

IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, KORAPUT

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was established in the year 1985 by an Act of Indian Parliament with the mandate to expand higher education in all parts of the country. Since then, IGNOU has developed around 470 programmes in different fields of higher education. At present, around 230 programmes of different levels are being offered by this University. Since its inception, the enrollment of the learners in different programmes has increased day by day and now it has reached more than three millions.

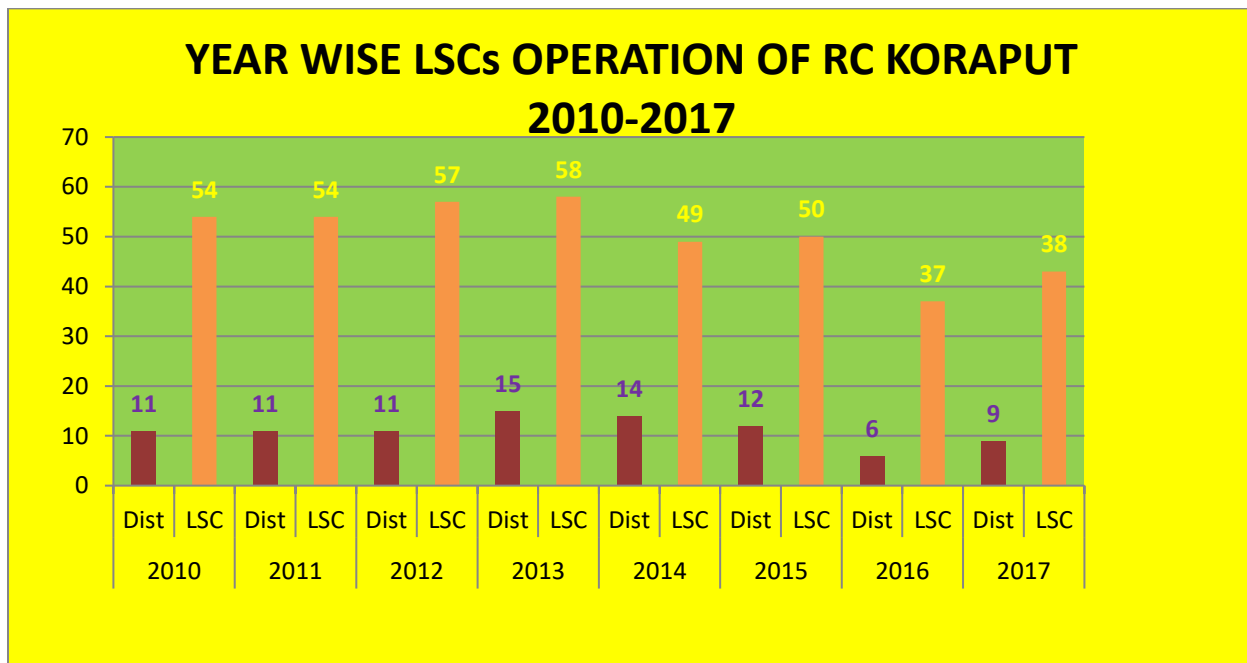
This mega University is functioning through a wide network of Regional Centres and Learner Support Centres throughout the country. The main goal of this University is to reach at the unreached and spread higher education in the country. To achieve its objective, one or more Regional Centres have been established by this University in each of the states and Union Territories of India. As a part of this initiative, IGNOU Regional Centre Koraput was established in the year 2004 as a sub-regional centre and later, in 2005, it was upgraded to a full-fledged Regional Centre to cater the educational needs of the people belonging to KBK region.

Regional Centre, Koraput was created as a sub-Regional Centre out of Bhubaneswar Regional Centre with only 12 Study Centres to cater to the educational needs of some of the most backward districts of the country located in the southern part of Odisha, Northern Part of Andhra Pradesh and Eastern Part of Chhattishgarh. The Regional Centre has been functioning in a small building leased out by the District Administration since its inception in 2004. With the support of the District Administration and State Government, the Regional Centre is going to acquire five acres of land near Sunabeda for the construction of Regional Centre Building, Warehouse and Staff Quarters.

IGNOU Regional Centre, Koraput has completed 12 years of its existence. In these 12 years, it has undergone many changes in its jurisdictional area, the districts under its control. At present it is operating only in Odisha with 9 districts in its pocket. It started with only 12 Study Centres but now it has gone up to 38 now spread across nine districts of Odisha. Likewise the yearly enrolment of the Regional Centre has gone up from 1771 (in 2004) to 10,683 (in 2016). Moreover, the number of institutions offering higher educational facilities in the professional and technical programmes is very limited which often becomes handicap for the Regional Centre to

activate the programmes newly launched by the University. In spite of all these handicaps, it has made great strides over the years. The distribution of the Study Centres is as follows:

Year Wise List of LSCs under the Operational jurisdiction of RC, Koraput

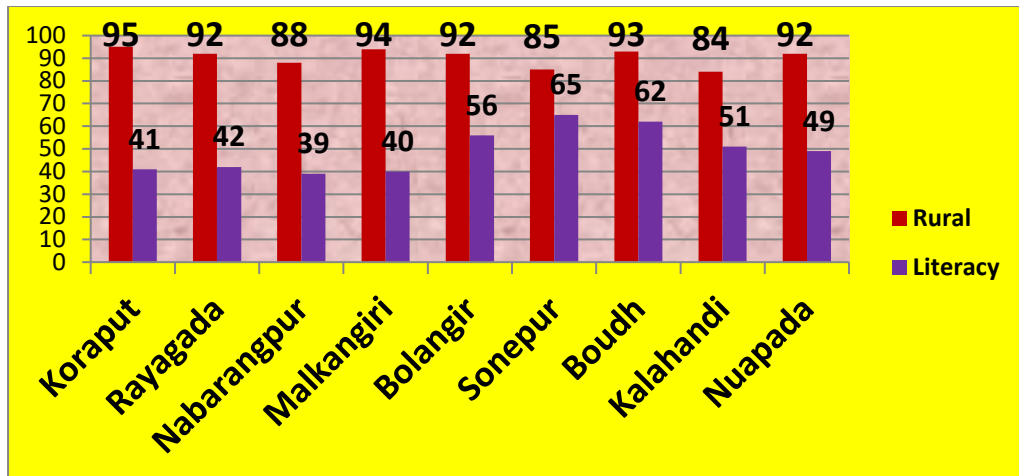


As mentioned above, the jurisdiction of IGNOU Regional Centre Koraput is confined in 9 districts of Odisha.

Demographic Profile of the Region

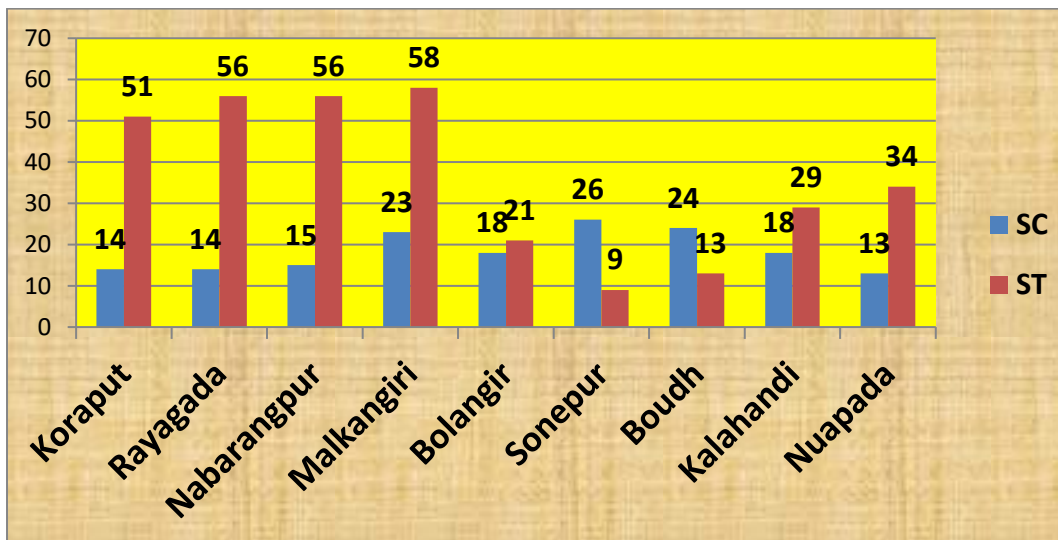
According to the Census 2011, the total population of these 9 districts is 9,069,289 which constitute 21.60% of the state population. Out of the total population, 4,511,302 (49.74%) are male and 4,557,987 (50.26%) are female. Similarly, the population of Scheduled Caste of this region constitute 17.38% whereas Scheduled Tribe population constitutes 37.38% in the region. The Census report indicates that around 89.70% people reside in the rural areas and only 10.30% people live in urban areas. According to the Report, 48.40% people are literate and 51.60% people are illiterate. The rate of illiteracy is high among the ST female in the region. The following graphs provide the detailed demographic picture of this region

Rural Population with Literacy Status of this Region (Census, 2011)



Out of nine districts of this region six districts constitute more than 90 % and three districts around 85% of rural area. The literacy rate of four districts is around 40% and other districts have more than 50% except Nuapada.

Profile of the SC & ST Population in the Region (%)

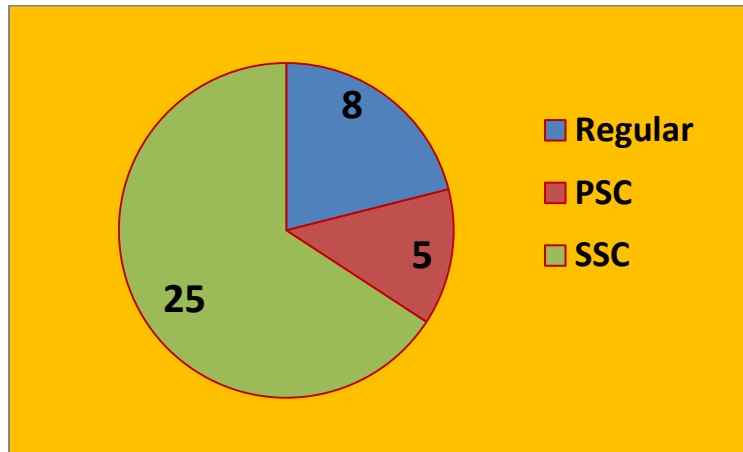


Out of nine districts covered under the territorial jurisdiction of this Regional Centre four districts (Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Rayagada) have more than 50 % of the population are tribals. In the other districts of the region around 40 to 50 % of the population constitute the SC & ST categories of people except Sonepur and Boudh.

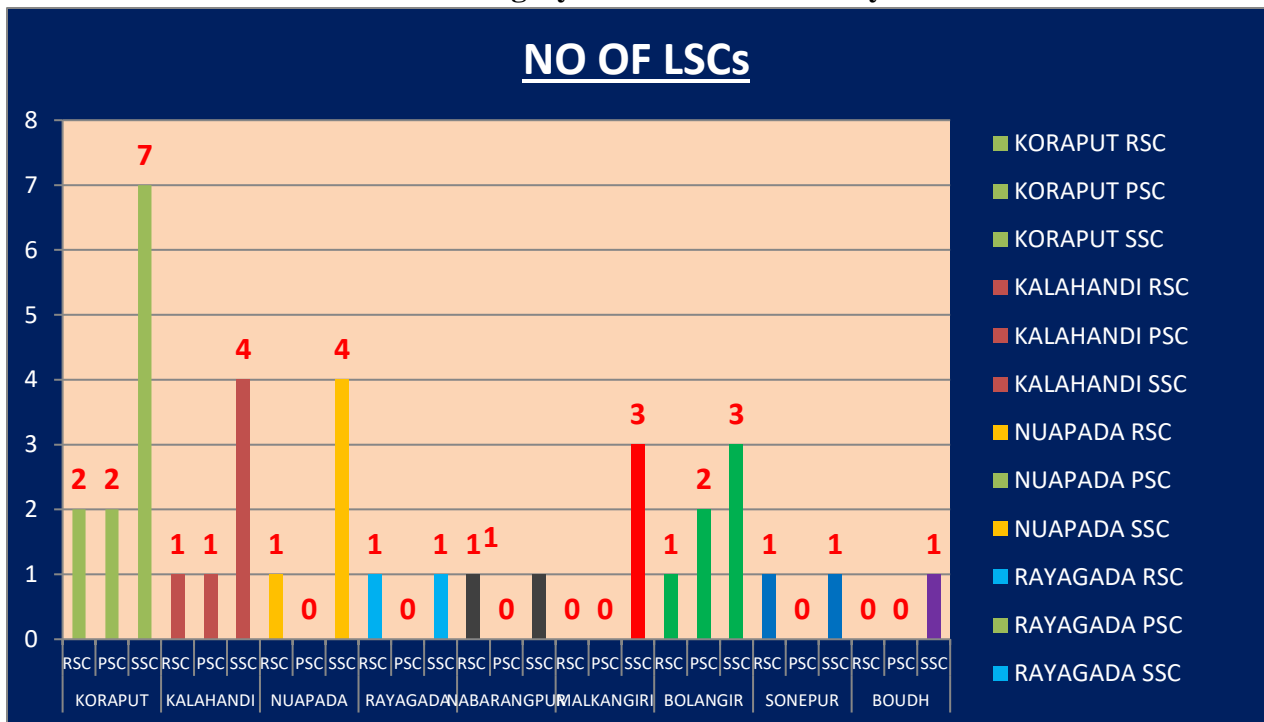
LSC Network of Regional Centre, Koraput

Koraput Region has a unique feature. It has 25 Special Study Centres comprising 66 % of total LSCs. This category includes the Centres established for Women, Tribal areas, Rural Areas, NGOs, Remote Localities and also centres for Jail inmates.

Category wise Number of Study Centres



District & Category wise Number of Study Centres

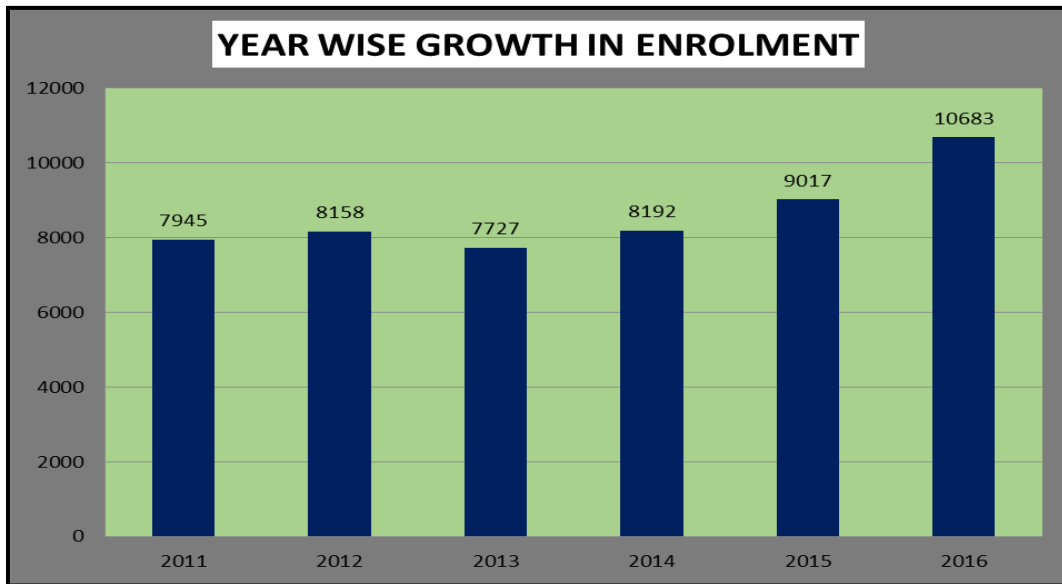


In almost all the districts Regular and Special Study Centres have been activated except in two of the districts i.e. Malkangiri and Boudh, Maoist infested areas. However, there are 3 Special

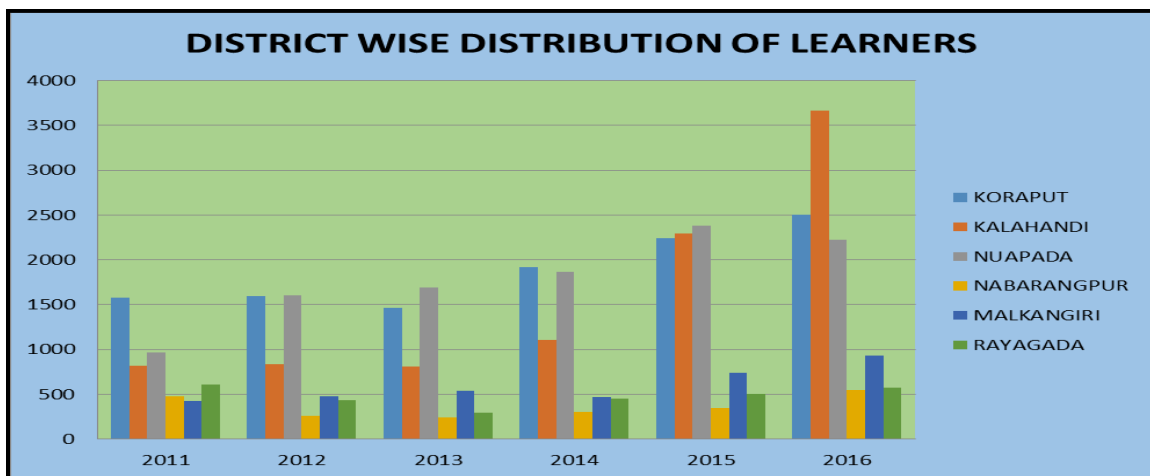
Study Centres located in three different corners of Malkangiri and one special study centre in Boudh to cater the educational needs of the people in the remote locations. The details of the study centres are presented in (Annexure-I)

Profile of the Learners

The Profile of the students of this region is presented pertaining to enrolment with reference to the programme, district, category and gender from 2011 to 2016 through charts and graphs.

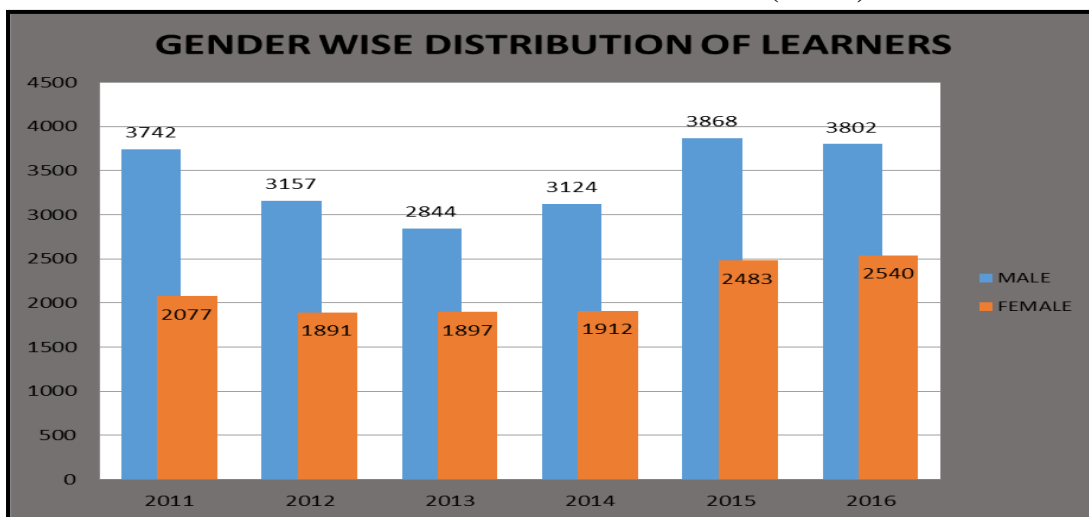


A substantial growth has been achieved in terms of the enrolment of the Regional Centre, inspite of the shifting of three districts from RC, Koraput to RC, Bhubaneswar in the year 2014, which have been again re-included under the territorial jurisdiction of RC Koraput in 2017.

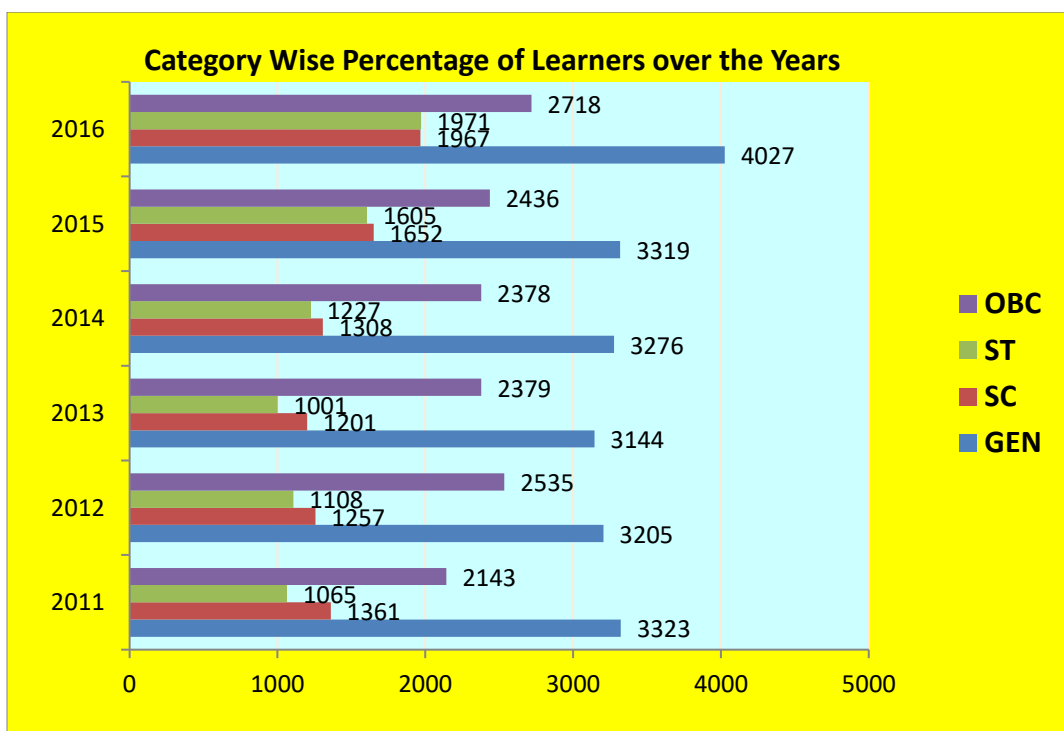


Out of the 6 districts in the Region in 2016, 3 districts have been showing a consistent growth with good enrolment over the years. The other 3 districts, Nabarangpur, Malkangiri and Rayagada are with less numbers. RC has taken initiatives to establish more LSCs in these districts

Gender Wise Distribution of Learners (Fresh)



The number of female learners presented in the graph constitute only 40 % of the total enrolment of the region. Special attempts have been made to motivate the female learners and enhance their participation in IGNOU programmes.



Though the percentage of SC & ST population is very high in the region the enrolment figures are not eye-catching from these communities. Many academic and outreach activities are in progress to enhance the participation of these categories of population in IGNOU programmes.

Major Activities of Regional Centre

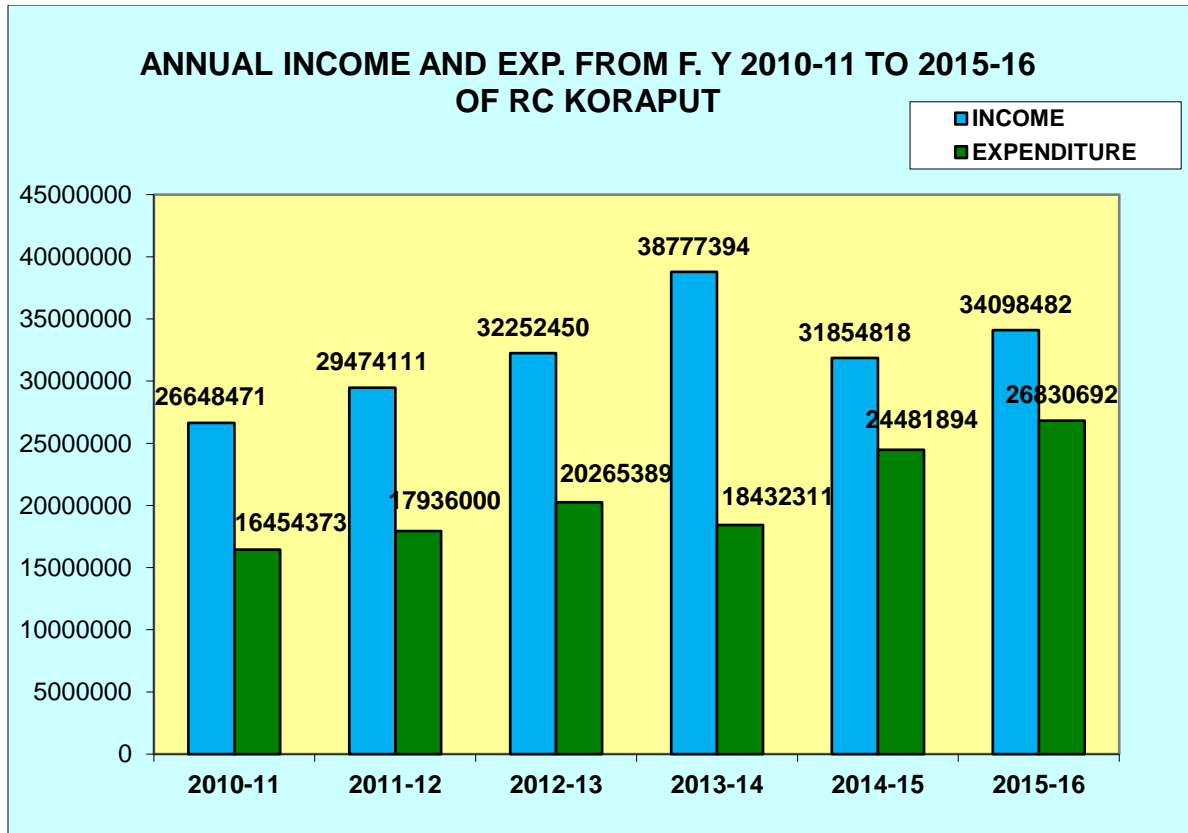
Districts and the Learner support centres have been distributed among the academics of the Regional Centre for close monitoring of academic activities in the field. Academics use to develop tour plans as per their suitability and conduct surprise visits to the centres for verification of academic activities.

The visits to the LSCs are also utilized to verify the records, registers pertaining to Counselling, Assignment evaluation, SIM distribution and other relevant records. This activity developed understanding and cordial relations between the LSC staff and RC. This helped us in imparting quality education to the learners.

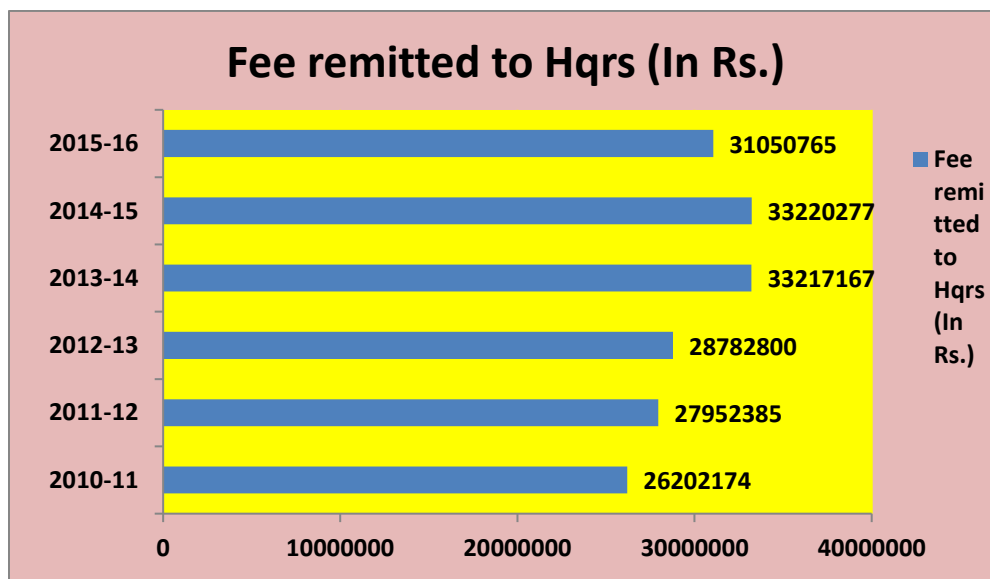
RC has utilized many of these visits to interact with the Academic Counsellors and learners directly. Many of the grievances are handled in these visits to LSCs. At the RC level, the performance of the Study Centres is examined at regular intervals, mainly after every TEE. This activity helps the RC to ensure effective support services for the learners.

FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

Since inception of the Regional Centre, it has shown a positive growth in its Income/Expenditure.



The fee receipt of this RC is as shown below:



Audit:

External Audit (AG) conducted every year since its inception. But internal audit of the RC has been conducted in the year 2016 for the first time. Most of the activities of both academic and administrative nature has been streamlined as per the observations and comments of the RC.

Initiatives Taken for the Development of this Region***Academic and Extension Activities***

A National Seminar conducted



Under an academic collaboration with UNICEF, Odisha, the Regional Centre organised a series of skill-based Orientation Programmes in the teaching of English, Mathematics, Guidance and Counselling for the teachers working in the schools under the Departments of School and Mass Education and ST/SC Development, Government of Odisha. Besides the Orientation Programmes, the Regional Centre also conducted the unique mode of monitoring of the classroom performances of the teachers in the teaching of English and Mathematics through video recording of the classroom transactions and the review of these monitoring programmes .



Under the same collaboration, the Self Learning Materials(SLM) of **Certificate in Guidance(CIG) of IGNOU** have been translated into **Odia**. Teaching Learning Materials in English for classes III-VII have also been prepared to help the teachers make use of them for better teaching learning transactions. These initiatives of the Regional centre have been greatly appreciated by the UNICEF authorities, the District Administration, Koraput and IGNOU headquarters in New Delhi.



The Regional Centre observed the University Foundation Day on 19th November 2013 where the Coordinators and Programme-in-Charges of various learner support centres in the peripheral areas participated and deliberated upon the growth of the University as an apex body of open and distance education. A One day orientation Programme for the Academic Counsellors through Teleconference was organised by the Regional Centre on.....where more than 20 academic counsellors from the



nearby Study Centres participated and benefited from the erudite deliberations of Prof B N Koul. Another Two Day Orientation Programme for the Academic Counsellors was organised by the Regional Centre on 20-21 February 2014 where more than twenty five academic counsellors from various Learner Support centres participated. Dr Mita Sinha Mohapatara, Asst. Professor, School of Agriculture, was the Chief Resource Person for this programme. Dr Mohapatra handled sessions on academic counselling and assignment evaluation through the workshop mode. Besides her, the Regional Director and all the Assistant Regional Directors handled different dimensions of academic counselling like differences between teaching and academic counselling, qualities, roles and responsibilities of the academic counsellors, tutor comments through deliberations and workshops. The Regional Centre organised the Coordinators/PICs Meet on 21st March 2014 in which different issues related to Student Support Services like admissions, academic counselling, evaluation of assignments, conduct of term end examinations, finance and accounts, were discussed thoroughly and inputs were sought from the Coordinators for bringing about qualitative changes in the student support services. In this current academic cycle, personal telephonic call have been made to all the students eligible for re-registration which has witnessed a rise of 16% in the enrolment and made it possible for the Regional Centre to record the highest enrolment for the January 2014 cycle. Many other student-friendly measures like SMS services, Mobile Study Centres and appointment of Distance Learning Facilitators are being undertaken to reach out to greater number of people and make it a real Peoples University.

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Free education for surrendered rebels

Police (Left) (Right) Education for the surrendered and tribal areas...



Alert in district 'martyr week'

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