

PROFILE

IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, BHUBANESWAR



Regional Centre, Bhubaneswar is one of the oldest Regional Centres of IGNOU, established in the year 1986. This centre was initially looking after academic activities of IGNOU of three States i.e. Odisha, West Bengal and Undivided Bihar. After establishment of Regional Centres in West Bengal and Bihar the jurisdiction of RC-Bhubaneswar was limited to the State of Odisha only. Initially there were 13 study centres in all 13 districts of Odisha and all are in Govt. colleges. After reorganization of districts in the State of Odisha all 30 districts are now covered by establishing study centres. Due to growing enrolment and with a view to provide intensive support services to the learners of interior pockets of Odisha, IGNOU authorities decided to set up a Sub-Regional Centre at Koraput in the year 2004 which was subsequently converted into a full-fledged Regional Centre in 2005 with 9 districts of Odisha, 2 districts of Chhattisgarh and 2 districts of Andhra Pradesh. Recently in 2022 a new Regional Centre [RC-Angul] has taken birth from Regional Centre, Bhubaneswar with 6 districts of Bhubaneswar

region and 2 districts of Koraput region. Therefore, the number of operational districts under the jurisdiction of RC-Bhubaneswar remained only 15, and most of them are coastal districts. Over the years RC-Bhubaneswar has grown exponentially both in terms of quality and quantity. The Regional Centre is now operating with 53 study centres. The enrolment which was oscillating between 5,000 and 6,000 in 1995 has increased to nearly 30,000 in 2022 with only 15 operational districts. One of the biggest achievement of this Regional Centre is acquiring of 3 acres of land from Govt. of Odisha free of cost in a posh locality, i.e., in institutional area. After acquiring land IGNOU authorities decided to construct the Regional Centre building and therefore, a two storied structure was constructed by CPWD in the year 1999. After decentralization of many activities by IGNOU Headquarters the Regional Centre requested the University authorities to construct another 2 floors which was agreed upon; and the Regional Centre is now having 4 floors state-of-the-art building in a lush green campus of 3 acres. The Regional Centre has been offering almost all the newly activated academic programmes of the University and is running a learner support centre within its premises with active support of local resource persons and Regional Centre staff. Regional Centre is fully equipped with a library, computer lab, Swayamprava studio, conference hall and a good number of classrooms for organizing counselling sessions. An innovation club has been created to encourage learners to create new ideas and involve them in innovative activities and entrepreneurship. A Helen Keller Cell is also set up to support the visually challenged learners. The Regional Centre building is having a barrier free environment with lift facilities for the physically challenged and older people visiting the Regional Centre every day. Regional Centre Bhubaneswar is fortunate enough having a set of dedicate staff and vibrant Regional Directors over the years.

Regional Centre, Bhubaneswar is having 3 well-equipped warehouses for storing study materials and for distribution of the same to the learners. All the staff members of the Regional Centre are taking ample care of the building and ensure optimal uses of the existing resources for the cause of the learners and general public. RC-Bhubaneswar has been expending support services to its learners and constantly monitoring the activities being organized at different learner support centres. Due to effective monitoring and good support services Regional Centre, Bhubaneswar has been awarded Gold Medal three times, which is a matter of pride for the staff working here. Regional Centre, Bhubaneswar has been organizing all national events and the activities of the Ministry of education with utmost sincerity and dedication. This Regional Center is collaborating with many local institutions for academic growth and institutional development.