

THE COLLEGE LAND AND BUILDING

Land: 1. Main Block & North Hostel:	5.361+0.700= 6.061 Acres.
2. Commerce Block:	3.72+1.14=4.860 Acres
3. East Campus:	0.886 Acres
4. Land under possession of the college awaiting handing over	
(a) Housing the New Women's Hostel, the Principal's residence. the staff quarters etc.:	
2.300+0.400+1.054+1.160= 4.914 Acres.	
(b) Godipokhari:	1.056 Acres
Total:	17.778 Acres

Building: Fakir Mohan College evolved in the Balasore Zilla School premises in 1944, with the college running from 7 A.M to 11 A.M., the school from 11 A.M to 4 P.M. The Heritage British Building formed the core of the institution till 1948-49 when at the back of the Heritage Building an asbestos building was raised for science laboratory and classroom purposes. In 1962-63, the Physics Lecture Theatre (PLT) and Chemistry Lecture Theatre (CLT) building were raised. The New Gallery Block was constructed in 1979-80. The Bhuyan Building complex which housed the Commerce Block and the New Boys' Hostel etc. were acquired from the members of the family of A.S. Khan in 1977. The New Women's Hostel premises which earlier housed the quarters of the Inspector of Schools and his staff has been handed over to the college. The Library Block was raised in 1987.

The front Old Block with British architecture still forms the core of the college with its old architectural beauty and design. Incidentally, the building as it looks today was not constructed like that. The building was given a 'T' shape with running class rooms and the Hall. This structure was made primarily to house Zilla School science classes and library. It may be mentioned that prior to this, the school functioned in a building located in the present college playground. This building was completed in 1870 at a cost of Rs.85,933.00. The opening ceremony of the 'T' shaped building was performed by Mr. J. F. Grunning, C.I.E., the Commissioner of Odisha on 6th July, 1918. Subsequently, the old building located the playground which was also called 'Usha' field (after poet Radhakanta Ray's great work 'Usha') was demolished and two new wings were added to the 'T' shaped building giving it an 'E' shape as it presently looks. This 'E' shape building raised at an expense of Rs.1,17,414.00 was formally opened in 1930 by Mr. G. E. Faucus, C.I.E., the then Director of Public Instructions, Bihar and Odisha. While the main block of the College was made in 1918, the hostel with Superintendent's quarters was constructed in 1913-14. This hostel building was called the South Hostel and in the year 2008-09., it was converted into the P.G. Block of the College.

The infrastructural expansion has got a boost in 1998-1999. With the M.P. LAD of Rs.4.26.000/- from Kharabela Swain, former M.P. of Balasore, donations from old students, members of the staff (teaching and non-teaching) and the surplus P.L. funds of the college, the

Subama Samaraki Bhawan was completed at an expense of Rs.15,00,000.00 in 2002. In the year 2002, the present post office building was constructed with M.L.A. LAD of Jiban Pradip Dash, M.L.A., Balasore and donations of old students at a cost of Rs. 1.75.000/- .In the same year construction for the the Bigyan Bhawan began with the M.P. LAD of Kharabela Swain, MP and the donations of old students. The three-storied building was completed in 2006 at total cost of Rs.35,00,000.00. In 2011-12 the asbestos thatch of room No. 24, 25, 27, 28 & 30 was removed and concrete slab was put in place.

The structure with an asbestos roof that housed the Chemistry and Physics pass laboratories was declared unsafe by the PWD and was demolished in 2019. A SC hostel with an intake capacity of 100 was added to the college infrastructure in the same year. Two more hostels- one for girls and one for boys with an intake capacity of 400 and 300 respectively will be made operational from the next academic session. A G+5 Academic Block and G+3 commerce block are under construction. The college field has also been renovated at a cost of Rs.67 Lakhs. The Library of the college was further augmented by the addition of the extension block.

On the occasion of the unveiling of the bust of John Beames on 9th February 2020, the main campus of the college was declared ***The John Beames Campus of the Humanities and the Sciences*** in grateful acknowledgement of the seminal contribution made by Beames for the preservation of Odia language and fulfillment of the linguistic, cultural and identity aspirations of its speakers.