



## About us: Overview

*“Let us create history,  
Let somebody else write it” - Netaji.*

Nestled in the lap of eastern Odisha, the Udayanath Autonomous College of Science & Technology, At- Prachi Jnanapitha, Po- Adaspur, Dist –Cuttack has taken long strides to reach its destination – a holistic approach to life through meaningful education. The history of the college reflects the history of a progressive rural area – the socio-economic and cultural life of the location and the history of delivering true education to the common people. The college owes its origin to 1982 when it made only a non-formal appearance in the name of Prachi Mahavidyalaya under the roof of Prachi Academy in the vicinity of Arts at the higher secondary level. Yet it was rendered rudderless owing to the lack of patronage. Under the dynamic leadership of Sj. Trilochan Kanungo, former Member of Parliament (LS), educationist, and social thinker of our times, and the generous and noble financial contribution made by the late Udayanath Sahoo of the locality, the college managed to weather the difficulties. Named after the patron Udayanath College of Science & Technology, the college was transferred to its building at Prachi Jnanapitha (the present site) on 3 December 1986. The other two streams of Science and Commerce at the H.S. level were introduced and all three streams were accorded official recognition and affiliation together in 1987. Seated on a stretch of 30 acres of land at Prachi Jnanapitha of Adaspur village, the college stands on the holy river Prachi; close to Kenduli, the birthplace of the renowned classical poet JAYADEV.

The College started making headway from its infancy by the concerted effort and cooperation of some enthusiastic and magnanimous sons of the soil. Our founder President Sj. Trilochan Kanungo who is a visionary has been the kingpin in giving the master-stroke to take the college to such a height as to make it a trend-setter in the Higher Education sector of the state. As the architect of this leading college, he has taken up the onerous task of resource mobilization, advising the construction wing in the execution of the master plan and monitoring it in the process. As an educationist, he expedites the introduction of new academic programs as suggested by the Academic Council from time to time ensuring quality education. Founder Secretary Sri Hansanath Sahoo, Dr. Brushaketu Mohanty, Sri Binod Chandra Routray, Sri Panchanan Kanungo, the late Raghunath Sahoo, Sri Madhusudan Mohapatra, Dr. Prasant Kumar Mishra, Sri Bipin Behari Patra, the late Chakradhar Routray and others vigorously contributed their might with a missionary zeal to propel its growth. The establishment of the U.N. College of Sc. & Tech at Adaspur has not only added a new

dimension to the aspirations of the people of the region but it has also facilitated the spread of education to every corner of our state. The college has created history for imparting a high standard of teaching to its pupils through a galaxy of highly qualified and experienced teachers with the mission of achieving academic excellence.

To fulfill the cherished dream of the people for higher education, undergraduate (UG) classes were opened in Arts in 1991; Science in 1992, and Commerce in 1993. Honours teaching facilities were introduced in Economics, Political Science, History, Odia, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, and Zoology in 1996; Accounting and Management in 2002; English and Education in 2003; Psychology and Sanskrit in 2004; Philosophy in 2005; Library Science and Computer Science in 2007. It has got the pride of being the only college in the state to have a teaching department of Women's Studies honors in Arts since 2010, carrying the total number of honours teaching subjects to 23 stream-wise 14 under Arts, 8 under science, and Commerce at present. The New Honours subjects like Sociology, Hindi, Geology, Geography and Statistics are opened subsequently. Postgraduate teaching in Odia was started in 2009 adding a new chapter to the academic history of the college. The Post Graduate teaching programme in Commerce was started in the academic session, 2011-12. These apart, self-financing courses BCA and BBA were launched in 2008 and 2009 respectively to fulfill the need for technical and job-oriented education among the youths seeking higher education. Teaching in two other demanding subjects B.Sc. ITM and MFC, a Post Graduate Programme has been started since 2010-11. PG courses in Physics, History, Philosophy & Critical Thinking, and English were started in 2013-14. PG courses in Mathematics, Pol. Sc., Analytical and Applied Economics and Clinical Psychology were introduced from the session 2017-18. PG courses in Chem., Bot., Zool., Edn., Sans., Hindi, & Sociology were introduced in the year 2019-20.

Currently, there are 26 Honours subjects (Majors) at the undergraduate (UG) level and 20 subjects at the postgraduate (PG) level. There are Multidisciplinary, Value-added, Skill Enhancement, and AECC courses and project/ practical programs as per the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 syllabus. For the maintenance and enhancement of the quality of education, and to ensure good governance at the College, various committees are reconstituted and constituted as per the UGC Regulations and Guidelines. To maintain accountability to stakeholders, such as students, parents, research scholars, prospective students, regulatory bodies, accreditation agencies, alumni, and the public, the college maintains a functional website for making relevant self-disclosures.

20 distinguished Professors and Associate Professors of National repute in different PG programs are appointed as Professor Emeritus by the Governing Body (GB) of the college. The college enjoys the facilities of UGC-INFLIBNET to access and upload research information through Shodh Ganga, Shodh Gangotri, Shodh Sindhu, Shodh Suddhi, and Shodh Chakra. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 13 institutions of National reputation for collaborative

activities, such as organizing seminars, workshops, outreach activities, and student and teacher exchange programs, is an indicator of the Center of Excellence. The provision of Seed Money to young scholars for Minor Research Projects from the session 2021-2022 is a research-friendly initiative by the GB of the college. To enhance research, learning, and technological abilities of the faculty, the college has been providing financial incentives to faculty who present papers/posters in seminars and workshops at regional, National, and International levels, and become a life-member of a professional body from the Session 2022-2023. Financial assistance from ICSSR and ICPR for the last 5 years for the conduct of Seminars at the National and State levels, and Lecture programs and opening of the Philosophy Study Circle is praiseworthy.

The college is affiliated to UTKAL UNIVERSITY, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. It was included in 2 (f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956 vide UGC letter no. F.8-317/2003(CPP-I) dated 22 December 2003. The college was accredited B+ scoring 78.50% marks by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) w.e.f 26.02.2006 for five years. The College merited to be accorded the coveted status of AUTONOMY by the UGC in January 2009. The College is accredited by NAAC with a Grade B in the second cycle in the year 2014. Autonomy status is extended by UGC till 2023. The College is accredited by NAAC with a Grade B in the third cycle in the year 2024.

The massive infrastructure owned by the college is the cause of envy and admiration. It has in its proud possession an Arts Block, Science Block, Commerce Block, Administrative Block, Academic Block, five storied Silver Jubilee Building, a Heritage Building and an imposing three-storied Octagonal Library Building with two reading rooms equipped with all modern facilities with Lord Ganesh taking the center stage on its ground floor. 3 Gents' Hostels, 4 Ladies Hostels, Principal's Quarters, Staff Quarters, Pump House, Cycle Shed, Cafeteria, etc. add to the ever accumulating immovable assets of the college. There is a Prachi Gym Khana and Stadium built over an area of 12 acres of land having facilities both for all types of Indoor and Outdoor games.

The college installed a 125 KVA DG set on 22.07.10 and a 250 KVA DG set in the year - 2016 to ensure 24-hours supply of electricity on the premises. The Saraswati Temple on the premises was consecrated in a specially arranged religious ceremony by Sri Sri Prajnanandaji Maharaj on the auspicious occasion of 24 June 2010. The lush delicate gardens and orchards are as old as the college itself beautify the landscape, maintain ecology, and create an ambiance congenial to exploiting its potential. The swimming pool under the UGC scheme was completed in the year 2019-20, which is considered one of the major wings of the sports complex of our college. It is the only swimming pool in the State at a college level. 150 kW Solar Power System under the World Bank Project was installed on 28.5.2022. A Telescope having the diameter of 11 inch is installed on the roof of PG Department of Physics

under the RUSA-2.0 Project. An AEQUINOX Equatorial Sundial is installed in front of the Administrative Block.

The college has created a history in the conduct of examinations as fairly as possible strictly pursuing the prescribed rules. Monthly tests are held to evaluate learners' performances on a short-term basis. Results of semester examinations are published within the stipulated time. Such co-curricular activities as debates in English, Odia, and Hindi and Spoken English classes are organized to foster the opportunity for personality development. Seminars, awareness programmes, and workshops are organized by various units of the college and the departments on facing challenges in life. The college has 2 NCC Units - one for boys and another for girls, 2 NSS Units, 1 Rover Unit and 1 Ranger Unit, and YRC Unit engaged in co-curricular and out-reach activities. The Yoga center of the college takes initiatives for arranging Yoga classes for students and faculties in every morning on the campus. There are various Clubs & Cells to enhance and support the potentials of the youth.

To maintain eco-friendly ambiance Environment Audit is done every year by the appropriate authorities. The college has installed one Bio-Compost unit (Machine) for food wastage management and four Vermicompost units for manuring orchards and garden on the college premises. To maintain transparency in accounts online payment system is in operation. Rain water harvesting projects are working on the campus along with Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) for reuse of wastage water. A sub-Post Office is efficiently functioning on the campus for the benefit of its stake holders. Various awards and prizes are given to meritorious students excelled in Curricular, Co-curricular and Extension Activities. The College publishes "The Prachi Prajna", the Annual Magazine and Information Handbook (Calendar) every year in addition to the supply of Academic Calendar.

The college has the glory of having great scholars as Principals, prominent among them were the late Prof Rajendra Prasad Das, renowned historian and educationist, and Prof. Durga Prasanna Das, academician and administrator of repute. The college, over the years, has established a distinctive culture of its own with smart, diligent, and creative students enjoying the splendor of a healthy, homely, and disciplined study atmosphere. Being only a quarter century old, this college has been transformed into a premier academic institution by its operational efficiency and student discipline. Having the cherished hope of metamorphosing itself into a Rural University, the college has been set on a proven sustainable growth trajectory, heavily drawing students from every nook and cranny of the state. It has yet miles to go to meet its set goal.