

# REPORT ON PROGRESS OF REFORMS UNDER RUSA AS ON 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

## DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### GOVT.OF ODISHA

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The State Government has taken a number of reforms and initiatives not only for quantitative expansion but also for qualitative improvement in education at all levels. Government provides grants to institutions, incentives to teachers and scholarships to students for improved performance. The following reforms/initiatives have been undertaken during 2015-16 and 2016-17-:

#### 1. Governance Reforms

**Constitution of Odisha State Higher Education Council through an Act of Legislature-** Cabinet approval was initially obtained on 23<sup>rd</sup> August,2016 and later on, with slight modification, it was resubmitted in Cabinet on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016 and it will be placed in the coming Budget Assembly session starting from 22<sup>nd</sup> February,2017 for enactment.

**No of meetings held -03** (08/04/16 , 08/05/2016 & 30/07/2016)

#### Decisions taken-

- (i) A committee was formed to prepare the regulation of OSHEC. The Committee has been empowered to invite and seek help of any member for preparing the regulation.
- (ii) The Council nominated Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera,Vice-Chancellor of Berhampur University to be a member of search committee for the appointment of Vice Chairman and Member Secretary.
- (iii) State Higher Education policy to be formulated with the consultation of various stake holders.
- (iv) Appointment of regular Principal in Govt.Colleges.Creation of post and posting of regular principal in Govt.Aided Colleges.
- (v) Up-dating the course curriculum be made with democratic,scientific and secular manner.
- (vi) Maximum no of 100 Colleges affiliated per one University.
- (vii) Establishment of Central Education statistics for data collection, Compilation,consolidation of various parameters of HEIs.
- (viii) Faculty development programme-Introducing 3-6 month training programme for newly recruited faculty through Human Resource Development Centre in Universities.

2. **Constitution of Act for three Universities created under RUSA-** Three (03) Universities are newly established under RUSA. These are Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar; Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur and Khallikote University, Ganjam. These Universities have been created under Orissa University Act 1989. Only the geographical jurisdictions of the Universities have been amended. Accordingly, Odisha Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2016 is prepared for its approval in Cabinet and subsequently, in Odisha Legislative Assembly.

3. **State Level Quality Assurance Cells (SLQACs)**

The SLQACC in Odisha was established on 29.07.2002. The State Quality Assurance Cell (SQAC) was strengthened again in the month of January, 2015. The details of the activities undertaken, activities planned and the future action plan thereof for the State of Odisha are all reflected in the NAAC website along with the activities of other states.

**Impact on accreditation and quality improvement due to SLQACs.**

1. To improve the quality, Principals of all autonomous colleges are requested to expedite the process for extension of autonomy & to constitute various committees as per the bye-law in order to get prepared for assessment & accreditation by NAAC.
2. Vice-Chancellors & Principals are requested for mandatory uploading of data online on AISHE portal in DCF-I & DCF-II formats keeping in view the necessity of quoting DCF reference number for grading of any institution by NAAC under the accreditation scheme.
3. Declaration of zone wise 15 colleges as NAAC Mentor Colleges (facilitation centres) for peripheral colleges of concerned area (around 225 colleges) to guide and ensure submission of LOI & SSR in time to NAAC for accreditation. Around 235 colleges submitted LOI during the process.

4. **Academic Reforms**

CBCS was introduced in all (32) Autonomous Colleges from 2015-16. During 2016-17, all the Colleges have adopted CBCS. Further Model Degree Colleges are functioning from this season 2016-17 under CBCS mode. All Pass subjects in Degree level have been converted to Major subjects from 2016-17.

5. **.Scale up Financial Contribution to Higher Education as a % of GSDP to reach RUSA prescribed levels.**

<b>Expenditure on HE as % of GSDP</b>			
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.59</b>	

## 6. Affiliation Reforms

New Universities have been set up under RUSA project. R.D .Women's University has been newly created from Utkal University and 46 Women's College have been put under R.D Women's University to lessen the burden.

## 7. ACCREDITATION REFORMS

Accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC): Accreditation has been made mandatory for all universities, Government and non-Government aided degree colleges. In Odisha, majority of the Universities and the colleges had adopted for 2nd cycle of accreditation. Nine (09) Universities and One hundred eighty six (186) colleges have undergone accreditation.

a. Number of institutions with valid accreditation as on 10.12.14:	42
b. Number of Institutions with valid accreditation as on 30.01.17:	186
c. Number of Institutions applied for accreditation as on 30.01.17:	205

- Meetings/Awareness programme among the Principals/Vice-Chancellors have been organized by the Department for this purpose.

## 8. Examination Reforms:

- E-valuation of answer scripts.
- The Controller of Examination shall keep the photocopies of the answer sheet before handing over the same to the examiners for rechecking/ re-addition so that no examiner can manipulate the marks originally awarded on the answer sheets.
- Preparation of multiple set of question papers
- Use of C.C .T.V in examination centre to supervise the examination process.

## 9. Best practices/Success stories in Higher Education

- Kalinga Siksha Sathi Yojana:** Professional / Technical students can avail education loan from the scheduled Banks up to Rs. 10.00 lakh on or after 01.04.2016 affording financial assistance in form of interest subvention at 1% per annum after the moratorium period and the rest interest amount will be paid by Government in Higher Education Department to the concerned Banks.
- Green Passage:** Orphan students pursuing higher education from +2 to Post Graduate level will no longer have to bear the educational expenses.
- Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Senapati Scholarship :**Students securing more than 90% marks in Odia at College level will be given one time scholarship of Rs 20,000.00.
- Opening of different Cells in all Universities and Colleges:**All Vice-Chancellors of Universities and Principals of all Colleges have opened

Students Advisory Bureau, Career Counselling Cell, Placement Cells, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, and Equal Opportunity Cell.

- (v) **e-Medhabruti:** Different types of Scholarship are awarded to students pursuing higher studies by the Higher Education Department. In order to make the process easy, it has made on-line for application /selection/renewal and disbursement. 24,500 students have been benefitted.
- (vi) **e-valuation:** On-Screen evaluation of answer books to have accuracy in marking system was adopted since Annual HS Examination, 2015.
- (vii) **e-Admission:** Throughout the state, e- admission has been introduced by means of Student Academic Management System to bring better transparency, error free admission to the students in an economical mode.
- (viii) **e-Despatch:** Letter for communication has been channelized through e- despatch system with an intention of economical mode, less time consuming ,immediate response as well as lead to eco-friendly environment.
- (ix) **State Quality Assurance Cell:** SQAC has been created to deal with NAAC accreditation of colleges and Universities.
- (x) **Modernization of Quality Education:** It has been decided for implementation for setting up of Smart Classes, wi-fi campus, automation of Libraries, in Government as well as Non-Government Colleges in a phased manner.
- (xi) **Capacity Building development programmes:** Leadership development programmes have been organized under RUSA for the Vice-Chancellors/Registrars/other officials of Universities and also for Principals of Colleges.
- (xii) **Vice-Chancellor's Conclave:** All the Vice-Chancellors of State funded Universities meet once in every two months to discuss on important rules pertaining to Higher Education and suggest the Government to take remedial measures.
- (xiii) **Introduction of Compulsory Debate/Group Discussion classes:** Colleges have been instructed to conduct Debate and Group Discussion for the students in all +2 and +3 Colleges in every week to enhance the communication skill and create general awareness among the students.
- (xiv) **Enhancement of Reservation:** Government has increased the percentage of reservation for SC and ST category in education sector from 8% to 16.25% and 12% to 22.50% respectively.

**10. Regarding vacancy position of sanctioned faculty posts:**

Government of Odisha in Higher Education Department have recruited 1625 lecturers in Govt. Aided Colleges during October to December,2016.

OPSC has been moved to start the process of recruitment of 168 Assistant Professors for 08 Model Degree Colleges.

The Recruitment process in Universities is going on and vacancy posts will be filled up gradually.

**11. Any other activities (Institutional reforms and restructuring, Capacity building, Participation in HELA and its impact and need for additional training)**

Capacity building Training programmes have been organized by Dept.of Higher Education for the Principals of the Colleges in order to develop leadership skills. Eighteen(18)members participated in HELA programme which was held in the month of January ,2016.

**Other initiatives undertaken by Higher Education Department:**

- Implementation of Personnel Information Management System (PIMS) in all colleges from 2016-17
- Establishment of 30 number of monitoring cells headed by District Level Consultants.
- Introduction of Vocational trade in Degree level as Elective subject in all Govt. and Non Govt. Colleges.
- e-Library for 11 Universities through Utkal University(Proquest).
- e-Content development by Utkal University for 05 Universities.
- Web based "College Accounting Procedure Automation' (CAPA) in non-Govt. aided Colleges.
- On-lineWi-Fi Campus for 10 Universities & 27 Colleges.
- Language Laboratories in 94 colleges & 16 are under construction.
- Opening of Carrier and Counselling Cell in Utkal University, Berhampur University, Sambalpur University and R.D.Women's University.
- Distribution of 15,000 Laptops each year to meritorious +2 Pass Out students under "Biju Yuba SashaktikaranYojana".
- Self-Defence Training to girl students under "State Youth Policy Programme".
- 20,000 hostel seats for both boys & girls created during last 03 years.

