

# D. K. N. COLLEGE, ERANCH, CUTTACK, ODISHA

# A Milestone in the College History



## NAAC PEER TEAM VISIT REPORT

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### DAY 0: 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Peer team visited Devi Kandal Nityananda college, Eranch, Cuttack on the 09th and 10th of January 2025 to assess the performance of the institution for the 1st cycle of NAAC accreditation.

The Peer Team comprised eminent academicians led by the Chairman, Prof. Sabukuttan K, Member Coordinator, Prof. Dipak Muley and the team member, Vijaya Kumar Exambi .

After receiving the Peer Team members at the airport on 08th January 2025, the faculty members of the institution escorted them to their destination hotel.

Later that evening, a pre-visit meeting took place involving the Peer Team, the Head of the institution, NAAC coordinator and the IQAC coordinator to iron out the schedule for the upcoming two-day visit. During the meeting, the team received the relevant documents of the institution.

The meticulous presentation of these documents left a strong impression on the team, as every intricate detail had been carefully addressed.

#### **DAY 01: 09th JANUARY 2025**

On the initial day of the visit, the Head of the institution Prof. Markandeswar Mohapatra, the faculty members and volunteers of YRC, R & Rand NSS warmly welcomed the team at the college gate.

Subsequently, the peer team enjoyed viewing the college documentary while indulging in a cup of tea. Then, the team convened in the Principal's office for the Principal's address, which commenced around 10:00 am

The Principal delivered a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, covering all aspects of the college criteria-wise, providing an overview of the institution's performance and notable achievements during the assessment period. Throughout the presentation, the team with Mr. A. K. Sahoo, IQAC Coordinator and Mr. G. K. Mishra, NAAC coordinator

sought necessary clarifications and the impactful delivery and structure of the slides left a highly positive impression.

Following the Principal's presentation, the IQAC Coordinator, Prof. Ashok Kumar Sahoo a presentation in the IQAC room, outlining the quality initiatives undertaken by the College during the assessment period, the role of IQAC, and the recommendations and actions implemented.

Subsequently, a meeting and interaction with all Heads of Departments were held in the IQAC room. The team opted to proceed with selected departmental presentations, which were followed by a brief discussion.

They then embarked on visits to all departments and laboratories to evaluate curricula, teaching and learning activities, research endeavours, infrastructure, learning facilities, and other institutional aspects. Following their departmental visits, the team expressed satisfaction on infrastructure of all departments. They were impressed by the well equipped departments and the warm welcome extended by the esteemed faculty members in each department. Moreover, they had a satisfactory interaction with the students present. Later, the team proceeded for lunch.

In the Post-lunch session, the team visited an exhibition showcased by the members of the units like Youth Red Cross, NSS, Sports and Rovers and Rangers.

This was a unique initiative taken up by the college to showcase their exemplary work. Here, volunteer students enthusiastically showcased their work under each committee/cell, leaving the team members impressed and astonished.

Later the team had an interactive session with the Alumni, the Parents, Students and all Faculty members of the college conducted privately in Conference Hall. During these discussions, both alumni and parents expressed a highly positive view of the college.

Stakeholders were queried about various aspects including the college's strengths, weaknesses, and future prospects. Subsequently, the team headed to the administrative block to interact with office staff and review necessary documents.

#### **CULTURAL PROGRAMME**

Following a brief tea break, the team was escorted to the Auditorium for a Cultural Programme presented by the college students. The performances showcased various aspects of Indian culture. Both the team and the faculty members thoroughly enjoyed the Cultural Programme, with the students' efforts captivating the large audience. In his closing speech, Chairman Prof. Sabukuttan K remarked that, despite visiting number of colleges as a Peer Team member, the cultural program at D. K. N. College stood out as one of the best he had ever seen.

### **DAY 02: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

They meticulously examined all floors of the library, offering high praise for the e-books, e-learning center, and the extensive collection of archived newspapers. In the Botanical Garden, the Peer Team was delighted to observe numerous medicinal plants, fruit trees, ornamental plants, and a central fountain, all contributing to the garden's aesthetic appeal.

The team was guided to the rain water harvesting center and vermicompost pit prepared and maintained by the Botany department of the college. The impressed upon the work done and suggested some improvement in this sector.

Subsequently, the team toured both the student and staff parking areas located outside our automobile-free college campus. They also had the opportunity to observe the Principal's quarters and college canteen and suggested more care should be taken.

The Yoga and Naturopathy Centre, located within the college premises, garnered high praise from the Peer Team. Additionally, they visited both the Indoor and Outdoor sports facility situated on the campus. Moving on, the team proceeded to the college playground, where they commended its size and upkeep. They also engaged with outstanding sportspersons from our college.

Throughout their exploration of the college's physical facilities, the team commended the eco-friendly initiatives implemented by the college, such as expansive and verdant lawns,

a large number of plants adjunct to the playground, water harvesting systems, waste disposal pits, and the commitment to maintaining a plastic-free campus.

Having thoroughly examined all the physical facilities within and surrounding the college campus, the peer team convened in the IQAC room to begin drafting their report. Following this, the Principal and the IQAC coordinator were summoned for a discussion, during which the Peer Team Report was finalized.

#### **EXIT MEETING**

Afterward, all members enjoyed High Tea alongside the college staff before proceeding to the college auditorium for the Exit Meeting. In this session, the Chairman of the Peer Team presented the report to the Principal, expressing satisfaction with the college's overall performance and offering suggestions for essential measures to ensure the institution's future progress and development. The team also expressed deep appreciation for the efforts of the YRC and Rover & Ranger volunteers, who diligently escorted the Peer Team to each destination, making the entire visit a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.