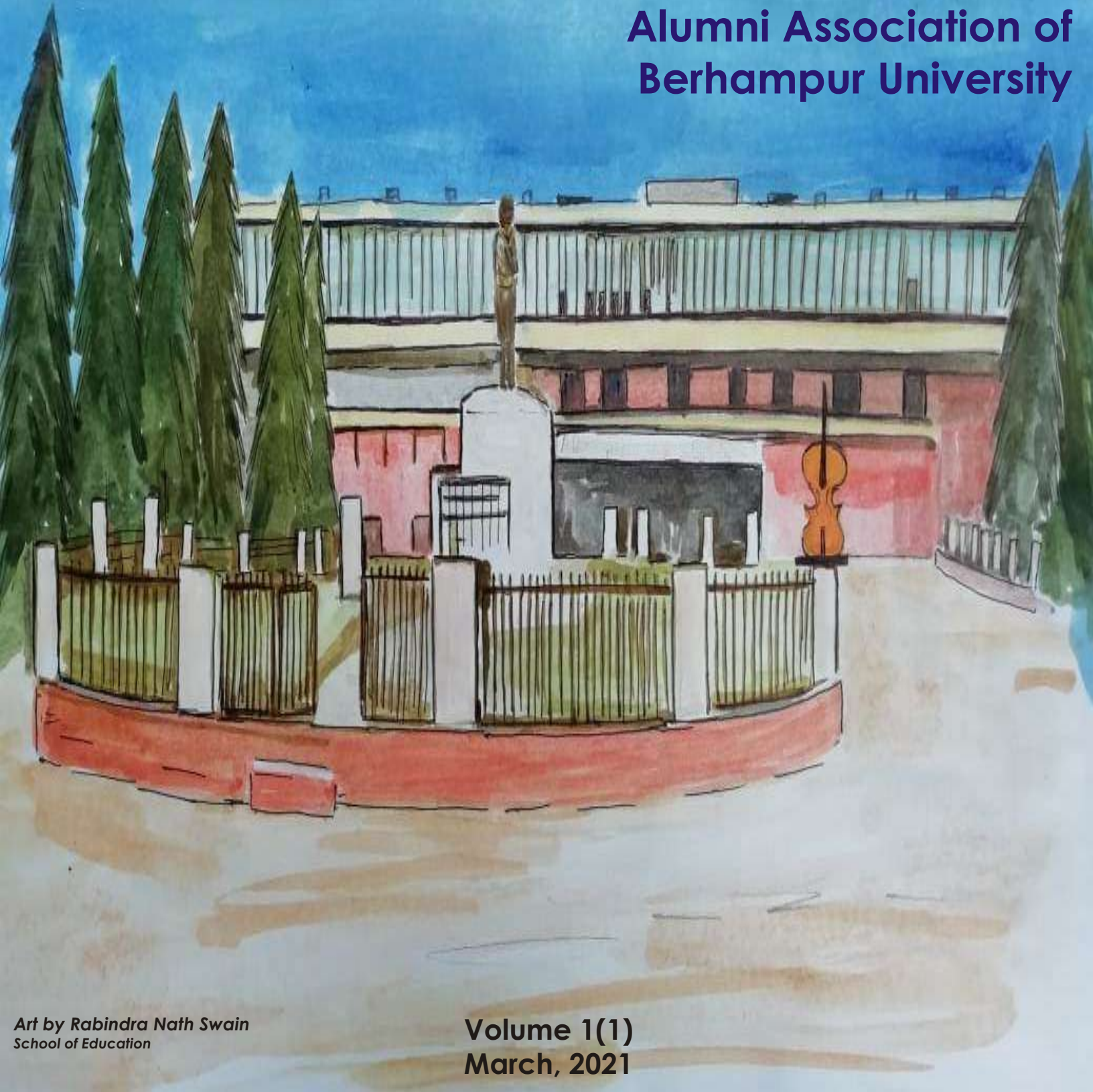


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A Beginning... ..

Finally, we have something visible in print too from the Alumni Association of Berhampur University. Since I joined here as Vice Chancellor, it has been our constant endeavour to reactivate to connect with the alumni of our university. Since two years, we have started honouring our distinguished alumni on Foundation day. The recipient so far being, Dr. Satya Sundar Tripathy (2020), Dr. Ashok Kumar Mohapatra (2021) and Dr. Arun Kumar Pati (2021). Berhampur University has been in existence since 1967 and is proud to have been imparting quality education and conferring degrees to thousands of students. However, there has not been any connection with our alumni, neither the university had any proper platform so far nor did the alumni reach out to us with any such idea; of course there haven't alumni get-together of each department every year at the university or in private and re-living the nostalgia. It's time for all of us to come together on a common platform, be a member of this group now and be a part of your larger family. The present newsletter is aimed at reaching out to you every quarter through your articles, experiences, poems or reminiscences which will let every body know of the good times or different times of a bygone era. Please come forward and be a part of this newsletter, by contributing articles, memories, photos, poems, art etc. The news letter shall be published quarterly. Please share the newsletter in your social media contacts. It's a pity that in spite of our best efforts we do not have more than 100 alumni registered with Alumni Association of Berhampur University. It's not necessary that only IITs, IIMs have strong alumni base, we too have all of you and are very proud of you, and I hope you too are proud of your alma mater. Please take some time out of your busy schedule and register with our alumni association or contact Dr. Narayan Sahoo (Secy. at 8908253479; alumni@buodisha.edu.in) for any details. We shall look forward to your visit to the campus any time. We shall also appreciate your generous contribution and donations in the form of intellect, funds or in kind. Our alumni website is: www.bamu.nic.in/Alumni

With our respect and wishes to you and your family,

Govind Chakrapani
Vice Chancellor
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Activity of AABU

**“Together We Can
Make a Difference”**

Alumni Association of Berhampur University: A Brief Report

Narayan Sahoo
Secretary, AABU

In the month of January, 2016 informally alumni association was formed. However, the University formally established a committee for the Alumni Association of Berhampur University (AABU) under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, BU in 2018. The first Alumni meet was held on 27.12.2018. Later, different committees for the association were constituted. During June and August 2019, a draft bye-law was prepared. The first meeting of the executive body of the association under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor was held on 12.12.2019. In that meeting, the bye-law was discussed, amended, approved and termed as the Constitution of "Alumni Association of Berhampur University". It was also decided to award one or more proficient Alumni as Distinguished Alumnus of Berhampur University on 'Foundation Day' of the University each year. On 2nd January, 2020 on the occasion of the 54th Foundation Day of the University, Sri. Satya Sundar Tripathy, UNO Assistant Secretary General, New York, USA was conferred with the 1st Distinguished Alumnus Award. Subsequently, Prof. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, Vice-Chancellor, Siksha "O" Anusandhan University, Odisha and Prof. Arun Kumar Pati, Harish Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad were conferred with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2021. In the academic year 2019-2020, around 14 PG departments have organized their corresponding alumni meetings. Many of the alumni have assured to extend their co-operation to the association for conducting various academic and developmental activities. It was planned to conduct a grand alumni meet of AABU in the month of May 2020. However, due to Pandemic Covid-19, it was postponed.

The draft constitution of the Association was also approved by the syndicate of the university on 12/10/2020. The 2nd General Body meeting of the association was held online on 21st November, 2020. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic it was decided that the same EB body and office bearers will continue for another one year. It was decided to conduct a webinar on "New Education Policy - 2020". Later it was conducted on 25th February, 2021. The association received donations and other contributions from different alumni members. The association is taking all necessary steps for the registration of the association under Society Act 1860.

Thank you

Secretary, AABU



List of office bearers

Patron:	Vice Chancellor, BU
President:	Prof. Prakash Chandra Mishra
Vice-President:	Dr. Bapuji Samal
Secretary:	Dr. Narayan Sahoo
Joint Secretary:	Dr. Itishree Gita Kumari
Treasurer:	Dr. Padmanav Samal

Executive body members

Registrar, Berhampur University	Prof. Ram Narayan Panda
Chairman, PGC, Berhampur University	Prof. Gitanjali Mishra
Prof. B. C. Choudhury	Prof. Manas Ranjan Patro
Prof. Gouri Sankar Tripathi	Dr. Satyabrata Patro
Prof. Brahma Bihari Panda	Dr. Satya Narayan Tripathy
Prof. Debiprasanna Patnaik	Dr. Ramakanta Bhuyan
Prof. Bhagirathi Panigrahi	Dr. Radha Govinda Padhi
Prof. Pratap Kumar Mohanty	Dr. Subhendra Dash

Alumni Association of Berhampur University: Alma Mater

Prakash Chandra Mishra
President, AABU

2nd January 1967 marked the start of an exceptional journey which has been extraordinary from many aspects. The university was setup with the motto of "Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya", translating to "lead me from darkness to light." Over the last 54 years, there have been years of achievement, years of fallbacks, setbacks, ups and downs and lot of memorable events but all through this the university has played the role of guiding us towards light. In all these years, each one of us has experienced a unique part of the journey and has a story to tell. The university has long stood silently witnessing all our stories and embracing all our success and failures. Let us unite to bring all these stories alive and create an anthology worth revisiting for ages.

In the last couple of months, I noticed that my son has been wearing few t-shirts with catchy slogans about his university. It caught my attention, and I started discussing with him. I was amazed to learn that the alumni designed the t-shirt and bought more than 1 lakh t-shirts to create funds for scholarships for the upcoming batch of students. Further digging down helped me realize how the alumni is actively involved in helping current students in finding jobs, right universities for further education, funding startups, mentoring entrepreneurial candidates, finding accommodation in different cities etc. The list of areas where the alumni connect to help each other is numerous. It was an eye-opener for me as the university was almost as old as ours and surely had a far lower base of alumni than ours. The way of its operation was more like family and is something worth emulating.

I started searching the internet to understand the way our university's alumni presence is over the web. In the first few pages, I stumbled upon a page called "Wikipedia". I came to know that this is synonym to an encyclopedia on the internet. I was surprised to see that there were hardly three members in the notable alumni list and the entries did not do justice to the illustrious alumni of our reputed university. I felt sad for not being able to contribute earlier. But this was a lesson to learn from and take corrective steps to march ahead in the right direction. With the intent to progress, I embark on this journey to bring the alumni to life and create a new chapter in the university's glorious legacy.

The soul of any university is always embedded in the people associated with it. It is the students and the teachers who fill the walls with life. This small step we took in setting up the alumni association is our earnest attempt to bring back the alumni to connect and share their stories, experiences and bring back the rich legacy of the university to life. With that intent, we welcome your suggestions, contributions, active participation in the activities of this association. Looking forward to your sincere opinion and participation.

Best Regards,

President, AABU



Alumni Association of Berhampur University

General Body Meeting

The general body meeting of the Alumni Association of Berhampur University (AABU) was held on 27th December 2018 in the New Syndicate Hall at 5.30 P.M. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest, Prof. Devi Prasanna Patnaik, P.G. Council Chairman, Mr. Ranjan Kumar Biswal, Registrar, Berhampur University were the guest of honour in the occasion. Three distinguished Alumni namely Prof. Gouri Sankar Tripathi, Prof. Brahma Bihari Panda and Prof. Prakash Chandra Mishra were the invited guest of the occasion. More than 60 alumni members participated in the meeting.

Prof. Pratap Kumar Mohanty, Director IQAC spoke on the objective of the meeting, importance of fulfilling the vision and mission of the institution. Members present deliberated and contributed their valuable suggestions for the steps to be followed for the formation of Alumni Association, drafting of its by-laws and the eligible criteria to be the alumni member. Vice Chancellor addressed the meeting and emphasized the role of the Umbrella Association in the all-round development of the University. Vice Chancellor has also advised to utilize the skills of the alumni members not only for the academic growth of the University but also sought their cooperation in raising the funds for the university. He also emphasized the role of the alumni at the time of NAAC assessment. The invited guests also spoke on the occasion relating to the importance of the association.

The office bearers and the executive body members of the association are selected and the list of office bearers and executive body members approved by the Vice-Chancellor of Berhampur University.

Further, it is also unanimously decided that after the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, a bank account will be opened jointly by the President, and the Secretary. All monetary transactions like withdrawal of money can be done at least by the signatures of any one of the above account holders.

The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Narayan Sahoo.



Please Register with AABU:

Alumni Association Registration Fee - INR 500/- (one time)
Life Membership Fee - INR 2000/-
Account No. - 6371101000777
Name: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY
Name and address of Branch: Canara Bank, Berhampur
University Campus, Bhanja Bihar, Odisha, 760007.
IFSC Code: CNRB0006371; MICR Code: 760015007

Webinar on “New Education Policy 2020: Issues and Challenges”

To create awareness about new education policy among the students and faculty members of Berhampur University as well as other alumni members, a webinar on “New Education Policy 2020: Issues and Challenges” was organized by the Alumni Association of Berhampur University (AABU) on 25th February 2021. For this event eminent personalities from different field across the country were communicated. However, Prof. Arun Kumar Pujari, Professor Emeritus, Mahindra University, Prof. K V R Chary, Director, IISER, Berhampur, Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Former Vice-Chancellor Sambalpur University, and Prof. Govinda J. Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, Berhampur University consented for the event. Prof. Prakash Chandra Mishra, President, AABU presided the event and Prof. Manas Kumar Patra moderate the event. After introduction of invited speakers all the dignitaries have shared their views regarding the New Education Policy (NEP).

Prof. K V R Chary spoke on the focus of NEP in terms of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability. He dwelt on the important aspects of NEP which will be instrumental in bringing a change in the educational landscape of the country in the long run. He also touched upon the challenges with regards to funding, infrastructure, and evaluation system.

Prof. Arun Kumar Pujari explained the 4 key issues, namely, multiple entry & exit, 4-year under graduate programme, academic credit banks, and conduct of entrance examinations. He emphasized that these ideas were already there in some form or other in different parts of the country but now efforts are being made to implement that in the national level.

His message was quite strong and loud that these ideas are implementable, if the teaching community and people in administration have the right attitude and willingness.

Prof Govinda J Chakrapani raised certain implementation issues at the ground level which need to be addressed for smooth implementation of NEP. While he appreciated the flexibility of students acquiring credits by undergoing courses at the institution of their choice, he also shared his idea about teachers from IITs and other Institutions of repute visiting colleges and Universities across the country for offering teaching courses.

Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera highlighted specific implementation challenges because of the digital divide across the country. He talked about the National Technology Forum which is being formed to address the technical requirements for the new mode of blended education. He also spoke on the preparation needed to move ahead with the NEP.

There were around 297 participants registered for the event. More than 100 numbers of registered participants joined the event. From the audience Prof. G. S. Tripathi, Prof. R. K. Mishra and others raised some important issues regarding NEP. The invited speakers clarified all the raised issues. At the end Dr. Narayan Sahoo, Secretary, AABU summarize the events and gave vote of thanks. On behalf of the Association Dr. Sahoo acknowledges to all the invited speakers, participants, alumni members, University administration, and last but not the least department of Computer Science, BU for technical support.

“Mo College Abhijan”

Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha

The Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha has launched Mo College Abhijan (MCA) to connect global alumni to their alma matter. The web portal for Mo College Abhijan was inaugurated by the Honorable Chief Minister, Govt. of Odisha on 21st March 2021 at Bhubaneswar. This function was live telecasted in the Biju Patnaik Auditorium of the Berhampur University. Around 300 participants including invited guest Mr. Bikram Kumar Panda, honorable MLA, Berhampur, Vice-Chancellor, Faculty members, Employees, Students of Berhampur University were participated. The objective of the program is to make a linkage between the old students with their parent institutions. The alumni members will be registered themselves in the web portal and share all the relevant information. In this process they should mentioned how they are interested to help the parent institution. After that the Coordinator of Mo College Abhijan will communicate with them and make all necessary arrangement for this.

As per the guidelines issued by Principal Secretary to Govt., Dept. of Higher Education, Odisha regarding *Mo College Abhijan activities*, the Vice-Chancellor has been nominated the distinguished members for the University Level Committee (ULC) related to Mo College Abhijan. All the members were informed that they must have to keep 3hrs time slot every month for interaction between Alumni and the current students so as to show case their life lessons, success stories and experiences before the students as a part of Motivational and Career Counseling Programme. The members of University Level Committee are given below:

Sl. No.	Name	Position
1.	Vice-Chancellor, Berhampur University	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Arundhanti Rath, Chairperson, PGC, BU	Member
3.	Prof. Pratap Kumar Mohanty, Director, CDC, BU	Member
4.	Prof. Gouri Sankar Tripathi, Professor (Retd.), Berhampur University	Member
5.	Prof. Bhabani Prasad Panda, Director, KIIT School of Law, KIIT University	Member
6.	Prof. Siba Prasad Adhikary, Former Vice-Chancellor, Fakir Mohan University	Member
7.	Sri Hrusikesh Panigrahi, Station Director, AIR, Berhampur	Member
8.	Prof. Prakash Chandra Mishra, Professor (Retd), Berhampur University	Member
9.	Dr. Narayan Sahoo, Secretary, Alumni Association of Berhampur University	Member Convener



Dr. Narayan Sahoo
Secretary, AABU

In Focus: Alumni Association Meeting Department of Zoology

Berhampur University

Historical Background

The Alumni Association, Department of Zoology, Berhampur University, has been established in the year 1994 by former Professor Late Dr. R. Prasad with the basic objectives to unite the past and present students of the department in a Reunion Function every year during the Annual Day celebration of the Zoology Seminar, to extend financial and moral help to the needy members of the Association, to encourage the present students in their academics by instituting different prizes and medals, to felicitate members retiring from their active services on superannuation, and to give ovation to the members for their outstanding contributions in the field of Science and to the society at large. In order to focus the activities of the association and to highlight the achievements of its members, a bulletin is published every year since 1996. The logo with the figure of the Hippocampus at the centre with the name of the Association written around it in a circle (prepared by Mr. P. Venu Gopal) was adopted in 1995 being made to implement that in the national level.

General Body/Executive Body

The General Body shall meet at least once a year in the Department of Zoology, Berhampur University, preferably on the annual day of Zoology Seminar. The Association has a President, a Secretary, two Joint-Secretaries (the Seminar Secretary shall be one of the

Joint-Secretaries), a Treasurer, an Executive Body comprising of at least 15 members, and an Advisory Body. The senior most Professor of the Department shall ordinarily act as President.

The President nominates one of the members of the Association, preferably a faculty of the Department, as the Treasurer each year in the General Body meeting. All office bearers except the President and Treasurer are elected by the General body on its Annual meet for a period of One Year. The Advisory Body constituted from time to time as per the suggestions of the General Body. The Executive Body has the power to take any decision subject to the subsequent ratification in the next General Body meeting. The founder members of the association unanimously selected/elected were Prof. R. Prasad, Ex-Officio President, Prof. K. C. Patra, Vice-President, Dr. N. K. Tripathy, Secretary, Dr. U. K. N. Patro, Joint-Secretary, Mr. Manoj B Jagdale, Joint-Secretary, Zoology Seminar Ex-Officio, and Dr. R.C. Choudhury, Treasurer. Other executive members were Dr. S.C Gantayat, Dr. Digamber Sahu, Dr. K. I. Thomas, Mr. R.C. Patnaik, Mr. S. Baig, Dr. Mrs. U. R. Acharya, Dr. H. N. Behera, Dr. B. N. Mishra, Dr. N. N. Mahapatra, Dr. S. K. Mallik, Dr. G. K. Panigrahi, Dr. M. R. Lenka, Dr. S. N. Padhi, Dr. K. C. Sahu.

Currently, the Association has selected/elected Dr. G. Mishra as President, Dr. S. C. Gantayat-Vice President, Dr. P. K. Dixit-Secretary, Mr. Prafulla Chandra Patro-Joint Secretary and Dr. J. K Seth as Treasurer.

Further the Association is having an executive body with members like Dr. R. C. Choudhury, Dr. U. R. Acharya, Dr. S. Patnaik, Dr. UKN Patro,

Dr. S. N. Patnaik, Dr. Suchitra Behera, Dr. Chakradhar Patro, Dr. Nibedita Mahapatra, Dr. Pravat Pradhan, Dr. Uttam Kumar Nayak, Dr. P. K. Sarangi, Mr. Santhos Kumar Gouda, Dr. Bibarani Tripathy, Dr. Arunendra Mahapatra, Mr. Rajendra Ku. Patnaik, Dr. T. K. Barik, Dr. S. K. Dash and Mr. L. K. Murmu. Apart from the list, the Seminar Secretary is the member of the Executive body by default.

Activities

Some generous and enthusiastic members of the Association have instituted different medals, running trophies, cash prizes, awards and scholarships that are awarded each year on the day of Annual Reunion Function to different students and employees of the Department for their merits and outstanding achievements in various fields. The awards are: (1) **Gopinath Sahu Memorial Gold Medal**, instituted by his son Late Nalini Kanta Sahu, is awarded to the student of the department for securing the 1st class 1st position in M.Sc. Zoology examination, (2) **Nalini Kanta Sahu Memorial Medal**, instituted by the Association, is awarded to the student of the department for securing the 2nd position in M.Sc. Zoology examination, (3) **Dr. P. K. Baliarsingh Cash Prizes** (2 nos.), instituted by Dr. P. K. Baliarsingh, are awarded to students for securing the highest marks in the 4th Semester Examinations, (4) **Ibrahim Shariff Running Trophy and Cash Award**, instituted by Mr. Ishaque Shariff, is awarded to the student for securing the highest marks in M.Sc. Zoology Part-I examination, (5) **Ibrahim Shariff Cash Award**, instituted by Mr. Ishaque Shariff, is awarded for securing the highest marks in theory papers of M.Sc. Part-II examination, (6) **Dr. Lal Mohan Patro Cash Prize**, instituted by his son Dr. Prafulla Chandra Patro, is awarded for securing the highest marks in theory papers of M.Sc. Zoology Part-I and II examinations taken together, (7) **Smt. Binodini Ranjitsingh Cash Prize**, instituted by her son Mr.

Ardhendu Kumar Ranjitsingh, is awarded for securing the highest marks in theory papers of M.Sc. Zoology Part-I examination, (8) **Smt. Jashoda Patro Memorial Running Trophy and Award**, instituted by her son Dr. Prafulla Chandra Patro, is awarded to the Champion of Zoology Seminar, (9) **Ramesh Chandra Mishra Merit Scholarship**, instituted by his son Dr. Prasanna Kumar Mishra, is awarded for one year to a student who has admitted to the Department for pursuing M. Sc. Zoology by securing the highest position in the admission criteria of the University, (10) **Alumni Cash Prize**, instituted by the Association, is awarded to a student for his/her overall personality, as recommended by the Department Staff Council and approved by the Executive Committee of the Association, (11) **Research Scholars' 99 Prize**, instituted by the then Research Scholars of the Department, is awarded to a Class-IV employee of the department for his/her sincerity in duty, as recommended by the Department Staff Council and (12) **NET/JRF Award-2016**, instituted by the existing Faculty Members-2016 of the Department to be awarded to the student(s) for clearing the National Eligibility Test of CSIR/UGC

Sources of Income

The annual membership fee for the first year students of the Department of the Association is Rs.100/- per member. However, membership fee along with the life subscription totaling to Rs, 500/- is insisted upon to each member. For the member with life subscription, Rs.70/- as Annual Registration fee are collected on the day of alumni reunion meet every year. The Association also receives funds by way of contributions, donations, etc. from members/non-members. Members of the association/non-members interested to institute medals/prizes/trophies are encouraged to deposit the desired amount with the Association, so that the

accrued bank interest amount can be utilized for the purpose. The accrued annual interest amount on the deposited membership fees and deposits for medals and prizes are spent in the function and other activities of the Association.

Current Status

The enrolled members as on date are **1100**. The number of Life Subscribers was more than **500**. This increase in the membership of the association is highly encouraging for the association. Every year the common function of the Alumni General Body and students Seminar function ordinarily held in the month of February/March and followed by a picnic to nearby places along with the existing students of the Department. This meet gives immense platform for exchange of ideas among the students and Alumni of the Department. Last Year the **25th issue** of the bulletin was published on the occasion of the **27th Annual Reunion Function** of the Association on **15th February 2020**. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this year, the schedule of the meeting is yet to be finalized.



Secretary,
Alumni Association,
Department of Zoology
Berhampur University

A photograph of a tree-lined road. The road is paved and has a dashed white line down the center. The trees are lush green and line both sides of the road. A utility pole is visible on the right side of the road. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

BU Diaries

**“We don’t remember days,
we remember moments”**

Professor Prasanta Kumar Misra and the Golden Decade

Gouri Sankar Tripathi

Professor of Physics, Berhampur University, Berhampur 760007, Odisha, India

Professor Prasanta Kumar Misra joined as the first full Professor of the Physics department and consequently it's Head of Department in late 1973. At that time I was studying M. Sc. Physics in the Final year. He taught us Solid State Physics special paper. Before joining Berhampur University, he was already a full professor at the University Engineering College, Burla, Sambalpur University. Prior to that he was a Reader in Physics at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and Lecturer at Ravenshaw College, Cuttack. He did his Ph. D. at Tufts University, Boston, USA working under the mentorship of Prof. (Mrs.) Laura M. Roth, a renowned expert in theoretical magnetism. Later he joined as a Visiting Research Scientist at the University of Texas, Austin and worked with the renowned electronic structure theorist, Professor Leonard Kleinman, one of the originators of the very popular Pseudopotential Theory in the area of Electronic structure of Solids. By the time he joined Berhampur University, his Ph. D. and Postdoctoral works found mentions in popular text books like Solid State Physics by Ashcroft and Mermin and Quantum Theory of the Solid State by Joseph Callaway. My association with him became stronger when I joined as a Research Fellow in his Major Research Project "Properties of Solids" and started

Working on the magnetic properties of narrow-gap semiconductors in May 1975. From the very beginning, he showered his affection on me as an elder brother. He was extremely hard working. He used to come to the department at about 9 AM and would work until 10 PM in the evening, with a couple of hours for lunch break and evening snacks. All his research students and later all his colleagues in the department followed this routine. Gradually the routine induced many other teachers of the university to follow suit. Thus began a very vibrating research atmosphere in the university.

My first two years were spent in formulating a problem and developing a methodology. After finishing some analytical calculations, I needed the computation of the same for results. At that time we did not have a Computer in the university. Therefore I used to spend extensive periods at Bhubaneswar to use a small IBM computing facility there. For more complicated calculations we used to go to IIT Madras to use a larger IBM machine. At that time the input was through punching cards which were fed to the CPU for output. Thus my research involved a lot of time, away from Berhampur. In the beginning of 1980, Prof. S. D. Mahanti of Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA spent two months in our department. Prof. Misra advised all his research students to take advantage of his visit and interact with him for improvement and refinement of our respective research works. It was a very hard-working period for us. However, it also became very fruitful for a few of us. We had successful collaborations with him and published good research papers leading to Ph.D. Degrees.

Our Alumni

Professor Gouri Sankar Tripathi completed masters degree from the Department of Physics, Berhampur University in 1974. Later he served as Professor in Berhampur University during 1984-2014

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Thus I was exposed to two brilliant physicists of repute during my Ph. D. work. It was an extremely struggling period and Prof Misra shared every bit of that struggle with us. The training I received from him stood at good stead at later parts of my research career.

I obtained my Ph. D. degree in Physics in 1982 and later joined as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of Hyderabad. I joined Berhampur University as a Lecturer in Physics in 1984. Before I joined my dream post of teachership in my Alma Mater, Berhampur University, he left for USA to join a Visiting-Professorship at Temple University, Philadelphia and subsequently at Louisiana State University and University of Rhode Island until 1988 when he decided to take voluntary retirement from Berhampur University and settle in USA. He joined as a Professor of Physics and Dean of Natural Sciences at Mesa State College (later University), Grand Junction, Colorado.

He worked at Berhampur University from 1974-84. This period witnessed intense research activities not only in the Physics Department but in other departments as well. I consider this period as the golden period of Berhampur University. Many people who did Ph. D. in this period went to USA, Europe and Japan for their postdoctoral research. Few dedicated leaders developed a Culture of Research here and Prof. Misra was prominent among them. The culture was not confined to science departments alone; many faculties from Humanities stream also had the privilege of expanding their horizons.

During his stay at Berhampur, many people benefitted from him. He was extremely social. He lent support to many students pursuing their dreams. When the university lacked infrastructure, he organised a Winter School in collaboration with a premier institute of India,

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research. Almost all big names in Condensed Matter Physics of India converged here. Prof. B R Coles, FRS from Imperial College also came for the event. He was a great organiser and hard task master. In his heart he was very affectionate. Even after his departure from Berhampur, I and my students collaborated with him in research. We published a number of papers together, until 2009. At about that time he published a textbook in Condensed Matter Physics. It was published by Academic-Elsevier publications, USA. I wrote a review for this book for Amazon.

Thus Prof. Misra led an active life almost until his death on 27th January 2021 at Houston, USA. During the last couple of years he had some health problems. His sad demise is a great loss for all his admirers, relatives and friends. I particularly shall miss him forever. He would always be in my heart and guide me as usual as my conscience.



***“The soul who
influenced many”***

Memory of my Alma Matter during its formative years

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Sometime during the mid of 1966, few young students of Khallikote College, Berhampur arrived at Ratha Pada in Surada town of Ganjam District and had a public meeting. I was studying in class 8th at Sashi Bhusan High School in the town then. They appraised the curious audience how important it is to have a University in South Odisha, the most neglected region in Higher Education at that time. Being so young, just 12+ years old, did not understand what a University is, however, participated in the rally for the next two days moving around the streets with placard demanding a University, and was happy when news came about establishment of Berhampur University on 2nd January 1967. This unprecedented student's agitation in Odisha, first of its kind till date, lead to birth of this great institution where I had the opportunity to study in Khallikote college (1970-1974) under the University, and later at the Post Graduate Department of Botany up to Ph.D. (1974-1980) in it's campus at Rangailunda. Being from a rural area, 8 Km from Surada without Motorable road, electricity etc then, and son of a marginal farmer with weak financial background, if the University would not have established at that time, might have been unable to receive higher education.

The quality education I received due to the dedicated teachers at our times made me empowered to carry out long term post doctoral research at Germany through DAAD fellowship and at Japan receiving JSPS fellowship, could get a teaching position at Utkal University, Vani Vihar (1987-June 2009), Visva-Bharati Central University, Santiniketan (July 2009-2019) and also as the Vice-Chancellor of Fakir Mohan University at Baleswar (May 2014 to July 2017), a Public University in our state. The environment of the great institution of higher learning in southern Odisha taught me how to work with head high under extreme adverse conditions one has to face upon working away from one's own place, and contributed to quality teaching and research to the best of my capacity.

By the time I joined as pre-University student at Khallikote college in 1970, the 3 years old University was functioning in few rental buildings in between MKCG medical college and ITI in Berhampur. After 3 years when I was a student of B.Sc. Honours, the University moved to its own campus at Rangailunda. Being the secretary of the Botany Department seminar, I went to the campus first during late 1973 to invite Professor Harihar Patnaik, the HOD Botany & Chairman, Post Graduate Council, also was the first OSD of the University and later became Vice-Chancellor of BU (1982-1984) to our seminar function. I also attended the annual function of the student's Union at the campus in March 1974 which is still fresh in mind. Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab was the Chief guest, and the function was followed by melody party of "Habib and his group" most popular in Odisha at that time.

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I was so impressed with the environment in the campus that though secured first position in first class in Botany Honours, did not apply elsewhere and joined BU for post graduate course. In July 1974 stepped to its campus as a student and never looked back.

At the time of joining, there was only one hostel (later named as Rushikullya hostel) and one research scholar hostel (Jogendra hostel). The adjacent Hostel no. 2 was just new. Temporary electricity and water connection was given and we were admitted, all in single rooms. Most students in the hostel were from Parlakhemundi, hence were always together. We only two were from Khallikote college and rest were day scholars. Hence I became close to almost all the students who were from other regions of Odisha, mostly from Khurdha, Puri, Cuttack, Dhenkanal and Baleswar districts (only 13 districts in the state then), and was their guide, also mentor advising and giving tips how to live in Berhampur adjusting to the new environment for them. There were only few buildings at that time; one impressive administrative block housing a SBI and post office, one science block where Physics and Chemistry Departments are now existing. Botany Dept was in the first floor in the left side and Zoology in the right. Below Botany was Chemistry Dept and Physics was in the ground floor in the right side. There was one Arts faculty building housing Political science, History, Economics, English, Odia, Mathematics, Journalism and Labor & Social welfare Departments and the Chairman, PG Council Central office. There was a small one floor building of the Student's Union opposite to Arts block and a canteen to its back. There were two tea shops and one tiffin shop in the shade of a banyan tree which was the central place in the campus up to which point the buses were plying.

There was one Ladies hostel, nearby three rows of independent Professors and Readers quarters; two rows of non-teaching quarters and 2 rows of lecturers flats on opposite side of a road leading to the Guest house on the top of a small elevation. Most exciting was the University had 2 white colour elegant looking buses with the emblem engraved on it, which ply several times up and down from the campus to the city and back primarily meant for staff of the University, however, students could use those on weekends for picnics and field visits. Two road trains, two buses joined together with an engine in front used to ply from the city to the campus where students and day scholars commute. Every day there was a bus from the city bus stand to the campus at 9.30 pm which the resident students and staff use to return from city after marketing and visiting films in Vijaya, Utkal, Jyoti and SSBT talkies, only four functional at that time. In total about 200 students and 70 staffs were staying in the campus. All the four hostels had their own mess, hence, no shops were open after the evening. The University becomes vibrant soon after the buses and road train arrives until those leave after 5 Pm, and the residents were left in a calm atmosphere which lead to development of a strong bonding among the students and also with teachers residing in the campus. The air strip was open without boundary which used to be our sitting place, gossiping, interacting and looking to the open sky in solitude. The campus was full with Casuarina tress. The cool breeze and whispering sound mixed with the refreshing sound of the waves from nearby Golapur-on-sea was clearly audible at night still fresh in mind. Many a time we in a group used to walk up to the sea in solitude, 3 km away through Kamapalli as there was almost no human

movement in the area. A cinema hall was opened at Kamapalli while I was a student, and I remember we visited the movie first shown there in which the hero was Rajanikant, the Tamil superstar. It was a Telugu movie.

We had a dramatic society in which I took part actively for the two consecutive years and acted in the annual drama. Besides we had regular annual function of the Union, study tours to different parts of India, Departmental picnic/outing tours of 2 nights and one day duration in University bus, sports events, IQ, assay and debate competition including for Chancellor's cup and organizing cultural event inviting Daskathia, Chadheya nrutya, doll play groups in which I was active as an organizer. I still remember the teachers of different Departments whose personality and deliberations in meetings is unforgettable. The faces of few of them are still fresh in mind. They were: Prof. Murty, Dr. Subas Pati, Dr. Chandra Panda (Chemistry), Prof. Prasanta Mishra, Dr. S.N. Behera (Physics), Prof. Chandi Das, Dr. Bhavendra Patnaik (Zoology), Dr. CBSR Sharma (Botany), Dr. Dipti Rath (Mathematics), Prof. B.B., Jena, Dr. Harihar Das, Dr. Jayakrushna Baral (Political Science), Prof. BC Roy, Dr. Kanchan Majumdar, Dr. KC Jena (History), Prof. Bibekanda Das (Economics), Prof. Kanhu Mishra, Dr. Benimadhav Padhi (Odia) and many more of English, Journalism, Labour and Social welfare about whose name memory fails; each one of them were stalwarts in their respective fields. Even as a student of science Department, I had the opportunity to interact with all, irrespective of the Department/faculty, and could know the beauty and strength of all subjects of science and humanities while staying in the campus during its formative years.

Almost all of these reputed teachers were from different parts of Odisha and also from other states giving the Institution a real University character.

I passed M.Sc. Botany in 1976 securing first position in first class and awarded University Gold medal. It was made of real gold and is still in possession of mine with pride. Soon after M.Sc. I joined for research under the guidance of Prof. Harihar Patnaik through a CSIR fellowship (1976 to 1980). Much more to be told about what I experienced during those 4 years later. However, I can strongly vouch that we had a strong research culture during our time. In most science labs the lights were "ON" until 10 PM and the last to leave was Prof. Murthy of Chemistry; after which we used to leave the lab. This had an impact on my life although as a teacher cum researcher until retirement. Due to the training under the research environment at BU during our time lead to opt this as the career option and never changed the track to apply for UPSC/OPSC/BANK etc rather to go abroad for further research, teach the next generation to get empowered contributing to academics in our state.

I could not contribute much to my Alma matter after my Ph.D. in 1980 and had to leave unwillingly. Destiny took me to Utkal University in 1987 and then at Santiniketan in 2009 as a teacher, however, renewed contact with BU after 35 years after joining as a Vice-Chancellor of another state University in 2014. I observed a sea change after stepping to the campus after more than 3 decades. Now there are many buildings, additional Departments, extended guest house, Auditorium, several hostels for students, both for Gents and Ladies, air strip with a boundary, a VCs residence on another mini-hill top, few temples, a deer park but missing the cool breeze of Casuarina groves and solitude experienced during our student days.

I may be wrong as I am longing for this of my generation which might not be relevant at present, however, am impressed with its all round growth of its journey through half a century with NAAC "A" grade. I was delighted to participate in the Golden jubilee celebration and had the opportunity of delivering a lecture. Many of my class mates during PG of 1974-1976 batch joined the University as teacher and contributed to its development. They are Prof. Jayanta Mohapatra, Prof. Bishnu Choudhuri, Prof. Laxmi Rout, Prof. Ashok Panigrahi, Prof. Amiya Parichha and Prof. J Sesagiri Rao. Few of my seniors who were also doing research during research career (1976-1980): Prof. Gouri Tripathy, Prof. Trinath Sahu, Prof. Nirmal Sahoo, Prof. Ramesh Choudhuri, Prof. Brahma Panda and Prof Malay Mishra also joined as teacher and contributed. I was not so fortunate to serve the University and had to leave in August 1980 to contribute elsewhere. However, as a son of Ganjam in the southern Odisha, never made my Head down because of my training at BU. While receiving Samanta Chandra Sekhar Award for Research by Odisha Bigyan Academy in 2000 at Jayadev Bhavana, Bhubaneswar, Reporter of Dharitri News paper asked me "who is behind to your success to whom you will give the credit for this state award?". My reply was " to the Adverse situations I faced in life, and to Berhampur University where I learnt how to overcome it". I did not give the credit to my parents or my spouse but to my "Alma Matter". Hence I, as a proud Alumni, wish to see this towering Institution to excel in Academics, in Teaching, Research, also solving problems of the society and carve a niche for itself in the state, country and at the global level.



"Down the Memory lane"

The life lessons learned at Berhampur University

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I had the opportunity of seeing and working in more than one University very closely, and Berhampur University is one among them. Berhampur University has some distinctive and unique features. The relationship between the faculty, students, and staff members are cordial, sympathetic, and humane. The humane factor is worth mentioning, which stands out, and I can count many of these. Although I had many memorable incidents which I can keep on writing, I write a few notable incidents and lifetime learning experiences within the allotted space.

I had the opportunity to work with Late Prof. Chandrasekhar Mishra, a great human being and a friend, mentor, and well-wisher for many, including me. He was known for his large-heartedness and helping nature. One day I was a bit down, and he asked me about the reason. I replied that I am a bit upset with some people I helped and guided in the past. His reply was very candid and thoughtful. I quote him verbatim here. When you help somebody, advise somebody for his/her benefit, it might happen that he/she will forget, even you may also forget sometimes. Still, the account is maintained in HIS book, and HE never fails to make the proper entry at the right place. These golden words are still ringing in

my ears and are still guiding me through difficult times. It is worth mentioning here that Prof. C. S. Mishra was a commerce student. I learned a bit of commerce and accounting from Prof. Prakash Chandra Mishra, retired Professor of Commerce, Berhampur University on our journey back to residence at Chatrapur every day.

I am one of those fortunate who has the distinction of being a student and a colleague of Late Prof. N. C. Mohapatra, whose life and discipline significantly influenced me. Two incidents which primarily speak of his generosity and professionalism are worth mentioning. Berhampur University in those days was giving the best research scholar award for outstanding research scholars. One of my friends and now colleague at the University of Hyderabad, Dr. Saroj Panigrahi then was pursuing his Ph.D. in mathematics. He was and also is an excellent researcher and had many good publications. Prof. Mohapatra was heading the committee for selecting the best research scholar award. Just a few days before the committee met for this, Saroj had a bitter argument with Prof. Mohapatra concerning some computer center issues concerning his computational tasks. Prof. Mohapatra was then the Director, Computer Center, and Saroj went to him with a complaint and had a very ugly discussion. Many felt that though Saroj had good publications, he does not stand a chance due to his showdown with Prof. Mohapatra. The meeting started, and Prof. Mohapatra supported his case right from the beginning. Out of curiosity, I asked him how he is supporting him after that incident.

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His reply was, "Saroj is a good researcher that is evident from his publications. This committee is constituted to look into the publications and choose the best one. I don't find anybody more suitable than him this year as far as research publications are concerned. If this award is for the best disciplined and well-behaved student, I would have opposed the case. We should know the mandate of the committee and respect his research work". This incident taught me how to be professional, focused, unbiased, and do the job with the utmost integrity.

I had an opportunity to work under the able leadership of some great vice-chancellors. Prof. J. K. Baral was one of these distinguished personalities who provided the much-needed academic leadership to the University.

One day Prof. Bhavani Rath (whom I always adore as a mentor and elder brother) and I were doing some confidential work in the examination section. We were getting delayed. Prof. Rath was a little worried regarding his return to Berhampur (he used to stay at Berhampur). We came to know that the Vice-Chancellor has some meeting at Berhampur in the evening and will go a little late. Prof. Rath sent a message to VC's office that when VC goes to Berhampur, he can go with him. Prof. Baral was happy to accommodate him. Most unusually, Prof. Baral got a bit delayed and left in a hurry for Berhampur and forgot about Prof. Rath. After going around 5 km (at Dura-Pathara junction), he remembers and got down from the vehicle and asked Sudhir (his driver) to go back to the University and bring Prof. Rath. Sudhir came back, and Prof. Rath went in the VC's car. When he went near the Dura-Pathara junction, he found Prof. Baral, Vice-chancellor of Berhampur university, standing on the roadside waiting for Prof. Rath.

Prof. Rath felt a little embarrassed and told Prof. Baral that he should have gone ahead with the meeting as it is getting delayed. The reply of Prof. Baral was humble and humane as well. His response was (1) you were doing University work, and I agreed to drop you at Berhampur as I am going there. I forgot, and so I sent the vehicle back. (2) When asked about why he stood at the roadside for so long, his reply was, I am going for a meeting, and it is a bad omen to return. He said that I decided on a middle path where I sent the vehicle to get you, and I also did not return to the campus. This is rare that a University's vice-chancellor cares so much for a colleague who is doing the university work beyond office hours. It is heart-touching to note that he did not mind standing on the roadside in the dark for almost 20 minutes to ensure that his colleague does not suffer. This particular incident has a lasting impact on me as a human being, which I always feel like emulating.

God bless Berhampur University.....

"The account is maintained in HIS book, and HE never fails to make the proper entry at the right place"

Jogendra Hostel during 1976-80

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It is a great pleasure and a sacred opportunity for me to write some reminiscences of my Alma mater, Berhampur University. It is difficult to choose a particular piece of my memory from roughly half-a-century long association with this temple of learning. However, when I try to reflect on some of the best days of my life, the period that first comes to my mind is from 1976 to 1980, during which I lived in Jogendra Hostel in Bhanja Bihar.

In India, the role of research in promoting the objectives of higher education received prominent focus during 1970s. By the middle of that decade, funding agencies like UGC and CSIR offered liberal research scholarships in all academic disciplines. Berhampur University took advantage of this policy focus and trend. The best students of the pass-out batches of 1974 through 1976, who were willing to do research, were selected/nominated as Research Scholars by the then visionary learned teachers and administrators of the university. Their involved research study and interaction with the supervisors warranted an exclusive accommodation within Bhanja Bihar. So the smallest hostel of the campus having ten 3-seated rooms was earmarked as the residence of the researchers.

The hostel has been named after Sardar Jogendra Singh, former Honourable Governor of Odisha and Chancellor of the University as it was built from the funds donated by him. After my Post-Graduate examinations, I had left the First/Main (now known as Rushikulya) Hostel in December 1975. Having passed with the Gold Medal of the batch, I was asked by my revered teacher-guide and Head of the Department Professor Bibekananda Das to join as the UGC Junior Research Fellow in Economics, which I had gladly accepted and re-entered Bhanja Bihar. This time I became an inmate of Room No. 4 in the ground floor of Jogendra Hostel during July 1976 and continued to live there for four years.

This is considered as the golden age of the University, which was represented by well-known brilliant teachers, worthy researchers and noble human beings like Prof. P.S. Radhakrishna Murty (Chemistry), Prof. Prasant Kumar Mishra (Physics), Prof. Chandi Charan Das and Prof. Bhabendra Kumar Patnaik (Zoology), Prof. Harihara Patnaik (Botany), Prof. Gopal Chandra Rath (LSW), Prof. Bhramarabara Jena (Political Science), Prof. Bibekananda Das (Economics), Prof. B. C. Roy and Prof. K. Majumdar (History), Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra (Journalism), Prof. Nanda Kishore (Mathematics), Prof. Benimadhab Padhy and Prof. Sudarshan Acharya (Odia), and many others. My co-researchers of other departments and co-residents in Jogendra Hostel included Dr. Gouri Sankar Tripathy and Dr. Trinath Sahu (Physics), Dr. Markandeswar Panda, Dr. Chelli Janardan and Dr. Bhabagrahi Das (Chemistry), Dr. Ramesh Chandra Chaudhury, Dr. Surendranath Padhy and Dr. Suresh

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The supervisors and scholars formed a unique community of well-wishers and admirers in Bhanja Bihar. Irrespective of the discipline, all the teachers knew almost all of us by name. This was partly due to small size of the institution then, but mainly because of our visibility through our struggle for career. In fact, a forum, named as the Berhampur University Research Fellows Association (BURFA) was making our presence felt in the campus. The University administration provided conducive support to the gold standards of research set by the supervisors and sincere efforts of the scholars. As a result, the research atmosphere of Bhanja Bihar during late 1970s was highly productive. By early 1980s, Berhampur University produced the first batch of young doctorates, who later on significantly contributed to the society in their respective fields of service.

Jogendra Hostel had all the requisite features to facilitate the needed symbiosis within the research ecosystem of the University. The hostel provided rest and recreation to the residents, who used to work in the laboratories and research desks for 14-16 hours or more on a day. It ensured availability of food, including morning and evening tea, from a never-stopping palatable mess. Since there was no job guarantee after research and also as many of us had preferred dynamic research career to ad hoc teaching positions available in the government and private colleges, the struggle situation of all of us was more or less similar.

But the research process was quite challenging and uncertain. The scholars had to really work hard in the absence of photocopiers and computers. Thus the similarity of our future world views brought us together and built a mechanism of sharing and comfort in Jogendra Hostel, which was necessary to sustain the spirit of research. In fact, the hostel was our shock-absorber, which used to refresh and motivate us for the next step forward. Thus Jogendra Hostel, one of the smallest buildings of Bhanja Bihar, enormously enriched the University through its resident researchers of late 1970s. It has also made significant contributions to our own lives. Not only our subsequent economic position was built here, but also with so many good friends Jogendra Hostel made our social sphere quite rich during this life.



Somewhere between, "I WON'T SHARE MY ROOM WITH ANYONE" and "ALL MY ROOMMATES ARE REALLY NICE" We all learnt to share our lives"

I and My IRPM – Rolling Memories

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It was 2nd January 1967 the Berhampur University came into existence. It's formation started with emergence of the Department of Labour and Social welfare in the year 1967.

With this background after completion of my graduation, curiously I took admission in the Department in the year 1970. On completion of the course in 1972, the day on which results announced was a memorable as I came out successfully with the first division.

Fortunate enough, the university announced the appointment of the university grants commission Junior Research Fellows in the various Departments for conferring Ph.D Degrees. I joined as the UGC Junior Research fellow in the year 1973 for working on the Research topic "Industrial Relations in Orissa in Post Independence period with specific reference to the industries in public, private and cooperative sectors" under the supervision and guidance of Late Professor Sri Gopal Chandra Rath, Head of the Department. Incidentally professor Sri B. Suryanarayan Murthy of the Department had taken up the Research work on the topic "Trade union movement in Orissa: Its emergence and

Development" under the guidance of Professor Vasudev Murthy of Andhra University. I worked with him as Research Associate.

During the period of my Fellowship sponsored by the university, I had an opportunity to undergo training for one and half months on the Research Methodology at ANS Institute of social studies, Patna, Bihar. It was a memorable academic experience with the participants from different states of the country.

Before completion of my fellowship period I had a job opportunity for the post of Labour Welfare Officer. As I was in dilemma whether to choose the industrial jobs or academic pursuit. Professor G.C. Rath, my guide advised to take up career in the industrial job with an ambition to pursue the academic interests with educational and training institutes. Honouring his advise I left Berhampur University in the year 1975. From 1975 to 2009 I worked in industries including Labour Department, Govt. of Orissa. I retired from the services of National Aluminium Company on 30th June 2009 in the post of General Manager (HR & Adm.).

Once again my close association with the Department of IRPM (LSW) started from the year 1992 with the emergence of IRPM Alumni Association. I attended all the Meets conducted by the Association. I was felicitated by the Association on 2nd November 2008 proudly recalling as a worthy product of the Department and appreciated my achievements and contribution to the HR profession. The Alumni Association being byproduct of IRPM Department is a Boon to all our Professionals whenever they are and whatever post

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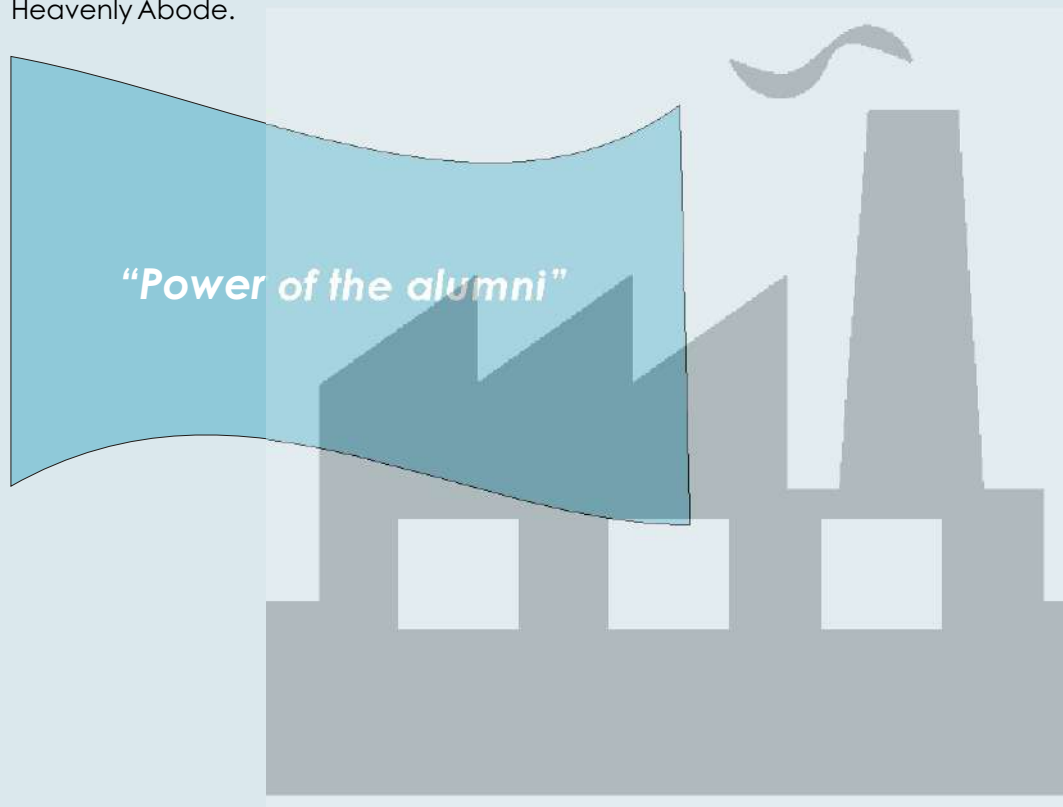
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they hold. It binds all of us taking to the Heights with sky as limit. I sincerely hope the IRPM Department and the Alumni Association hand to hand go in a long way.

My association with my teachers Late Sri S.B. Mahapatra and Late Sri Guru Charan Patro emotionally take me back to deep remembrance of their love and affection. I express my all-time respects to these departed noble souls.

I offer my floral tributes to Late Professor Sri Gopal Chandra Rath for seeking the blessings from his Heavenly Abode.



My Days in Marine Sciences

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I joined the Masters programme in Marine Biology in the Department of Marine Sciences of Berhampur University as a batch of 10 students who were inducted from different parts of Odisha. Being a graduate from Rajendra College, located in the western part of Odisha and far away from coastal landscape, I was not aware of the coastal and marine ecology and therefore, my excitement fourfold when I came Bhanjabihar to get out of the box knowledge on marine biology, seldom studied during undergraduate syllabus.

I felt very lucky as to be a part of this only institute in the state which provides Marine Biology in master programme. Slowly started the teaching classes by eminent teachers viz. Professor P.M. Mishra and Dr. R.C. Panigrahy along with Dr. Laxman Nayak. Dr. M.V.L. Rao, although superannuated from service from the University but still used to come to the Department as he was handling a Chilika Biodiversity Project. I had the great opportunity of interacting with the stalwart of the department and time to time discussing with future scope and my research interest in marine biology. The first field tour was to Bahuda estuary in Sonapur, on the border of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh and that was probably my first meet

with a whale shark and olive ridley turtles stranded on the beach. We were guided by Dr. Laxman Nayak and he explained a whole lot of things about estuary, fishes, primary productivity and overall marine ecology. I was tempted to swim across the Bahuda estuary, without knowing anything about the current pattern and behavior of the river as per the tidal cycle. I jumped into the water and started swimming against the current and by then one of my colleague suggested me to swim with the current and was carried away for some distance before I touched the other bank of the estuary. Nevertheless, it was so excited to swim in the estuary for the first time.

My days in the Marine Sciences Department were wonderful. I had the opportunity to witness two national level events (National Seminar and National Symposium) organized in the department along with several workshops noteworthy among them was on the Horseshoe Crabs, wherein eminent personalities from National Institute of Oceanography, Goa also gathered for deliberations.

Professional career after passing out from the department as Marine Biologist is promising and I can say proudly that there are maximum number of students engaged in various government and non-government organisations including University and Research Institutions in India and abroad who have opted their career in this field. I am fortunately among them as an established scientists with a national institute in India and credit goes to my foundation in marine biology that exposed my talent at the Wildlife Institute of India, Central Marine

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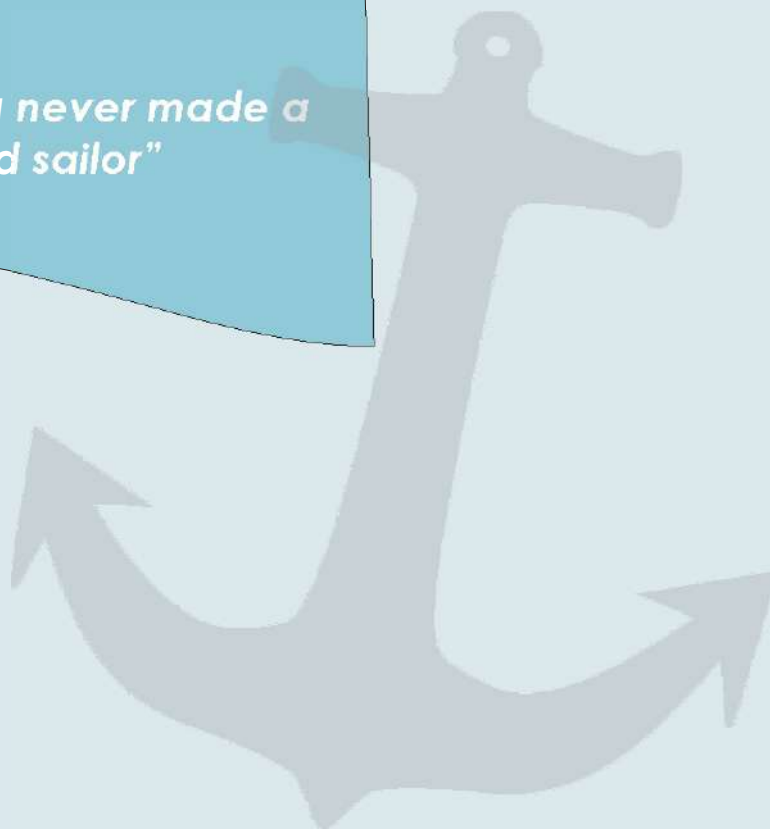


Fisheries Research Institute, Zoological Survey of India as well in outside the country in Duke University Marine Laboratory, USA.

I cheers for the Department and feel proud to be an alumnus of this great institution. I owe to the teachers of the Marine Sciences Department for the journey in my life a marine biologist.



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My experience so far has been amazing. I have learned and experienced so many new things in such a short period of time. Here the classes are great and I enjoy everyone of them, although the course load is intense. So, time management is key. I am having a great time studying marine science. it's a little difficult for me but I'm thankful for the excellent learning course and exceptional teaching and the friends I made here are very beneficent and uplifting. What I enjoy here the most is that we almost get every necessary things inside the campus.

The university is well organized. But still in my opinion we can change or add something up like planting plants in the roadside and removing weeds regularly and cutting and giving it shape for beautification, dustbin everywhere to keep the surrounding clean, the walls of the buildings can be crafted with wall arts, the statue of Biju Patnaik could be cleaned and the fountain can be repaired so that it could give a dramatic effect to the statue and also a sight for sore eyes.

Time has been flying by and it's hard to believe that we have been in campus for almost one month. Life in Berhampur university is fun and experiencing and learning new things.



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Berhampur University being situated in the eastern coast of the state and named after Kabi-Samrat Upendra Bhanja is the feather in the cap of Odisha. Driven by its motto "*Tamasoma Jyothirgamaya*", it illuminates not only the vicinity but also to the whole south Odisha.

The Department of IR&PM being the pioneer among all is known to be the vanguard of this University. With its dignified alumni it has been immensely contributing towards the rich glory of the University. Society changes with changing of time, but fortunately this department is succeeded to preserve its surrounding, teacher-student relationship and that spirit of go-getter and discipline which will always helpful for a student to transform himself to a future leader. I strongly believe that unbeaten-able glory of this University would be eternal.



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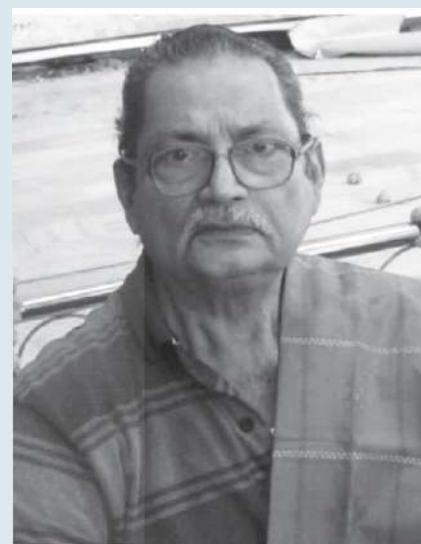
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**“The Soul of Man is
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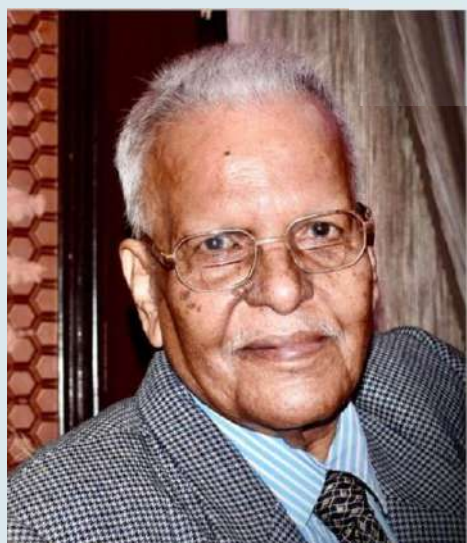
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