## **INTRODUCTION**

Established in 1967 and the foundation stone laid by Dr. Zakir Hussain, the then His Excellency the President of India, Sambalpur University offers quality education in various disciplines in Humanities, Science and other Professional Course. Through self-financing or Distance Education mode, the University also offers different courses like Agri-business, Bio-Informatics, Bio-Technology, Computer Science, Education Executive MBA, Environmental Science and Engineering Finance and Control, Food Science and Technology and Nutrition, Geospatialm Technology, Journalism, Nanotechnology, Sanskrit, Safety Health and Environmental Technology, Social Works Translation, Studie etc.

A five year integrated BBA-LLB course and P.G Diploma in IRPM on self financing scheme is offered by Lajpat Rai Law College, Sambalpur, a constituent college of the University. The long awaited demands of the students and citizens of Sambalpur have been full filled by approval of the syndicate to introduce LLM course in L.R.Law college from the academic year 2019-20 and to construct main gate with wider passage. The Sambalpur University Institute of Technology(SUIIT), a constituent technical institute of the University has been offering quality education and research in the filed of Information Technology and Engineering. In the session 2018-19, 196 students have been admitted into different programmers of SUIIT: The B.Tech, students were dmitted through Odisha JEE. The Department of Education has become functional with introduction of three years integrated B.Ed-M.Ed. programme after approval from National Council for **Teachers** Education(NCTE) and appointment of 4 faculty members from the session 2018-19. The Department of Sanskrit has also started from the session 2018-19.

The year 2018 started with due the celebration of 51<sup>st</sup> foundation day on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. In the nationalist tradition of the University the noted Telugu poet Sri K.Siva Reddy was honoured with the prestigious Gangadhar National Award for Poetry-2016 for his creativity and attainment in Indian poetry. The faculty members officer and other employees who retired in the year 2017 were also felicitates on this occasion. Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, assumed the charge of the office of the Vice-Chancellor on 18<sup>th</sup> January 32018. Professor S.K. Sahu assumed the charge of the office of the Registrar consequent upon the transfer of Dr. (Mrs.) Soorya Thankppan (IPS) on November 2018/.

The excellence of the University has been recognized through the accreditation of Grade "A" by National Assessment and Accreditation Council(NAAC) for the assessment period 2010-

2015.Department Research Support(DRS) status given to three department by UGC and fund for improvement of Science and Technology(FIST) status is given to six departments by Department of Science and Technology(DST), Govt. of India. The School Chemistry has reached level-II of DST-FIST research programme. The school received Rs. 3.10 crore during 2013-2018 under DRS (UGC). Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics received Rs 65 lakh under DST-FIST grant and also received Rs. 4 crore from World Bank for centre of Excellence on "Natural Products and Therapeutics" in collaboration with the School of Chemistry. The Department of Anthropology, Economics, History and Sociology receive Rs. 1Crore from. World Bank for centre of Excellence on "Regional Development and Tribal Studies". The Department of Mathematics has got the approval of FIST-2017 program amounting to Rs. 53.5 lakh. Considering the need for study in Mahanadi valley the Syndicate of the University approved the Mahanadi River project amounting to Rs. 10 lakh. This project has started its study on different aspects of Mahanadi valley within the state of Odisha in the upstream of Satkosia gorge. Different research projects and consultancy works sponsored by National and International organization were undertaken by the faculty members of different department of the University. Prof. S.K.Sahu, of P.G. Department of Environmental Science with Prof.S.PMishra and Prof. N.Behera of school of Life Science undertook a project entitled "Assessment of Biodiversity and Preparation of Biodiversity Management Plan for Vizag General Cargo Berth Pvt. Ltd." Worth Rs 6.29 lakhs funded by Vizg Berth Limited of Vedanta, Visakhapatnam. Dr. Iswara Baitharu of the Department of Environmental Science received a project titled "Evaluation of PHA axis functioning, stress resilience and neurobehavioral alterations among farmers of Western Odisha following chronic occupational exposure to pesticide vapors" worth Rs. 10 lakhs funded by UGC, New Delhi. Prof. A.K Sahu with other faculty members of the Department have undertaken consultancy project entitled "Coal Jal App" and "Baseline studies on undertaking aforestation projects" funded by Mahanadi coalfields Limited (MCL), Burla. Prof. Pramila Mishra of the school of Chemistry received a research project worth Rs. 29.240 lakh from tribal cooperative Marketing Development Federation(TRIFED), India. Dr. P.K Sahu of the School of Chemistry received a research project worth worth Rs. 4.19 lakh from DST, Odisha. Prof. Shreerup Goswami of the Department of Earth Science received a research project worth Rs. 8.01 lakh from DST,Odisha. Dr. Tushar Kanti Das of Department of Business Adminstration received Rs. 5.50 lakh for the research project on "Sustainable Livelihood of Sambalpuri Handloom Weavers: A Study in Western Odisha" and Dr. D.K.Mahalik received Rs. 2 lakh for the research project on "Effective Delivery of Medical Service through telemedicine and

its social impacts in Odisha" from Indian Council of Social Scie ce Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. The School of Life Science undertook a research Project of Rs. 15.42 lakh funded by DST, Govt. of Odisha. Dr. Biswajit Pradhan of P.G Department of History received RS. 21 lakhs of Manuscript Resource Centre from Ministry of Culture

, Govt. of Odisha. The department also signed a MOU with National "Mission for Manuscript, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts(IGNCA),New Delhi, Dr. Roshni Kujur of Department of Political Science and Public Administration received a project on "Trends of Migration: A Case study on sudargarh and Bolangir District, Odisha(2012-2017)" from ICSSR, New Delhi amounting to Rs. 8 lakhs. Dr. Lopamudra Mishra of Department of Economics received a project from ICSSR, New Delhi amounting to Rs. 4 lakhs. During 2018, the project titled "Development of effective Wireless Sensor Network system for Water quality and quantity monitoring (AQUASENSE)" funded by Media Lab Asia and the project titled "Molecular Modelling, Vibrational Dynamics and NVBO Analyses of some Monoamine Neurotransmitters" funded by SERB- DST sanctioned to Dr. N.R.Satapathy and Dr. V Mukherjee, respectively were running in SUIIT.

The academic atmosphere of Sambalpur University was very vibrant during 2018 on several fronts. Extra-mural lecturer under the title INSPIRE 1 and 2, various national and international seminars, department seminar, invite talks, quality research publication and academic collaborations have been the highlights of the academic activities. Honorable Noble Laureate, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi, addressed the needs and means for intensification of "Bachpan Bachao" activities in the human society in the University Auditorium on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018, delivering the INSPIRE 2 lecturer. A number of National and International conferences/Workshops were organized by different of Sambalpur University during 2018. Prof.R.N Mohapatra from university of Central Florida, USA delivered a lecture on "Recent Trends in Analysis" in the Dept. of Mathematics. The school of chemistry organized Noble Prize Seminar. The Dept. of History organized Prof. N.K.Sahu Memorial Lectiure series on 27th March 2018 on Ahokan Inscription with special reference to Kalinga Separate Rock Edicts. The School of Chemistry initiated Sripati Pani Moot Court competition in which justice Raghuvir Dash of High Court of Orissa and Prof. Udaya Shankar of IIT, Kharagpur envisioned the constitutional ethos and values. The faculty member of different Departments have also taken part in different national and international conference/workshops. The school of Physics conducted research in collaboration with University of Barcelona, Spain, University of Madrid, Spain, Texas A & M university, USA, VECC, Kolkata, NDA, Pune, IOP,

Bhubaneswar, university of Zabol, Iran, University of Kolkata, ICAR, New Delhi, Jadabpur University, Kolkata, Central University, Assam, TIFR, Chandigarh, NIT, Rourkela and CGCRI, Kolkata, Dept. of Earth science has undertaken collaboration research work with IIT, Mumbai, IIRS, Dehradun, BSIP, Lucknow and NIRD, Hyderabad.

Its pleasure to note that some of the faculty members and students brought immense glory and approbation to the University. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prf. Deepak Kumar Behera, was a keynote speaker in the 18<sup>th</sup> International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Science (IUAES) 2023 to be held at KISS, Bhubaneswar.Prof. A.K Das Mohapatra has received certificate of appreciation for his paper "Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants through application of Michel Porter's value chain analysis: A Study on the Gandhamardhan Mountain of Odisha" in the International Conference on traditional medicine, Phyto-chemistry and Medicinal Plants(TMedPM-2018), Tokyo, Japan. Prof. T.R. Routray delivered an invited talk on "Study of finite nuclei to isospin rich dense nuclear matter using the finite range sample effective interaction", in the International Conference on Nucleus-Nucleus collision 2018 (NN2018) held at Sonic city, Omiya, Japan during  $4^{th}-8^{th}$ December, 2018. Prof. Prasanta Kumar Ray, presented a paper on "On the balancing wieferich primes" in the International Integers Conference 2018 held at August University, August Geogia, USA, during 3-6<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Prof. Ashok Kumar Mohapatra delivered plenary lecturers at Utkal university, Bhubaneswar and Guru Ghasidas Viswavidyalaya, Bilaspur. Prof. S.K.Sahu was felicitated for his contribution to Academic Wisdom and Commendable research by Chattisgarh Council of Science and Technology. Dr. Ekamra Kariali delivered an invited talk on "Gene encoding different isoforms of sucrose synthase enzyme regulate grain filling in different spatial locations and contrasting panicle architecture in rice" in the international Conference on "Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable agriculture held at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, during 13-16 december, 2018, Prof.K.C Pradhan received the Adikabi Sarala Das Saraswati Samman for the year 2018. Dr. Smaranika Pattnaik presented a paper in International Conference on Traditional Medicine, Phytochemistry and Medicinal Plants(TMCDPM) in Tokyo, Japan. She received Best Paper presented a paper in International Conference on Biotechnology and Biological Science, BIOSPECTRUM-2018. Dr. Saroj Kumar Sahoo presented the papere "Delivering innovation Business Strategies: The quest for managerial excellence" in CPM regional management conference 2018 held during 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Columbo, Srilanka. Dr. Rohita Kumar Mishra and Jamini Ranjan Meher received best paper award in Xavier University,

Bhubaneswar (XUB) Summit.Dr. Chandrashree Lenka received Best Educationist Award for talented personalities by Achievers Publishing House, New Delhi during January, 2018 She also received Kumadini Smruti Puraskar by Vigyan Prasar Samiti, Cuttack during December, 2018.Prof.Mr.Madan Biswal of Department of Social work received the best research article award at the "International Seminar on Rural Development" Ranchi for the article" Educational Aspiration and Choice of occupation among adolescents in a village of Sambalpur District of Western Odisha". Prof. T. Paltasingh was a key note speaker in the International Conference on "Transition of Tribes in India and the Contemporary Discourses" organized at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (GNTU), Amarkantak during 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

Prof. S.K.Sahu has been nominated as a member of executive council Council Odisha Vigyan Academy, Bhubaneswar and also a member of Technical Committee of State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar. Prof. Sabita Tripathy has been nominated as a member of Board of Advisors of the journal published by Rajasthan Association for Studies in English. Dr. Alok Patel was Felicitated by Mahanadi Coal field Ltd.(MCL) on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2018.

Prof. PradeepKumar Naik authored a Book entitled *Mangroove* Atlas of *Bhitarkanika* published by Ekamra Press, Bhubaneswar. Ms Anuradha Samal and Prof. A.K. Das Mohapatra authored a book named *Skill India Movement and Entrepreneurship Programme in India, published* by Mc Graw Hill Education(India) PVt.Ltd., New Delhi. Dr. Chandrashree Lenka co-authored three bokks namely *Fashion technology* (Kalyani Publisher), *Working Professional* and *Life Style Diseases* (Aninik Publication), *Gruha Bigyan* SIOS(Board of Secondary Education). she also authored another book namely *Urolithiasis* and Diet (Ankinik Publication). Prof Ahok Kumar Dash has published a book on *Koshali language:A* Profile, Published by Akshra Sambalpur. Prof. K.C Pradhan has published three books namely *S-hradhakar S-uprakar Chayanika* (Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi), *Alochanar Bhinnallaka* (Friends Publisher, Cuttack), Shradhakar Supakar. *Krnti o kirti* (Sahitya Academi, New Deli). Dr. Gopinath bag has published a book namely *Pracf?yaKabya Tatwa:* Satyanarayan Book Store, Cuttack. Dr. Monalisha Patnaik has published the *b09k-Idvance:-Operational Research through Lingo*. Published by LAP Germany.

In the year 2018, the faculty members of the university published a total of 213 research papers in various national and international journal as well as 20 book chapter and 11 books.

Currently, the research publication footprint of a faculty is 3.36 per annum and research project footprint of faculty is 0.28.

In the year 2018, Mrs Mamata Sahu, Mrs Supritee Mishra and Mr. Arabinda panda of the School of Performing Arts organized street plays namely "Malla Kadhi", and "Pragati Pathe" in Sambalpur University and in streets of Burla and Chipilima being sponsored by Sambalpur University and Mahanadi Coalfield Limited. The school also performed another street play namely "Sukanya" organized by Odisha Police in collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund(UNICEF).

During 2018, 67 students have qualified in CSIR-UGC NET for Lectureship/Fellowship, Forty-two students have qualified in GATE. Seven students received P.G. Scholarship of Institute of Mathematics and Application, Government of Odisha. Three scholars have been awarded D.Litt. and one scholars have been awarded Ph.D in different disciplines in Science, Arts, Engineering, Medicine, Management and Education. The Research Degree Committee (RDC) met 4 times during the year and considered cases of 100 scholars for registration of Ph.D. Degree and 8 scholars for post Doctoral ()D.Sc./D.Litt.) Degree. Eight students have qualified Service Selection Board (SSB) and joined as lecturers in different colleges of Odisha. One students has joined as scientist in MKCG Medical College, Berhampur. Some of the students who have qualified for fellowship have joined in the Ph.D. Programmes for premier institutes like IISc(Bangalore), HSER (Bhopal),IIT(Roorkee), IIT(Roopar), NISER(Bhubaneswar) and NIT (Rurkela).

Many students of the University have also received awards during 2018. Aditya Kumar Singh of R.G Department of Environmental Sciences received best Scientific Poster Presentation award at NISER, Bhubaneswar on 14 November 2018. Shir Chanda Prasad Sahu of the school of Chemistry ranked 5<sup>th</sup> position in CSIR-UGC (NET/JRF)-2018 at all Indian level. Ms Dolley Parveebn received K.K.Pattnaik and Parati Devi award fron Orissa Chemical Society for securing highest mark at M.Sc.at at State level Ajay Kumar Sahoo received Pranabadhu Triapthy award from Orissa Chemical Society for securing highest rank in CSIR-UGC (NET/JRF)-2018 at State level. Manoranjan Sahu received Subhadra Devi award from Orissa Chemical Society for securing highest score in GATE-2018 at the State level. The poster presented by Mr. Subrata Kumar Pradhan got best poster award on National Conference on "Advanced Material for Energy and Environmental Application(AMEEA-2018) held during 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at December of Chemistry,NIT,Rourkela.Ms.

Anindita Mantry of P.G Department of Environmental Sciences received 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in state level poem competition on the occasion of Vagini Nibeditas birth anniversary. Ms. Sharbani Satpathy, a student of M.Tech.Programme in Safety Health and Environmental Technology published a novel named *Cactus Bud*.Students of the Department of Law carried out a field investigation on the conditions of the Sambalpur District jail. Mr. Shyam Sundar Santra of Department of Mathematics was awarded with Newton Bhaba Ph.D placement fund to work at University of Exeter,South West England,London, UK during june-December 2018. From the school of performing Arts, Mr. Dayasagar Dharua was awarded with the prize of 2<sup>nd</sup> best actor in one act play competition at Hindalco Club, Hirakud. Ms. Purnata Mohanty secured position in top-30 in Dance +4 organized by Starplus. Abinash Mahapatra bagged best production,best director and best actor award for the Drama Kosali Natbadi. Team SUIIT encompassing students members Shri Ashutosh Behera, Shri Ashutosh Gadnaik, Shri Srikat Mishra and Shri Sukata Majhi, under the mentorship of Debabrata Dansana, received 1<sup>st</sup> prize in industry problem from smart odisha hackthon-2018 for their project "Next Generation Exco-friendly Industry".

The E-governance cell of the University is effectively functioning with adoption of egovernance, e-tendering and e-recruitment procedure. Prof. Bhubaneswar behera Central Library of the University is a part of the E-Shodh Sindhu consortium and the University community is able to access over 8900 e-journals covering all discipline. The Library holds the responsibility of publishing books and journal of Sambalpur university. The University publishes literary quarterly odia journal "Saptarshi". The Gangadhar Meher jayanti 2018 was observed under the umbrella of Saptarshi. On the occasion Professor Dasarathi Das, eminent Odia literary critic, was awarded with the "Bharat Chandra Nayak Memorial Award" and Ms. Pragyan patnaik was awarded with "Dr. Neela Madhabn Panigrahi Annual Award" for the year 2017. The Department of English is bringing out a UGC approved literary journal Sambalpur Studies in Literatures and Cultues regularly. It also publishes occasional papers as monographs. The software for University Libraries(SOUL) harbors bibliographic information about 63,000 books. The library has subscription for 8.900 e-journal and 10 newspaper and contain 14777 bound volumes, 2560 theses and 440 CDs. The books "Prema Tarangini" by Pandit Bhubaneswar panigrahi and "Haldha Granthabali" by Haldhar Nag are in the process of printing.

The Human Resource Development Centre(HRDC) of UGC, Sambalpur University, since its inception in 2000, has been imparting state-of-the art knowledge to teachers, through its

Refresher Cource, Orientational Programme and other special programmes. It has included various innovation modules like classes on Yoga, Value Education, IT, Seminar Presentation, Projects Work and Award of certificates of merit to best participants. During 2018, it has organized three Orientation Programme, one Refresher Cource in Basic Science, besides a Winter Course and One-day Principal's Meet. The HRDC of Sambalpur University has been recently recognized as the National Resource Centre for Tribal Studied by the Ministry of Human reseource Development, Govt. of India.

The Directorate of Distance and Continuing Education (DDCE) of the University is offering 12 nos campus P.G. Diploma Courses, one certificate courses and 208 off campus for the students and received 4.3026 Crore during 2018. The Private Examination Cell established in 1999 is providing opportunities to students who +3 and P.G. Degree in 12 humanities and Social Science subject. During 2018 a total of 549 students out form the Cell in +3 and PG Examination.

The sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy(SRIC) cell looks after the Research Project funded through different national, International, Industrial funding agencies as well as the Research Fellowships from DST,DBT,CSIR,UGC,ICSSR etc. During 2018 02 DST-INSPIRE fellows, 01 short term Doctoral fellow (CSIR), 02 UGC (NET-JRF) fellows joined the University to pursue Ph.D. 01 CSIR Research Associate also joined the University. The number of Research Projects sanctioned to the University from different funding agencies during 2018 are 03 from ICSSR, 01 from UGC, 01 from TRIFFED, 02 from DST, 01 from DBT(NER-BPMC), Govt. of India, 01 SERB-DST,Govt. of India and 02 FIST(DST), Govt. of Indian. The total cost of these projects amounting to Rs, 2.7654 crore.

The special Cell for SC/ST is taking timely steps for the welfare of the SC,ST,OBC and MANF students of the P.G Departments. During 2017-18 a total of 576 studetns have been awrded post-matic scholarship. During the academic session 2017-18 and 2018-19 a total of 199 students have been awarded with Madhabruti Scholarship\s. 23 students have applied for National Scholarship for University rank Holders and Single Girls Child through the Special Cell. 24 RGNF(SC), 10 NFST, 03 NF(OBC) and 03 MANF fellowship holder have been registered in Ph.D programme of different P.G. Department.

The NSS Cell of the University had undertaken a number of Programmes during the year 2018. A total of 70 units of blood were donated in camps organized at seven different colleges and 5950 plants sapling were planted by NSS units of eight different under

Sambalpur University. NSS units of 24 colleges observed the International Yoga day on june 21, 2018 with a total number of participant of 3650. The NSS team of Sambalpur University consisting of 10 participants from different college attended the National Integration Camp during October-November 2018 at Siksha "0" Anusandhan university, Bhubaneswar, Six volunteers(3 Boys and 3 Girls)Participatedin pre- Republic day selection camp for East Zone held at Tripura during 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Novemebr 2018. It si a great pride to note that Ms. Jigyasini Barik and Ms. Manisha Mishra of S.D. Womens Colllege Rajgangapur have been selected to participate in the Republic Day Parade Camp during 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 at New Delhi.

Sports Council of Sambalpur University has been conducting Inter-college competitions of sports and games every year among the affiliated colleges. During 2018, Sambalpur University decided to participated in 21 games and sports in inter-university competitions organized by the Association of Indian universities (AJU). Sambalpur University teams have been participated in East Zone Inter University(EZIU) tournaments in swimming (Men: M and Women), Badminton (M &W), Footbal(M & W) Kabadi (M), Volleyball(M), hockey (M & W), Kho kho (W), Cricket (M), athletics(M & W) and Chess (M & W). Sambalpur University successfully organized the EZIU foot ball (M) tournament during 25 October-November, 2018. The Sambalpur University football (M) team was placed in third position in the EZIU tournament 2018-19 held and participated in the Inter-Zonal Inter University(IZIU) tournament 2018-19 held at University of Mumbai, Mumbai. Bothe the Hockey Mens and Womens teams achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the EZIU tournament 18-19 and will participated in the IZIU tournament 2018-19 to be held at KIIT, BBSR, Neelam Sanjeep Xess for his performance in hockey was considered as the best sports person of Sambalpur University for the year 2018 and awarded with Late Haribandhu Sahu Memorial cash Prize. Ashish Kumar patra, the champion of the Inter College Athletics Meet-2018-19, achieved 7th postion in All Indian Inter University Athletics Meet 2018-19 held at Managlore University. Sambalpur University teams will participated in EZIU tournaments in Judo(M), Wushu (M), Fencing(M), Boxing(M), Taewondo(M), Archery (M) and Cricket(M) to be held in different institutions of the country. This year, Sambalpur University will have its maiden participation East Zone Inter University (EZIU) competition in Taekwondo (M) and Fencing(M).

The University Science Instrumentation Centre has been providing support To different units of the University for the Maintenance of equipment. The University has moved to the UGC for its upgradation to level-II. The University Development wing and Engineering division have undertaken

different developmental works. During 2018 the University has received Rs. 5.2916 crore from Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) grant and Rs. 62.85 Lakh during XII plan of UGC general development scheme. Out of the Rs.27.70 crore sanctioned by Odisha Higer Education Program for Excellence and Equity (OHEPEE), Rs. 4.3 crore has been received during 2018. The projects completed during 2018 are i) 150 seated ladies hostel, ii) Extension of administrative building, iii) Academic block of Social Science, iv) Extension block of the Library building and v) Research Scholars' Hostel for women. The academic block of science and 24 hours dedicated feeder are on the verge of completion. The Human Resource Development Centre with accommodation for 100 faculties and Research Scholars hostel for gents are in progress. The work related to Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (RECL) sponsored Solar Power Supply Project amounting to Rs.3.44 crore is about to start during January 2019. In pursuance of the Hon'ble CM's announcement of Infrastructure grant of Rs.23 crore, Sambalpur University has submitted three important proposals namely Modernision of Hostels (Rs.8.4859 crore), Renovation of Biju Pattanaik Auditorium (Rs.6.4975 crore) and Contruction of outdoor stadium (Rs.14.1557 crore) to the Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha. The University has also submitted a detail plan and proposal for consruction of boundary wall of the University campus amounting to Rs. 7.9925 crore to the Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha. The University has recently signed a MOU with State Bank of India foe automatic disbursement of pension to its retired employees.

During the year 2018, fifteen Syndicate and one Senate meeting were held to discuss different issues of the University. In total thirty-four teaching and non-teaching staffs left the University in this year. One non-teaching position was filled up during this year by the University with the concurrence of the government.

In this year 2018, University made a history in Odisha by distributing approximately 1,32,000 original certificates to candidate on a special occasion named Sambalpur University Certificate Distribution Drive (SUCeDD)-2018 held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018, with the concerted efforts from Vice-Chancellor, Comptroller of Examinations, Director, Collage Development Council and their team members. The SUCeDD-2019 for the certificates of the year 2018 will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, the day of Convocation of the University. The Academic council approved the syllabus for Undergraduate level under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). The non-negotiable Academic Calendar of the P.G. Departments and the University was maintained and the results of different final year examination were published on time.

The Collage Development Council (CDC) looks after the collages affiliated to Sambalpur University. In total 229 collages are affiliated to Sambalpur University and 6 collages are under the process of inclusion. Different categories of collages under CDC are 12(B) (112 nos.), 2(f) (4 nos.), autonomous (6 nos.) and C.P.E. (3 nos.) During the XII plan. UGC sanctioned Rs. 120.870 crore for 91

collages. During 2018 a total of 20 minor/major research projects have been forward to UGC for sanction. A total of 43 collages are accredited by NAAC.

The University deeply condoles the sad demise of Prof S.P..Mishra of the Department of Life Science, and Shri Dibakara Behera, Shri Bhaskar Behera, Shri Parama Sika and Gangu Oram of the Administrative wing. The University community mourns their loss and wishes eternal peace for them in their heavenly abode.

The progress of the university in academic, research, administrative and other extracurricular activities during 2018 is a definite step forward towards progress under the able leadership of our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and owing to the concerted efforts of the faculty, students, officers, ministerial staff, members of the Syndicate, Senate, Academic Council, and above all the supports extended by the State and Central governments.