



S.K.C.G. Autonomous College, PARALAKHEMUNDI

Institutional Distinctiveness

This century old institution established by the Gajapati Maharaja of Paralakhemundi in 1896, was a prominent institution providing college education to the people of North Andhra, Chhatishgarh, MP, and Odisha until 1947 when it came under Utkal University and then to Berhampur University in 1967. The second oldest college of the State after the Ravenshaw College Cuttack, located in the now border district of Gajapati, it still caters to the formal higher education needs of the lowest socio-economic denominations. Being situated in an officially declared a disadvantaged and aspirational district, the tribal students make above sixty percent of the total student strength that include some most potentially vulnerable tribes figure among the immediate beneficiaries. The town having been historically patronized by the Gajapati Maharaja dynasty, considered the cultural epicenter of the Odias and having played crucial role in Odisha pre-independence day politics was declared the first language based State in India in 1936. Having produced dozens of achievers in fields of Medicine, Engineering, Bureaucracy, Law, Politics, Business/Industry/Entrepreneurship, this College thus derives its distinctiveness strategically, historically and culturally in addition to being the front-line HEIs in the State spearheading a rich heritage of a holistic and purposeful higher education.