



Diocese of Cuttack, Orissa, India



Church of North India

The Diocese of Cuttack, Church of North India, is the oldest of the three Dioceses of the CNI, in Odisha. The membership comprises of 80% of Dalits, Tribals and Backward caste people. In the rural churches, there are marginal farmers and landless labourers, who are an exploited lot due to their ignorance and poverty. The Diocese was worst hit by a Cyclone of October 1999 and again in May 2019. The Diocese runs Educational Institutions such as Schools, Hostels and one College in the urban centres of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, and Homes in the rural areas. Most of these were started by the Oldest Baptist Missionary Society of England and continue to provide vital educational services. However, they are limited mostly to the urban elite. The story of the rural Churches is, however, very different. Village Christians have remained poor for generations since conversion. They have suffered neglect, discrimination and deprivation, both by the Government and Church.

Statistical Information

- of Pastorates : 38
- of Congregations : 135
- of Communicant members : 12,214
- Graduate Level Science College : 1
- English Medium High Schools (ICSE) : 5
- Teacher's Training Institute (Govt. Aided) : 1 (centenary Celebrated in 2002)
- Oriya Medium Girl's High School (Govt. Aided) : 1
- Oriya Medium Primary School (Govt. Aided) : 1
- Hospital & Nursing School : 1 (centenary Celebrated in 2000)
- Girls' Hostel : 1

The Diocese has under its wings, 4 Pastorate Unions and a number of institutions.

Capital	Bhubaneswar
Area	155,820 km ²
Population	41,947,358(2011 est.)
Language	Official: Oriya, English Regionally Spoken: Sambalpuri
Religion	Hinduism 94.35%, Christianity 2.44%, Islam 2.07%, Other 1.44%



