

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

Shailabala Women's (Autonomous) College, Cuttack, is more than a century old premier educational institution of Odisha, an epitome of knowledge and a hub of academic excellence. This institution is dedicated to women's education of the country. The institution owes its existence to three foremost pioneering spirits of Odisha, Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, his adopted daughter Shailabala Das and her sister Sudhanshubala Hazra. The magnificent college building stands majestically near the holy shrine of Goddess Cuttack Chandi on Mission Road, Cuttack, the Silver City of Odisha. In an era when women were marginalized, Shailabala was at the forefront of mass movement for women's social, cultural and educational upliftment and empowerment. She was a member of the board of education constituted by the Government of Bihar and Odisha in 1912, to look into the problems of education in Odisha. Miss Shailabala Das and Mrs. Bank when represented Odisha in the board meeting at Ranchi, the opening of an intermediate college was recommended. Under her inspiration established the first Girl's High School, which served as the nucleus for the Government College of Arts for Women at Cuttack, known as Shailabala Women's College. This heritage building witnessed the foot prints of many legendary leaders of India like Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru as well as other patriotic leaders during the freedom-movement.

In the changing scenario and keeping in view long-standing demands of students, in the year 1959, a new block was constructed to accommodate the science faculties. Pre-University and Pre-professional Science classes started in 1961 and 1962 respectively. The institution witnessed another landmark in its academic progress when Post Graduate Courses in Home Science was introduced in 1982-83, History and Sanskrit in 1993-94 and other 09 numbers of P.G. and 08 numbers of M.Phil. and Commerce courses respectively in the course of time. This learning center aims at achieving new heights and paves the path towards a scintillating future of students. At present this institution imparts education attracting students from different parts of Odisha and the neighboring states with a strength of 3500 students.

It is a vital part of education to have the skill based courses along with the regular degree courses. As such we are organizing seminars, workshops, conferences on regular basis for the development of integrated skills of our students. It will improve not only skills but students would be introduced to these programs. Apart from that we have the following mission and vision for all-round development of our students.

Mission

- To provide Value Based Education to develop their personality.
- To inculcate ethical, moral values in the students to become honest citizens of the nation and to be successful in their life and career.

Vision

- To make the students disciplined and sincere in academics, by achieving a high level of teaching competence, mentoring, leadership quality.
- It aims at holistic development through promotion of participation in curricular and co-curricular activities as well.
- The vision sensitises values of citizenship through civic sense, public conduct, leadership, charity and human rights.

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