxide | | | | |
| 30. | Dr. Suprava Nayak | Synthesis And Application of Iron and Cobalt Phosphates Based Materials with Heteroatom N, O For Energy-Related Applications | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 31. | Dr. Pranati Purohit | Development Of Ceramic Materials with Enhanced Piezoelectric Properties | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 32. | Dr. Jashabanta Sekhar Hansdah | Studies On the Development of Novel Doped Superconductors with Enhanced Properties | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 33. | Dr. Gangadhar Behara | Design of Metamaterial absorber for refractive index sensing application. | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |

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| 34. | Dr. Pramod Kumar Samal | Testing Isotropy of Cosmos with Planck Cmb Polarization Maps | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 35. | Dr. Namita Shadangi | Study Of Strongly Correlated Heavy Fermion System and Their Application | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 36. | Dr. Ajaya Kumar Tripathy | Novel Artificial Neural Network Model Design for Early Detection Ocd Using Oxidative Stress Biomarkers | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 37. | Dr. Usha Manashi Mahapatra | Machine Translation System Fromm Odia to Hindi Language | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 38. | Dr. Ashrita Patra | Some Hybrid Integral Approximate Solutions for Nonlinear Fractional Order Differential Equations in Physical Domains | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 39. | Dr. Yudhisthir Jamudulia | Arithmetic Properties of New Partition Functions | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 40. | Dr. Bibhu Kalyan Mohanty | The Continuance of Age-Old Tradition Ina Digital Era: A Case Study on Nabakalebara | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |

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| 41. | Dr. Kalyani Rath | Impact Of Quality of Antenatal Care on Post-Partum Health of Newborn: A Study Among Slums Of Sambalpur District | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 42. | Dr. Suneli Dei | Siddhanta kaumudi sandhi padakoshah | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 43. | Dr. Raghunath Satpathy | Investigation of Antimalarial Property of The <i>Argemone Mexicana</i> Phytochemicals by Targetng Essential Proteins of <i>Plasmodium Falciparum</i> | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 44. | Dr. Santosh Kumar Sethi | Isolation, Screening and Preliminary Evaluation of <i>Bacillus Subtilis</i> as Potential Biocontrol Agent Against the Plant Blast Disease by Magnaporthe Oryzae | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 45. | Dr. Monty Kujur | Changes In Microbial Respiration And Its Reliance On Microbial Community, Organic Carbon And Moisture Content: A Brief Study On Chronosequence Manganese Mine Spoil | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |

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| 46. | Dr. Swetaleena Tripathy | Assessment Of the Productive Capacity Od Soil Through Analysis of Physical and Chemicalproperties of Different Soil Typs of Westren Odisha | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 47. | Dr. Muralidhar Majhi | Sustaining Livelihoods of Bamboo Dependent Communities of Westren Odisha: A Case Study of Betra Community of Sambalpur District | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 48. | Dr. Suraj Badaik | Revisiting The Dynamic of Public Debt and Economic Growth In Developing Nations | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 49. | Dr. Rosalien Rout | Research Productivity of Science Faculty Members of Universities in Westren Odisha: A Bibliometric Study | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 50. | Dr. Jayendra Kumar Singh | Research Output of Some Selected Universities of Odisha in The Field of Sciences During 2011-2020: A Scientometric Study | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 51. | Dr. Shubhankari Pati | Paradigm Of Self in Buddhism and Vedanta | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |

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| 52. | Dr. Priyabrata Panda | Impact Assessment Odf the Income Declaration Scheme in India: Unveiling the Outcomes of The 2016 Amnesty Program | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 53. | Dr. Gnyana Ranjan Bal | Impact of Climatic and Non-Climatic Factors on Agriculture in India: Does awareness level help in adoption of mitigating strategies? | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 54. | Dr. Srinibas Dash | Impact Of Sakti Café on Women's Financial Empowerment and Livelihood Improveent Within Self-Help Groups: A Case Study in Bargarh District | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 55. | Dr. Pradosh Kumar Acharya | Identification, Biochemical Analysis and Evaluation of Medicinal Properties of Macrofungi of Dry Deciduous and Moist Deciduous Forests of Odisha | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 56. | Dr. Rupashree Brahmakumari | An Analytical Study on Happiness and Sleep Quality Among Elderly People of Jarshuguda District. | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |

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| 57. | Dr. Sanjukta Padhi | Moral Reasoning, Moral Judgement and Role of Parents on The Attitude and Mental Health of Cid | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 58. | Dr. Arabinda Sharma | Comprehonsive Mapping of Medical Infrastructure for Effective Cotrol of Mosquito-Borne Diseases in Sambalpur | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 59. | Dr. Pammi N. Sinha | Aiding Youths in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals with Focus on Sdg 6 In Sambalpur City | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 60. | Dr. Sujit Kumar Jally | Assessments Of Trophic State Index of Renuka Lake, A Ramsar Site, Himachal Pradesh, India Using Geospatial Approach | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 61. | Dr. Muralidhar Sharma | The Memsahib in Colonial Orissa: Gender, Culture, Modernity | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 62. | Dr. Anjali Tripathy | The Untrodden Path: A Translation of Selected Odia Tribal Stories into English | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 63. | Dr. Laxmipriya Behera | Paschima Odisha ra Sanskruti ra Swatantrata | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |

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| 64. | Dr. Chandan Sahu | ROLE OF THE PLANTS IN ACCUMULATING AIRBORNE MICRO-PLASTCS (/Mps) IN AN URBAN SETUP OF INDIA | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 65. | Dr. Himanshu Sekhar Samal | The Aim and Methods of Science: Positivist and Karl Popper | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 66. | Dr. Uma Charan Pati | Economics Of Spiritualism and Religiosity | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 67. | Dr. Madhumita Panda | Design And Development of Optimized Deep Neural Network for Elderly Diabetes Prediction and Prevention | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 68. | Dr. Monalisa Mohapatra | Exploring The Interaction of Dietary Fiber Guar Gum and Bile Salts: A Physicochemical Study | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 69. | Dr. Sushree Sasmita Pati | Prayascitta: A Glimpse Through Dharmasastra | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 70. | Dr. D.P. Priyadarshi Joshi | Employment, Productivity and Wage Dynamics in Indian Organised Manufacturing | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |
| 71. | Dr. Rupashree Goswami | The Role of Locus of Control and Personality on | SEED FUND, GMU | 6 MONTHS | 2023-2024 | 1.00 |

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| | | Academic Performance of Graduate Students: An Empirical Study | | | | |
| 72. | Dr. Minaketan Bag | Skill India's Impact on Grassroot of Youth: A Snapshot from select areas of Odisha | ICSSR (Ministry of Education) | 1 Year | 2023-2024 | 12.00 |
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NATIONAL CADET CORPS

The National Cadet Corps, considered as the world's largest youth organisation, came into existence in India, on 15 July 1948 through the XXXI Act of Parliament with its Head Quarters at New Delhi. It is open to school and college students on voluntary basis. The Cadets are given basic military training in small arms and parades. The officers and cadets have no liability for active military service once they complete their course but are given preference over normal candidates during selection based on the achievements of the corps.

MOTTO OF NCC: 'UNITY AND DISCIPLINE'

AIMS OF NCC:

- To develop qualities of character, courage, comradeship, discipline, leadership, secular outlook, spirit of adventure and sportsmanship and the ideals of selfless service among the youth to make them useful citizens.
- To create a human resource of organized, trained and motivated youth to provide leadership in all walks of life including the Armed Forces and be always available for the service of the nation.
- To provide a suitable environment to motivate the youth to take up a career in the Armed Forces.

NCC ORGANISATION

- The National Cadet Corps is headed by a Director General, an Army Officer of the rank of Lieutenant General, who is responsible for the functioning of the National Cadet Corps in the country through the National Cadet Corps Headquarters situated at Delhi. At the State Level, the country has been divided into 17 Directorates covering all States and Union Territories. Each of the State NCC Directorate Headquarters controls two to fourteen Group Headquarters. NCC Units are commanded by Major/Lieutenant Colonel or their equivalents.

BENEFITS OF JOINING NCC:

- Vacancies Reserved for NCC Cadets in Armed Forces:
- Indian Army Indian Military Academy, Dehradun - 64

- Officers Training Academy, Chennai – 100
- Indian Naval Academy – 6 per course
- Indian Air Force Academy – 10% in all courses
- Direct Entry in the Armed Force (No entrance exam),
- Direct SSB for cadets holding 'C' certificate.

CAMPS ORGANIZED UNDER NCC:

- Annual Training Camp
- Army Attachment Camp
- Basic/Advanced Leadership Camp
- Cycle Expedition
- Mountaineering Course
- National Integration Camp
- Republic Day Camp
- Trekking Camp

NCC @ Gangadhar Meher University

The NCC motto, 'Unity and Discipline,' has been instilling passion, discipline, inner zeal, and a sense of purpose among the young cadets in the Army and Naval wings of this University. NCC was established in 1948 at GM University. Earlier, it was GM College. The sanctioned strength of the Army wing is 108, and the Naval wing is 60. Both wings have officers to look after the activities.

OBJECTIVES;

- The objective of this report for the year 2019-2020 is to display the ideal efforts of our NCC cadets. Here we present the activities and achievements of NCC cadets in a bird's eye view.
- Indeed, we thank our Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries of the University for their Continuous Support.
- To provide activities, in order to develop leadership qualities among cadets in all walks of life.
- To provide activities to develop good qualities such as courage, brotherhood, discipline, secular outlook, spirit of adventure and fitness, and ideals of selfless service among the youth.
- To teach them the basic lessons of the Armed Forces.

Janardan Pujari Post Graduation Hostel

The Janardan Pujari Post Graduation Hostel commonly known as JPPG Boys Hostel was established in 1964. This hostel is named after Dr. Janardan Pujhari, an eminent Social Worker and Physician of Sambalpur. The hostel is spread over an area of one acre and it is a two stored building located inside the GM University campus which is near to Govt. Headquarter Hospital Sambalpur. There are 55 rooms, one kitchen room, one dining room, one study room cum meeting hall, one Gym, One sick room, volleyball yard and 30 bathrooms. The hostel provides both outdoor and indoor game facilities. The hostel procures Newspapers, Magazines. TV with DTH keep the boarders updated with the latest news and events. The

students mess is managed by the students. Boarders are to follow strict discipline and hostel guidelines with zero tolerance to ragging/harassment. At present there are 113 boarders. Boarders are encouraged to contribute their creative writing on the wall Magazine. The admission into the hostel is done on merit basis through a hostel selection committee set up by the University authority.

The hostel boarders celebrate Independence Day, Republic Day, Annual Day, Freshers Welcome, Farewell to Seniors, Ganesh Puja, Saraswati Puja, Holi and Diwali with great enthusiasm. Besides students are encouraged to participate in Games, Sports and other competitions organized in District/State level for their all-round holistic developments. For the smooth management of Hostel activities, the following committees are constituted: 1) Study and Discipline Committee 2) Health and Hygiene Committee 3) Food and Nutrition Committee 4) Sports and Athletics Committee 5) Cultural and Music Committee 6) Publication Committee and Eco gardening Committee.

Trust Fund Hostel

Trust Fund Hostel is the oldest and one of the most prestigious men's Under Graduate Hostel of the Gangadhar Meher University Sambalpur. Trust Fund Hostel was established in July 27th, 1959 by the Chief Minister of Odisha, Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab. The hostel has capacity to accommodate 180 students on shared occupancy basis. The hostel provides Newspapers, TV with DTH, sports items (Cricket, Badminton, Football, Volleyball, Carom, Chess), Wi-Fi, and aqua guard drinking water. The hostel takes necessary step to ensure that the spirit and rich heritage that have survived over the years of its existence continues to flourish.

During the academic year 2022-2023, 58 under graduate students completed their studies. The Hostel celebrated Independence Day, Republic Day, welcome party for beginners, fare-well party for third year hostellers and also organizes various competitions and sports activities on the occasion of hostel day Along with this Diwall, Holi, Saraswati puja and important national occasions are celebrated in the spirit of harmony and friendship.

For smooth functioning of the Hostel, the committees such as Cultural Committee, Sports Committee, Library Committee, Food & Hygienic Committee, Eco & Gardening Committee and Disciplinary Committee have been constituted. The committee includes two boarders from each semester.

Silver Jubilee Hostel

The Gangadhar Meher University, while not classified as a fully residential institution, offers residential accommodations to its students within the hostels. The Silver Jubilee Hostel accommodates full time graduate boys' students. The foundation stone of the hostel was laid in the year 1969. The hostel is having capacity for 150 boarders. It has two blocks with 51 rooms. The internal administration and discipline of the hostel are vested with the Warden of the hostel. The Chief Warden is the administrative Head of the Hostel. For internal administration of the hostel, the Chief Warden is assisted by the Warden. There is also a care taker who looks after daily hostel activities among the inmates and look after their general welfare. In order to deter unauthorized access, the hostel premises are monitored by a night watchman who supervise the entry and exit of residents. The concerned hostel features large rooms with separate beds, a shared bathroom, and a communal kitchen. There is also a reading room for students equipped with

Newspapers, Journals and Magazines. The hostel rooms are spacious and well-furnished ones. Apart from hygienic foods, the hostel provides recreational facilities which includes TVs, Indoor games, health facility etc. Facilities for Volleyball, Badminton, Indoor Games in the hostel are also available.

Admission in the hostel is done in accordance with the merit and distance. The mess offers simple meals at moderate rates which may vary from time to time depending on the cost of the meals served. The hostel Mess Committee decides the food menu of the mess every month in advance after considering the availability of seasonal vegetables and fruits. Hostel residents are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations as prescribed. The best practices of the hostel are to maintain a high standard of hygiene and sanitation. By observing these standards, students and workers can enjoy a clean-living environment and stay healthy while studying or working here.

Failure to observe discipline or violation of rules may make a student liable to disciplinary action which may result in the withdrawal of hostel facilities. Reporting and pursuing complaints relating to civil/electrical works, repairs/ replacements of furniture, fittings, refrigerator, water cooler, water purifiers etc. and preparing a list of outstanding complaints with a view to ensuring that hostel life is smooth and neat and clean. The Hostel is regularly maintained and kept clean by the daily services of a sweeper, ensuring proper sanitation. The hostel also maintains an Anti-ragging Committee, which serves the purpose of providing guidance and counselling to senior students residing in the hostels, with the aim of discouraging their participation in ragging activities. The boarders enthusiastically partake in many ceremonial events like as the Welcome Meet, Farewell Ceremony, Annual Day Function, Ganesh Puja, Saraswati Puja, Independence and Republic Days which are celebrated with much pomp and grandeur.

New Ekalabya Hostel

This hostel is named after Ekalabya the powerful archer and warrior narrated in Mahabharat. The New Ekalabya Hostel is the Hostel where only SC/ST students reside.

The hostel is spread over one acre area and has a two stored building located inside the G.M. University campus which is near to Govt. Headquarter Hospital and Khetrajpur Railway Station Sambalpur. The day-to-day hostel activities are managed by Hostel Warden, Hostel Office Assistant, Care taker. The hostel strengths are 150. Boarders are encouraged to contribute their creative writings on the wall

Magazine. The admission into the hostel is done in merit basis through a hostel selection committee set up by the University authority. The admission fees to this hostel is Rs. 8,100/ with hostel rent fee of Rs.5/-for both SC/ST category.

There are 47 rooms, one kitchen room, and dining room, one study room cum meeting hall, one sick room, one volleyball yard and badminton yard, 16 bathrooms with 28 toilet room. These rooms are cleaned by the sweeper every day. The hostel provides both outdoor and indoor game facilities. The hostel procures Newspapers, Magazines. TV with DTH to keep the boarders updated with latest news and events.

The hostel mess is managed by the boarders. A mess committee consisting of +35 second Year & Third Year students are engaged in the mess. The Warden is authorized to make changes to the committee, if required. They provide healthy and hygienic food. The meal is prepared as per the mess menu. When a

boarder falls sick, a specialist is prepared for them in the mess. Boarders are to follow strict discipline and hostel Rules & Regulations with zero tolerance to ragging/harassment.

Further for the smooth management of hostel activities the following committees are constituted:

- 1) Study and Discipline Committee
- 2) Health and Hygiene Committee
- 3) Food and Nutrition Committee
- 4) Sports and Athletics Committee
- 5) Cultural and Music Committee
- 6) Publication Committee
- 7) Eco-gardening Committee.

Rules & Regulation

The Hostels boarders celebrate Independence Day, Republic Day, Annual Day, Freshers Welcome, Farewell to Seniors, Ganesh Puja, Saraswati Puja, Holi and Diwali every year with great enthusiasm. Besides boarders are encouraged to participate in Games, Sports and other competitions organized in District/State level and Inter/Intra University level for their all-round holistic developments.

Tapaswini Women's Hostel-I

Tapaswini Women's Hostel of Gangadhar Meher University was established in the year 1984. The present capacity of the hostel is 270. The hostel is fully renovated in the year 2021. The mess for the hostel is being managed privately which is also being supervised by the inmates. To maintain health and hygiene condition properly the dining space is being cleaned twice daily.

Total number of staff members: 10

Regular: Warden, Office Assistant and Matron

Office Staff: Matron, Attendant and Night Watchman

Out Sourcing Staff: Two Sweeper and Two Security Guards

The hostel is busy with its academic and other allied activities throughout the year Hostel inmates celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi, Saraswati Puja, Holi, Diwali, Independence Day, Republic Day, Welcome and Farewell ceremony with much pomp and joy. The hostel organizes various competitions and outreach programmes and cultural events too. Some photographs are attached herewith.

Second Ladies Hostel

Ladies Hostel II is one of the girl's hostels of Gangadhar Meher University. It started functioning since 28th November 1990. Since then, it has been rendering service to the student community. Dr. D.M. Deo was the first Superintendent. It is a small hostel with facilities to accommodate 51 students. The hostel is ably administered by a dedicated team. The members are looking after the administration of the hostel and rendering a valuable service to the inmates of the hostel.

Accommodation Overview

- It has 5 rooms; each room has capacity to accommodate 10 inmates.
- The boarding facilities are provided to the inmates through a dining hall including the Premier Mess

and the mess bills are calculated on meal basis.

- First-aid kit and medicines are available in the office room.
- Sports activities are encouraged by providing well maintained playing courts for Volley Ball, Ball-Badminton and Badminton along with the sports equipment.
- Indoor facilities are available for playing Carrom and Chess.
- To entertain and educate the inmates, a TV is available in the common area.
- To provide purified drinking water to the inmates, a water filter of 80 litres capacity has been installed.

To ensure uninterrupted power supply to the entire hostel during shutdowns, two inverters with the capacity of 210V have been functioning in the hostel premises. Hostel premises is surrounded by flower garden and other plants that enhances the scenic beauty of it.

Madhumaya Hostel

Madhumaya Hostel was built in 2020. Madhumaya research scholar hostel is a residential facility for male students of the Gangadhar Meher University. It is a single storied building which has 10 rooms with total capacity of 30 residents and currently 4 residents are living. The hostel is designed to provide a safe and comfortable living environment for research scholar at Gangadhar Meher University. The hostel has well maintained rooms with comfortable beds study desks, chair, and adequate storage space for personal belongings. The safety and security of the students are given top priority. The hostel is kept clean and hygienic at all time, with regular cleaning and maintenance schedules for common areas, toilets and bathrooms. The hostel has 24 hours RO water supply for drinking purpose and 24 hours tap water is available for domestic purpose. A reading room and visitors' room are available to the residents.

Old Ekalabya Womens' Hostel

Old Ekalabya Women Hostel is one of the women's hostel of Gangadhar Meher University. It was first founded in 1974 as boys' hostel of the G.M. College Sambalpur. It is renovated and converted into a women's hostel for Ph.D students of G.M. University in 2020. It has been serving to Ph.D and PG students.

Amenities

- First-aid kit and medicines are available in the office room.
- Sports activities are encouraged by providing well maintained playing courts and sports equipment for Volley Ball, Badminton etc.
- Indoor facilities are available for playing Carrom and Chess.
- To entertain and educate the inmates, a TV is available in the common area.
- Purified drinking water to the inmates is provided through a water filter of 80 liters capacity.
- To ensure uninterrupted power supply to the entire hostel during two inverters with the capacity of 210 V have been functioning in the hostel premise.
- Hostel premise is surrounded rounded by flower garden and other plants that enhances the scenic beauty.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

During each academic year a set of committees is framed to manage the hostel activities smoothly.

The Gangadhar Meher University was upgraded to the level of university in the year 2015, since then the NSS Wing has been formed in the institution.

Gangadhar Meher University promotes the NSS, as a part of the curriculum and enables the students to actively participate and offer their time and efforts for the betterment and service to the society and to the nation, which ultimately develops the character, skills and personality of the students.

The NSS wing of G.M. University has worked on providing enough opportunities to the students, to get themselves involved in various community service and social help activities. The wing has also made efforts to induce responsibility among the students of the university.

From the session 2015-16, the NSS Wing of G.M. University has organised various programmes like - Dilwalonki Diwali, Blood Donation Camp, Say No to Tobacco Programme, International Yoga Day, Plantation Programme in new campus, World Hepatitis Day, Campus Cleaning Program, Republic Day Program, Plastic Free Campaign, Village Adoption Program.

Following are the programmes of NSS Wing, GMU:

- DILWALON KI DIWALI- Every year on the occasion of Diwali, the students of NSS actively get themselves involved and collect donations from the staffs and students of the university. The collected funds are used to buy necessary food items and clothes for the needy people of the old-age homes, orphanages and centres for disabled children in Sambalpur district.
- BLOOD DONATION CAMP- Blood Donation camp has also been organized in the University by the students of NSS that involves large number of students participating and donating blood, under the guidance of the medical staff of DHH, Sambalpur & VIMSAR, Burla.
- SAY NO TO TOBACCO PROGRAMME-The NSS wing has organized a Tobacco-Free Campaign in the nearby areas of the University on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day.
- PLANTATION PROGRAMME- A plantation drive was arranged in the new campus of G.M. University, where students of NSS managed the drive. The students planted 800 saplings and also promoted afforestation.
- CAMPUS CLEANING PROGRAMME- The students of NSS arranged a cleaning drive in the campus, where they cleaned the playground, administrative building area, auditorium area and the parking areas in the university
- PLASTIC-FREE CAMPAIGN- A Plastic-Free Campaign was also organized by the university, where the students of NSS participated actively and raised slogans, in the market area near the university for stopping the use of plastic. The students also cleaned the various nearby locations near the university.

Also, the students of NSS play an active role during the observation of National Days like, Republic Day, Independence Day etc. In such a way, NSS wing and its volunteers have organized and managed various programmes at community level and organised social service in the University and nearby locality.







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