

# Department of Public Administration: The Journey through History

**HISTORY ON WALLS : 1943 - 2018**

**P.G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Established in 1996, the Department caters to the needs of the youth belonging to different streams of education. With growing emphasis on Public Policy, Public Administration, and Governance, the Department plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between theory and practice with its focus on applied and empirical research. The Department offers research programmes, i.e. M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Public Administration in addition to Master in Arts in Public Administration.

**Founding Mentors**

Prof. Balakrishna Pattanaik, Prof. Niranjana Pani, Prof. Bijoyini Mahanty

**Research Thrust :** Public Policy, Disaster Management, Local Governance

**Interdisciplinary Courses Offered**  
Electives : Development Administration, Financial Administration in India, Public Policy

**Research Output :**  
M.Phil. - 145  
Ph.D. - 45  
D. Litt. - 03

**Present Mentors**

Dr. Anurag Kumar, Dr. Pradyumn Mahapatra, Dr. Anurag Kumar, Dr. Anurag Kumar

**Student Strength**  
M.A. - 32 Seats  
M.Phil. & Ph.D. - As per vacancy

**Our Publications**

**Extending the Horizon**  
Masters in Journalism since-2007  
Ph.D. in Journalism since-2012

**Alumni & Achievements**

The Department has a registered Alumni Association that supports various programmes and placements for its students. The students from the Department opt for careers in diverse sectors including public services, media, research organizations, NGOs, and corporate sector.

**Dissemination of Knowledge**

**Learning beyond the Classrooms**

**Recreational Activities**

The Department of Public Administration, Utkal University saw the light of the day in 1996 by a resolution of the Syndicate of the University. The decision of the University was quite timely and in response to complex developments in Public Administration and the demand for Applied research in public policy and governance. In fact, the decision was based on the recommendation of the UGC team which visited the University in 1990. The Department was carved out from the Department of Political Science as a separate Department with three Faculty of Political Science, who had specialization in Public Administration. The founder members were Prof. Balakrishna Pattanaik, Dr. Niranjana Pani and Dr. Bijoyini Mahanty. Prof. Patnaik was the Founder Head of the Department.

The Department is the first of its kind in the State. It focuses on imparting teaching on various dimensions on Public Administration, changing paradigm shifts in administration and exogenous challenges to it. Since its inception, the Department has been offering Post Graduate Programme in Public Administration with a student-strength of 32. In 2000, the Department had introduced M. Phil. and Ph. D. programmes. At present, the department has 3 regular faculty members with a guest faculty. 75 students are currently registered under different programmes offered by the department.

The department has sustained its multi-disciplinary character by diversifying itself in 2007 by opening a Masters Programme in Development Journalism and Electronic Communication with UGC support under UGC Innovative Programme. Since 2012 it is running as a self-financing course. In 2017 the Academic Council of the University changed its nomenclature to Journalism and Mass Communication to bring uniformity at the national level. Since 2012, the Department has been offering a Ph. D programme in Journalism and Mass Communication. The Head of the Department of Public Administration is the Coordinator for the Self-Financing Course.

***The vision of the Department:***

The Mission of the Department is to impart specialized knowledge in the field of administration keeping in view the increasing complexities of socio-economic development in the world. Therefore, we take students from all disciplines Arts, Science and Commerce.

***Placement:***

Mostly our students have entered into the department with a dream to join government jobs. They are also successful in their endeavors. Many of them have been placed in government jobs in such as Odisha Administrative Service and other services in different departments of the Government of Odisha and Government of India. Some students preferred a career in academics by joining as Assistant Professors in Political Science and Public Administration in different colleges of Odisha. Many of the students from Journalism and Mass Communication have entered the media sector. One of our first-batch students, Dr. Bibhudutta Mohapatra has joined as Vice-President of Aditya Birla Group.

**Teaching & Research:**

The students are imparted teaching by using digital projectors. The research thrust of the Department is Disaster Management, Gender Studies, and Development administration. The Department has completed two major research Projects on Urban Governance sponsored by UGC and Maternity Benefits to women in Organized Sector, sponsored by National Commission for Women, New Delhi. Our faculties are engaged in consultancy with Global Alliance against Trafficking on Women, Bangkok; National Alliance for Women and Sansristi. Another continuing research project is on Heritage and Disaster Management, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research(ICSSR). Our faculty, Professor Swarnamayee Tripathy is an expert in the Project Evaluation Committee of ICSSR, New Delhi.

Many students have joined research programmes in various universities in India, notably Jawaharlal Nehru University and the University of Hyderabad. The doctoral fellows of the Department have received Fellowships from ICSSR and UGC. We have nine UGC Fellows and two ICSSR fellows.

The Department has produced 45 Ph.D. scholars, 3 D.Litt. and 120 M. Phil. graduates. Our students have been actively engaged in co-curricular activities like essay, debate and quiz competitions within and outside the university. They have also participated in national and international games. One of our students, Ms. Valena Valentina had participated in the 2010 Asian Games in Karate.

Our faculty members have earned laurels in the national and international sphere. Prof. B.K. Patnaik and Prof. Niranjana Pani had served as experts and examiners in UGC and UPSC. Prof. Bijoyini Mohanty was a UGC core team member. She had presented papers and chaired sessions in IPSA and ASPA. Prof. Swarnamayee Tripathy had presented a paper in the International Political Science Association held at Brisbane, Australia.

### ***Dissemination of Knowledge:***

The Department has been persistently striving to disseminate knowledge to a wider audience. For the purpose, National Workshops and international Seminars are organized every year in the Department. Recently, in the month of September a two-day International Seminar on the theme “ Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Resilience was organized: Developing Innovative Policy Options “ was organized in collaboration with Odisha State Disaster Management Authority. Prof. Annapurna Pandey and Prof. Triloki Nath Pandey of California University had participated in the Seminar. In the month of November, on the occasion of National Press Day, a one-day National Workshop was organized on the theme “ Media and Social Responsibility”. Sociologist Prof. Binay Pattanaik of IIT, Kanpur gave the keynote address on the occasion.

On a regular basis, distinguished lectures are organized to enrich the knowledge base of the students. Recently Prof. Satya Narayan Mishra, Economist delivered a Lecture on ‘Eradication of Poverty: the vision of the Noble Laureates’”. The main aim was to make the students aware of the ideas of research on delivering public services.

### ***Beyond the classroom:***

Students are engaged in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on a regular basis. Students also participate in youth camps organized by Vivekananda Kendra. Students are also engaged in sensitizing the nearby slum-dwellers on the Right to


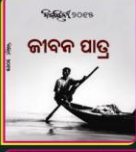



information and Odisha Right to Public Service Act. The faculty of the Department assisted State Information Commission to prepare the FAQ on RTI.

The Department intends to strive for new heights in the near future.

Our department has a well-maintained library with more than 1000 books and journals. The department publishes an annual journal titled 'Public Administration Review'. It also releases a quarterly newsletter titled 'Vani Prajna' highlighting the events and programmes in the University.



**SOUVENIRS PUBLISHED IN MEMORY -**

	<b>2015 Smruti Sabha- BIJOYINI (Bijoyini-2018)</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> BIJOYINI SMRUTI SABHA &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Bijoying Memorial Lecture</b>  <b>16<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 MKCG AUDITORIUM Utkal University, Vani Vihar, BBSR</b>
	<b>2015 Smruti Sabha- JIBAN PATRA (Bijoyini-2018)</b>	
	<b>2016 Smruti Sabha- DINABANDHU DAITARY (Bijoyini-2018) 1st Bijoyini Memorial Lecture</b>	
	<b>2017 Smruti Sabha- AAM SWABHIMAN, AAM ASHMITA (Bijoyini-2018) 2nd Bijoyini Memorial Lecture</b>	
	<b>2018 Smruti Sabha- MAHANAGARI MANDIRAMALINI EKAMRA BHUBANESWAR (Bijoyini-2018) 3rd Bijoyini Memorial Lecture</b>	