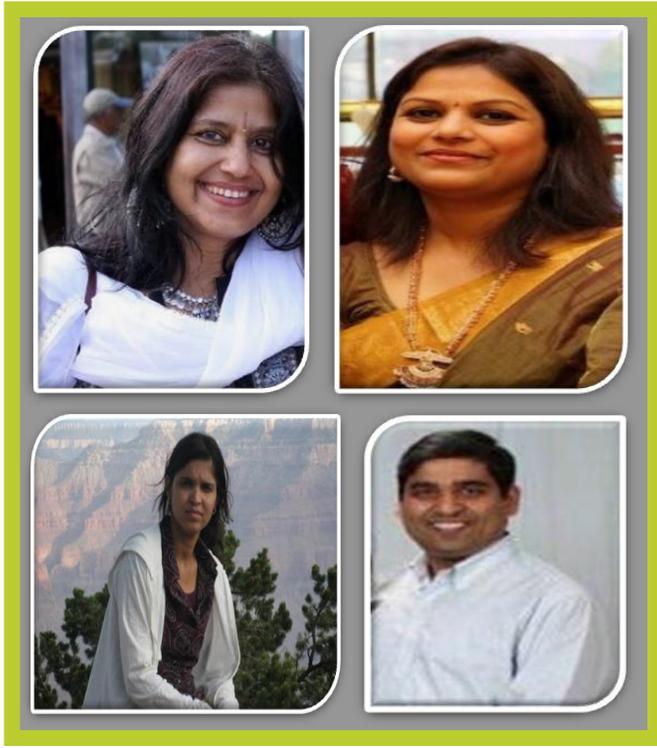


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## Elected Team for 2011 – 2013

**Dr. Annapurna Pandey – President (top Left)**  
**Kuku Das - Vice President (top right)**  
**Leena Mishra – Secretary (bottom left)**  
**Susant Satpathy – Treasurer (bottom right)**

## President's Message

Dear OSA Members,

Welcome to this special issue of the newsletter about OSA 2011 election results. We thank the election committee members Dr Durga Mishra (chairman), Hara Padhi and Dr Abani Patra (members) for their hard work and time in completing the election process. These members have started working from July 2010 having several meetings to conduct a transparent and fair election. At every step they have informed the membership about the particular process and their proposed action.

If you are interested to know details of the process you may browse through [http://www.orissasociety.org/osaftp01/announcements\\_ec\\_2011.htm](http://www.orissasociety.org/osaftp01/announcements_ec_2011.htm)

I thank Dr Annapurna Pandey and Kuku Das, and Drs Amar Pani and Anjali Julie Joshi for accepting the results of the election.

I have not received anything against the election process, election committee or the election results until today, after one week of the announcement of the results and hence consider complete acceptance by the general membership. I congratulate all the new OSA executives for their willingness to serve the organization by committing two years of their volunteer time.

May God bless the new executives, the organization and all the members of OSA.

Sincerely,  
 Bigyani Das  
 President, OSA



## President's Announcement on May 15, 2011

Dear Fellow OSA Members

The OSA Election Committee consisting of Dr Durga Mishra (chair), Dr Abani Patra and Hara Narayan Padhi (members) has completed the election process and submitted the results to OSA Executives yesterday. Election was held for the positions of President and Vice President and Secretary and Treasurer were elected uncontested.

OSA Executives presented the results to BOG members yesterday through email and today in a special BOG meeting which has accepted and approved the outcome. The new OSA executives for 2011-2013 term are follows:

Annapurna Pandey - President  
Kuku Das - Vice President  
Leena Mishra - Secretary  
Susant Satpathy – Treasurer

On behalf of OSA Executives and the BOG, I congratulate all the OSA officials for 2011-2013 and wish them best to bring strength, prosperity, happiness, growth and dignity in OSA. At the same time, I congratulate all the candidates for participating in the democratic process.

I request all the members to extend your support to the newly elected OSA officials. Even if a few of us get the opportunity to serve taking the responsibility in leadership roles, OSA is US, our collective union as members.

May Lord bless the new executives and OSA!

Sincerely,  
Bigyani Das  
President, OSA

To  
President and Executives,  
Orissa Society of America.

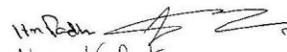
Dear OSA executives and Board of Governors,  
The counting of ballots for OSA election 2011 has been completed on May 14, 2011 at Getzville, New York in the presence of all the election commissioners. The ballot tallies are as follows:

Annapurna Pandey and Kuku Das	616
Amar K. Pani and Julie Joshi	190
Invalid Ballots	21
Total Ballots Cast	827

Late ballots (postmark)	6
Returned envelopes due to incorrect address	45

On the basis of the of this count Election Committee recommends that Annapurna Pandey and Kuku Das be declared winners.

Sincerely,

  
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Election Committee 2011

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Durga Misra, Hara Padhi and Abani Patra

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**Acceptance by Dr Annapurna  
Pandey: Announcement in OSAnet  
(May 15, 2011)**

Dear OSA members,

The votes have been counted and as you have learned from the announcement, Kuku Das and I have been elected to OSA vice presidency and presidency. We would like to thank Dr. Amar Pani and Dr. Anjali Julie Joshie for running a vigorous campaign. They inspired us to get in touch with you all and we would like to thank them again for their active participation in the OSA related activities. With your blessings and support, we are now given the honor to serve you for the next two years. We would like to thank you all for having faith in us.

Now the real work for us begins. As we have promised in our correspondence and conversations with you all, our twin agenda will be to unite the OSA membership by transcending the fissiparous tendencies some of us have, and to inspire the young who are your future. We will consult you all when we assume office in July 2011. In the mean time, we just want to extend our gratitude and appreciation for your trust in us, and the responsibility you have given us to work for our organization. We pray to Lord Jagannath that He gives us the courage and the wisdom to serve OSA in the best possible way we can.

With warmest regards,  
Annapurna Pandey  
Kuku Das

**Minutes of Special BOG Meeting**

Pitambar Sarangi, Secretary

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2011

12:00 PM

This meeting was held to approve the results of the election , submitted by the Election Committee, held for the post of President and Vice President of OSA. Mr. Lalatendu Mohanty brought up the question whether any representative from the candidates was present during the counting of ballots. Mr. Amara Pani siad that he did not have any representative during the counting. Mr. Mohanty called Mr. Durga Mishra, chairman Election committee, and verified that both the candidates had waived their right to send representatives to witness the counting of ballot.

The motion to approve the election result was brought by Mr. Pratap Das which was seconded by Mr. Gatikrishna Tripathy and Mr. Debasis Panda. All 10 attending members approved the results.

There were 14 BOG members in total that approved the election result. Nobody was against. Memembers below (in blue) attended the meeting and particiated in the voting for the motion. Four other members approved the result via e-mail

Bigyani Das  
Pradeep Mohapatra  
Pitambar Sarangi  
Pratap Das  
Gatikrishna Tripathy  
Amar Pani  
Lalatendu Mohanty  
Nishikant Sahoo  
Debasis Panda  
Bidhu Das  
Arata Rout  
Sabita Panigrahi  
Gopal Mohapatra  
Akhileswar Patel

## Acceptance by Dr Amar Pani: Thank You All - Announcement in OSAnet (May 15, 2011)

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Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>, May, 2011

My Fellow OSA Members:

First of all, I would like to thank Dr. Anjalie Julie Joshi for her continuous support to stand with me against all odds. Her intention to help regroup first and second generation odias in the face of meaningless empty platitudes is the force that compels me to free OSA from corruption, litigation and division. Second, I would like to thank the election committee (EC) for their superb job. Their model of critical evaluation and election procedure should be followed by the future ECs. Third, I congratulate Dr. Pandey and her team and wish them all good luck.

I also want to thank my 197 supporters, for your unconditional support, despite my complete lack of OSA national administrative achievement. I would also like to thank Dr. Bishnu Joshi (TN), Dr. Niranjana Mishra (Canada), Dr. Bijoy Misra (MA), Dr. Subhas Mohapatra (NC), Mr. Anadi Nayak (MD), Mr. Manoj Padhi (TX), Mr. Raghu Dass (TX), Mr. Devanarayan Pattanayak (CA), Mr. Harihara Behera (Canada) and many others who came out openly on my behalf. You guys are equal assets to this great society. Thanks to many other members who emailed, telephoned and voted for us with great faith.

I also appreciate how few of our members acknowledge my grammatical mistakes and my relationship with Naiks and Nayaks in general. I find hypocrisy to be a beacon of hope shining over a sea of political posing. As you know, voting for me causes some folks such as (everywhere Sradha-Ninda) and (always Aa-Purna) to feel relieved of their half-truth, imagined and biased guilt. Perhaps they can answer the Pani family why candidate A) would get 9 out of 10 in badminton & Karate and B is my son) would get 4 out of 10 playing Soccer & Ice Hockey for high school?? It has been 4 years, we are still waiting for an answer from OSA!

Sometimes, I write things that sound meaningful, but don't really mean anything because OSA members are tired of things having meaning. If things have meaning, you have to consider them and put effort into critical thought. And it seems the OSA members are tired of thinking. Perhaps it's time to shut down the brain, and open up the heart. Let's have some space in the society for our own children. Take my word for, without their participation our society has no future.

Finally, how can I forget my nominator, my beautiful wife Dr. Jayasri Shiva Pani. For her support, patience and campaign through the website was invaluable. I say her thank you and I love you.

Until next election!

Sincerely,  
Amar