

# **R.C.M Science College, Khallikote, Ganjam**

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Ramachandra Mardaraj Science College was established in the year 1964 in a picturesque locality surrounded by Green Mountain Peaks and Natural Beauty. It is one of the oldest colleges in the state of Odisha. The college owes its existence on account of the foresight of Raja Bahadur Ramachandra Mardaraj Deo the Raja of Khallikote Regency, a Statesman and one of the strong advocates of amalgamation movement of Odia Speaking Tracts for formation of *Swatantra Utkal Pradesh*.

The college is located in an area inhabited by socially and economically backward people having less paying capacity for economic services let alone for education. It is, therefore, the management of the college has kept the admission fee of students in first year classes of all streams i.e. Arts, Science & Commerce and readmission fee in subsequent years, the lowest as compared to the admission fee of the colleges of Odisha. The management is determined to provide quality education to the students that are responsible to the needs of the community to meet economic, social and environment challenges. The HEI maintains discipline and conducive environment for teachers, students and employees of the college for conduct of better teaching and learning with the use of more number of Smart Class Rooms and ICT enabled classrooms. The management takes care in recruiting teaching faculty for posting immediately against the vacancy arises on account of retirement from service on attaining the age of superannuation. Similarly it also takes care for recruitment of Support Staff to fill-up the vacancies caused due to retirement of Class-IV support staff so as to provide better service to the students, teaching and other Non-Teaching Staff. On account of the conducive and harmonious atmosphere/relation among the Boys & Girls student inside the college precinct more and encouraging number of Girls student are taking admission in this college. The statistics of admission of girls' student in this HEI reveals that out of the total strength of the college Girls' student occupy 45% in the academic session 2017-18. Further, it has increased to 47% in 2018-19. The trend of increasing admission of girls' student in the HEI continuous in 2019-20, the year under report to 49%. This speaks the girls' enrolment in the HEI is encouraging. The other reasons behind the admission of more numbers of Girl students in the HEI is giving respect for Gender Equality and weightage in admission for girl students. Lady faculty members are given the responsibility to ensure fairness in all matters pertaining to women students at par with boy students. Strategies and measures are adopted empowering women students in all respect. Creating a perception in the mind of each student to treat others at par with him/her. The HEI provides a Green campus, Good library with nascent collection of books and Excellent laboratory facilities with advanced instruments performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust. In the above mentioned backdrop the HEI maintains its distinctiveness.