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*Saubhagyalaxmi
Mohapatra*

Dear Friends,

We are happy to bring you the Spring issue of the OSA newsletter. You will find here a warm invitation for the next OSA convention – yet another opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. Information on annual OSA awards is also included in this issue. Do recognize somebody's effort by nominating him/her for an OSA award.

This is our last issue until new editors take over after the upcoming convention. It has been a pleasure to have served our community in a small way. There are many, who have tirelessly worked to keep the community affairs on the roll – our heartfelt thanks to them. While we all get busy with our daily chores, a few, I repeat, a few spare their valuable time and energy to keep the community affairs going, sometimes in the face of many odds, so that we and our kids can have a community to call our own. We urge all our readers to consider contributing a bit of their time and effort to the community work. You can take a leadership role in the OSA affairs, join a committee, help edit or write an article for its publications, or simply attend the convention to partake in the annual gathering. Let this be the year that you take a small step forward.

We thank all our contributors. Do not forget to send your comments and criticisms to osaeditor@orissasociety.org.

Thank you.

Editors

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr Bigyani Das, Dayton, MD

Upcoming OSA Events

Dear Friends

Happy Holi. May your life become colorful with the colors of spring!

We have the following updates of OSA events/information.

OSA 2006 Souvenir Distribution

The first item is souvenir distribution. I hope all of your community members have received their copies. We have sent it to volunteers and many personal addresses for wide distribution to permanent members of OSA (please check Utkarsa November 2006 issue for detail state by state distribution information). If anybody has not received yet, please let them contact me directly and I will take care of that.

OSA 2007 Election: March-April, 2007

The second item is OSA election. OSA 2007 election committee members were nominated from the floor. The following names were finalized.

Chairman: Dr Shanti Mishra, NY
Members: Anjana Chowdhury, MD
 Nivedita Mohanty, VA
 Twinkle Mohapatra, NY

Please inform your chapter members to update their address (if they have changed their address) with us immediately.

Please participate in the election process and nominate effective OSA community members that are permanent members of OSA National for various positions. According to the constitution past and present office bearers can also be nominated for a position that is different from the position they served (or serving).

OSA 2007 Convention: June 29-July 1, 2007

We are thankful to OSA Michigan chapter for taking the responsibility of hosting 2007 OSA convention. We request you to be a conduit for inspiring Oriyas from your community to attend the convention in large numbers and participate in the events of their interest.

Please check the convention web page at <http://www.osaconvention2007.org>

OSA 2008 Convention

Thanks to Canada chapter for getting ready to host OSA 2008 convention.

Have a wonderful spring!

Sincerely,
Bigyani Das
Secretary OSA

Updated List of OSA Chapter Presidents

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Dhirendra Kar
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Prakash C. Patro

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Dr. Ravi Rout

Co-convener:

Dhirendra Kar

Committees:

Finance

Dr. Parikshit Nayak

Fund Raising:

Sudipta Misra

Anjali Misra

Venue:

Sunita Das

Subhasis Mohanty

Registration:

Dr. Jogesh Panda

Decoration:

Jolly Shinha

Symposium:

Dr. Bhawani Tripathy

Dr. Bikash Pattnaik

Food:

Anjali Misra

Chitra Rout

Cultural:

Rina Mahapatra

Puspa Naik

Souvenir:

Swapna Rath

Manoj Ponda

Publication:

Nagesh Rajanala

Biswajit Puhon

Youth Affairs:

Smriti Panda

e-Strategy & Promotion:

Supriya Misra

Sanjib Das

Date: Jan. 30, 2007

Dear OSA Family and Friends,

The Orissa Society of the Americas (OSA) is celebrating its 38th Annual National Convention from June 29th to July 1st, 2007 at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency and Ford Performing Arts and Community Center, Dearborn, Michigan, USA. The Michigan OSA Chapter is the host of this year's convention. On behalf of the entire OSA 38th Convention team and the OSA Michigan Chapter and OSA National Executive committee, and the members of OSA, we are extending our cordial invitation to all Non Resident Oriyas (NROS) to come and join the celebration of this great event and make it a grand success.

This event is planned to be one of the most memorable celebration of our cultural heritage and the display of diversity. That is why we have aptly chosen this year's theme as "Celebrating Our Heritage and Diversity". This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase our talents and recognize and reinforce entrepreneurial spirits and share our success stories with others.

The preparation for this event is already in full swing and teams are working at a feverish pace to put together a program to provide you with one of the most delightful and enjoyable experience at the convention. During your visit it will be our pleasure to extend our hospitality to you all. Your comfort and satisfaction will be our utmost priority and singular aim. However, this event will not be successful without your full support financially as well as physically. We are therefore requesting you to make the convention a grand success by assisting us in the convention preparation as well as attending the convention.

Please plan to attend this convention along with your family, friends and relatives, and make this event a great success.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Ravi Rout

Convener

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Dhirendra Kar

Co-convener

Krishna Senapati

Akshaya Ray

Santosh Kar

Executive Committee
OSA Michigan

For more information please visit our Website:

<http://www.osaconvention2007.org>

The election committee is soliciting nominations (duly seconded) for the offices of President, Vice-President Secretary and Treasurer of Orissa Society of Americas. As in the past, the positions of President and Vice-President will be in one slate. The position of the Secretary and Treasurer will be in independent category.

The nominees and the nominators must be permanent members (life, patron and benefactor) of OSA. The nomination must include a short introduction of the candidates. All nominations must be sent to the election committee (and postmarked by April 6, 2007) at the address below with complete contact information of the nominees and the nominators.

OSA Election Committee
P O Box 173
Cornwall, NY 12518

Nominations can be faxed to (845) 534-4800 by April 6, 2007.

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Relevant Articles from OSA constitution

ARTICLE VI: ELECTION

Section 1

All life members and annual members of OSA have the right to vote and participate in the election.

Section 2

All elections are to be conducted by a secret ballot. The election procedures shall be described in the By-Laws.

Section 3

No two members of the Executive Committee at any time shall be from the same immediate family (e.g. Husband & wife, parents & children, siblings) of any Executive Committee member.

Section 4

In case, a current office bearer such as, President, Vice President, or Secretary-Treasurer, decides to run for re-election or for another position, he/she shall give up all his/her election related responsibilities as defined in the By-Laws.

BY - LAW III: ELECTION PROCEDURE

Section 1

A three member election committee with one as chairman shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and will be announced to the general body for approval by majority at the annual convention preceding the election year.

Section 2

No member of the Executive Committee is eligible to be a member of the election committee.

Section 3

The Secretary of the OSA shall prepare a list of members who have paid their dues by Dec. 31 of the year preceding the election year. This list along with the list of life members and patrons shall be submitted to the chairman of the election committee by Jan. 15 of the election year.

Section 4

Nominations for the various offices shall be invited by the election committee chairman through the OSA newsletter of September-December quarter, preceding the election year. In case of contests, the names of the candidates shall be announced in a special letter to be sent by the election committee along with the position statement of each contesting candidate.

Section 5

The Secretary of the OSA shall print and supply the ballots to the election committee. All ballots must be sequentially numbered or coded.

Section 6

The ballots shall be mailed in the fourth weekend of March of the election year. The ballot number or code must be noted against the master membership list held by the election committee. For a returned ballot to be valid, it must be postmarked by the date on or before the 4th Monday of April of the election year.

Section 7

The election committee shall open a post office box address to which the ballots shall be mailed to by the voters. The ballots shall be counted in the presence of the election committee members and the candidates or their representatives on the second Saturday of May of the election year. The results of the election shall be announced then and there with a written statement of the results sent to the President of the OSA. All the election materials must be sealed and signed by the election committee members and the candidates or their representatives, and will be preserved by the election committee chairman for a period of six months after the election.

Section 8

The President of OSA shall submit the results to the Executive Committee for approval and for a publication in a special Newsletter by May 30th of the election year.

Section 9

The election committee shall adopt prudent ways to insure the secrecy of the voting system.

Section 10

All expenses for the election shall be reimbursed by the Secretary-Treasurer of OSA upon the submission of the expense report. The committee shall caution to keep expense within the budget.

Section 11

Any charge of election irregularity or fraud shall be reported to the President and the members of the Executive Committee for resolution.

1. **Distinguished Oriya Award**
2. **Kalashree Award**
3. **Utkala Mani Gopabandhu Das Memorial Award**
4. **Subrina Biswal Award**
5. **Youth Volunteer Award**
6. **Yuva Kala Vikash Award**

Section 1: General Guidelines

- If no suitable candidate is found in a particular year for a particular category, no award may be given.
- In the event of a tie, or if the awards committee felt that more than one person deserve the award, the number of awards may be increased to two in any given year.
- The nominator of an award must be a *member of OSA* at the time of nomination. The nomination process is different for different awards.
- **Self-nominations will not be accepted.**
- The contact information of the referees (telephone no., email address etc.) for various award categories must be provided in the nomination form to enable the judging committee to contact them. Only referees who are prepared to provide verbal or written recommendations should be included.
- With the exception of Subrina Biswal award, no member of the national executive and award committee including family members may be nominated for any award to maintain transparency of the award process.
- One person may not be nominated for more than one award category.

Process of Selection:

- A three-member selection committee appointed by the OSA President on behalf of the Executive Council for each award will select the recipient for the award.
- The decision of the awards committee is final.
- A biographical sketch outlining the life and legacy of the recipient of the award will be featured in next issue of the OSA Journal.

Time Line:

- Last date for nomination: April 15 (post-marked/ electronic).
- Judging will take place: between May 1 and June 10.
- Announcement of result: June 15.
- Award presentation will be made during the OSA Convention.

Section 2: Award Details

1. DISTINGUISHED ORIYA AWARD:

The Distinguished Oriya award is the highest award presented by the Orissa Society of the Americas, a non-profit organization operating in North America to preserve and promote the culture, heritage, and customs of Oriya speaking people.

Recipients will receive an inscribed plaque and a certificate of honor at a special function or in the annual Convention hosted by the OSA.

Criteria for Recognition:

Selection is based on contribution in one or more of the following areas:

The nominee must have

- Proficiency in professional disciplines with outstanding accomplishments in arts, theatre, literature, science, technology, medicine and /or similar fields.
- Rendered public service with innovative application of resources to enhance literacy, health, education, hygiene, child care, community service and similar other humanitarian and philanthropic service with direct contribution to Orissa, the land and its people.
- Proficiency in and outstanding contribution to Oriya Art, Culture, Heritage and Literature.
- Leadership to bring forth social justice in Orissa.
- Entrepreneurial skills to cultivate resources in order to provide economic stimuli and opportunities for employment and economic growth in Orissa.
- Patriotic idealism to uphold the honor and dignity of Oriya people.
- Acts of heroism directly contributing to the cause of Orissa and its people.

Eligibility Requirements:

The nominee must be a member of the OSA with good standing or have, in case of nominees from overseas, must have contributed to the OSA in a tangible and visible manner. The nominator must be a member of the OSA with good standing.

Nomination Process:

Names of three referees, preferably OSA members and having good knowledge of the nominee and his / her field of expertise or achievement, who would agree to provide written or verbal reference on the merits of the nominee must be included in the application. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

2. KALASHREE AWARD

The Kalashree Award is an honor in recognition of an individual's continued service to Oriya art, literature, music, dance, and similar cultural and heritage-based activities in North America. *The Award will be presented in form a plaque in a special OSA meeting or in the Annual convention.*

Criteria for Selection:

Selection will be based on contributions in one or more of the following areas:

The nominee:

- As a promoter of Oriya art and culture, must have outstanding record of cultural activities such as promotion of Oriya language and literature, hosting of events featuring Oriya cultural programs including visiting artists.
- As a performing artist, must have demonstrated high quality artistic productions, training, and choreography in areas such as Odissi Dance, Odissi Music, Folk dance and music of Orissa, and similar other traditional art of Orissa including production of Oriya films, Oriya dramas, (and, if in any other language, must feature Oriya culture and heritage), hosting of conventions promoting Oriya artists and artistic endeavors.
- As an established author, must have demonstrated high quality authorship in areas such as novels, stories, poetry and such other literary activities in Oriya. **Only activities and/ or accomplishments performed in North America will constitute grounds for consideration.**

Eligibility Requirements:

- The nominee must be an OSA Member at the time of nomination.
 - The person should have several years of active participation in cultural activities of the OSA.
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- The person must be, during the year of the Award, living in North America.

Nomination Process:

An individual member of the OSA with good standing may nominate a candidate in the approved nomination form. It will be required to name three referees who must be members of the OSA and have good knowledge of the cultural activities of OSA. One of the referees must be from the Chapter to which the nominee belongs, so that he/she can report on the role of the individual in the Chapter's cultural and literary activities. *Self-nomination will not be accepted.*

3. UTKALAMANI GOPABANDHU DAS MEMORIAL AWARD

The Award is presented to an individual in recognition of his/ her outstanding contribution to Orissa in areas of humanitarian and community service. The recipient demonstrates a role model to the Non-resident Oriya community for his / her philanthropic accomplishments, dedication and selfless service to humanity. The Award in form a plaque with appropriate citation and picture of Utkalamani Gopabandhu Das will be presented to the recipient in a special function of the OSA or during the Annual Convention.

Criteria for Selection:

The nominee must have made outstanding contribution to the land and people of Orissa in areas such as, but not limited to,

- Social work
- Addressing and resolving women's issues and rehabilitation
- Improving economic well-being of disadvantaged persons
- Relief operation
- Community service, community health
- Relief of poverty
- Advancement of education at various levels and in various sectors
- Advancement in services in the Health Sector

and similar other philanthropic endeavors in Orissa.

Eligibility Requirements:

Must be a member of the OSA with good standing.

Nomination Process:

Nominator must be member of the OSA with good standing and must fill out the nomination form with names of three referees who should comment on the nominee's accomplishments. The referees must be members of the OSA or have good knowledge of the kinds of service done in Orissa by NROs. *Self-nomination will not be accepted.*

(4) SUBRINA BISWAL AWARD FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Every year, the Orissa Society of the Americas, in joint sponsorship with Dr. Nilambar and Annapurna Biswal and Dr. Sitakantha Dash, presents the Subrina Biswal Memorial award to honor an outstanding high school graduate from OSA member families. Recipients are selected based on their academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, interest in the arts, and personal qualities. This award, initiated in 1990 by Dr. Nilambar and Annapurna Biswal of Maryland in the loving memory of their daughter, Subrina, provides the recipient with one-time scholarship of US \$1000.00.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must be the son/ daughter of an OSA Member with good standing.
- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior from any School in the USA or Canada.

Criteria for Selection:

Assessment will be made on all of the following criteria:

- Academic achievements.
- Extra-curricular activities
- Interest in arts
- Personal qualities demonstrated by career goal and objectives in life

Submission Requirements:

- High School transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation including one from a teacher of the school attended.
- A bio-data identifying all of the four points under criteria
- A short essay by the applicant highlighting career goal and objectives in life.

5. YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD

Award to recognize a youth (16-40 years of age) for community service in North America, Orissa, for service to OSA or Chapter, organizational leadership, volunteer work, capacity building etc. Presentation of these awards will generate interest in other youth to participate in community events. A plaque and a certificate will be presented in a special OSA function or in the Annual OSA convention.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be between 16 to 40 years of age
- Must be an OSA member or belong to an OSA member family.
- Must be resident in North America

Nomination Process:

Nominator must be a member of OSA. Approved nomination form filled out with names of three referees one of whom may belong to the Chapter to which the youth belongs.

6. YUVA KALA VIKASHA AWARD:

Award to recognize a youth for outstanding contribution in promotion of Oriya culture, literature, arts, music, dance etc in North America. Presentation of these awards will generate interest in other youth to participate in Oriya culture and OSA events.

A plaque and certificate to be presented in a special OSA function or in the Annual OSA convention

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a High School student/ graduating High School student.
- Must belong to an OSA member family.
- Must be resident in North America.

Nomination Process:

Nominator must be a member of OSA. Approved nomination form filled out with names of three referees one of whom, in so far as possible, may belong to the Chapter to which the youth belongs.

THE ORISSA SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAS

Please Note:

The last date of Nomination is: April 15 2007

Please refer to Award Guidelines for additional information.

The nomination must be post-marked or e-mailed by this date to:

Dr. Joy Gopal Mohanty

6387 Woodland Forest Drive

Elkridge, MD 21075 USA

Email: jgmohanty@yahoo.com, birendrajena@yahoo.com

Nomination for (Please Circle One)

- A. Distinguished Oriya Award
- B. Kalashree Award
- C. Utkala Mani Gopabandhu Das Memorial Award
- D. Youth Volunteer Award
- E. Yuva Kala Vikash Award
- F. Subrina Biswal Award

Nominee Profile:

- 1 Name:
Address:
Phone
Fax
E-mail:
 2. Age on July 1, 2007: (Applicable to Youth Volunteer and Yuva Kala Vikash Awards only):
 3. A Brief Rationale for Nomination: (Please attach additional sheets if necessary)
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4. Nominee's Association with OSA

(i) Membership Status: Annual Member____Life Member____Patron____
Benefactor_____

(In case of youth member, please indicate membership status of the parents)

(ii) Association/ Involvement with the OSA Activities at both national and chapter level: (please specify)

(iii) Attendance and participation in OSA Conventions:

5. Accomplishments: (Please attach additional sheets if necessary)

(i) Academic

(ii) Research/publications /books/films etc.

(iii) Literature (Oriya)

(iv) Cultural (Oriya)

(v) Heritage of Orissa

(vi) Humanitarian activities

(vii) Other related works for Orissa, the land and its people:

Referees: (Please provide names of THREE Referees who may be contacted by the judging committee if necessary)

1. Name:
Telephone No./Fax No./Email address

2. Name:
Telephone No./Fax No./Email address

3. Name:
Telephone No./Fax No./Email address

Nominator Profile:

Nominator's Name:
Address

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Membership Status: Annual Member_____ Life Member_____ Patron_____
Benefactor_____

How many years have you known the Nominee?

Are you related to the Nominee? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, state relationship

Signature of the Nominator:

Date:

News from California

Friends,

The events of the New Year (2007) started with Saraswati Puja at Fremont Temple organized by our own Odias from San Jose Gosthi. This was a well executed event despite the rain and cold weather. It's surprising how far we have come in organizing our events over the past few years. No more last moment tension or scurrying around. The planning was done by San Jose folks, but the whole community participated actively and joyfully to make it a success and enjoyable for everyone. The best part of it is that we have, almost all of the community, both young and old, now become experts in all aspects of organizing an event....

The Puja was conducted by Debendra babu with constant and dedicated help from Surya bhai and Anjiapa as usual. The decoration was a special contribution by Tarun - a very elegant decoration in a very cost effective manner. The wonderful "medha" made by him with blinking lights at the back has been salvaged for future use.

The preparation for the event started long back and reached its height on the penultimate day when many members of the community gathered on Friday evening to clean and cut the vegetables and make a final run of the cultural program. I have not seen so many people gathered together at the same place to help in cutting vegetables before. We all enjoyed a simple dinner of Rice and Dalma along with some other delicious items brought by various folks.

The next day began with Puja, Pushpanjali and Bhoga distribution (Bhoga was very sumptuous with many kinds of sweets - probably a little too much). Then came the preeti bhoja - a very delectable selection of Odia Cuisine (Rice, Puri, Dalma, Ghanta, Khata, Khiri, Alu-Bandhakobi, papad and Kheeri) - thanks to the efforts of many folks (specially, Kuna, Manoj, Saroj, Ashish, Amiya, Kishore, Biplabi) Ram babu's lassi was there on public demand. The icing on the cake was paana with an elaborate set of masala including Gulkand.

The pros from Gurukul did a fantastic job on the cultural program with planning support from Samhita and Mita Moharana. Thanks to Tarun for his novel idea (he is always full of ideas) of gathering kids for a musical ensemble using unconventional instruments - box of dali, diaper box, storage box, basket ball, cups, glasses, water etc.!! Way to go, Tarun and the kids!

The downpour of rain was not successful in dampening anyone's spirits...thanks to Titaapa and Sujata, people enjoyed the Pakudi and Tea immensely, served hot and exactly at the time when the rain was at its peak!

What a day! It was so much fun to be with so many people and indulge in cracking jokes and participating in gulli-khati while the rain was puring outside....reminded me of back home.

Efforts of lots of people made this event a big success - contributing in big or small way. But, the real joy was in the process of collective effort of all and the togetherness...

Twisampati Mitra.

WorldORISSA Inauguration – a moment of pride

Sj. Chaturbhuj Mohapatra , Mahanadi Vihar, Cuttack.

Third Prabasi Oriya Divas and Symposium on Orissa development was held on 24th December 2006 at NALCO Guest House, Bhubaneswar. I was invited to attend the function representing my daughter Mrs. Saubhagya Laxmi Mohapatra, publisher and editor of the WorldOrissa.com – The International Orissa Daily. One of the events of the day was the inauguration of the new version of WorldOrissa.com by the chief minister.



I was greatly impressed by the gathering of Non-Resident Oriyas (NROs) from different parts of the world. In the beginning of the function the Hon'ble chief minister of Orissa, S. Naveen Pattnaik, ministers present in meeting and other guests delivered the speeches on the participation of NROs in the development of the state Orissa. Then the Hon'ble chief minister launched the new version of the Worldorissa.com.



At the outset of the programme sj Dhirendra Kar, the vice president of the organization gave a brief report on the functioning of the worldOrissa.com and praised Mrs. Saubhagya Laxmi Mohapatra, an NRI and the editor of the website for her continuous effort of over last three years taking all hard steps on her shoulder alone for brining it to such a stage. At the time of launching of the same we were invited to the dais by sj Sahadeva Sahoo, the president of the Non-Resident Oriya Facilitation Center (NROFC). S. Sahoo introduced us to the Hon'ble Chief minister as the parents of Mrs. Mohapatra, which gave us immense pleasure and we feel proud for our daughter. S. Pattnaik praised Mrs. Saubhagya Laxmi Mohapatra and conveyed good wishes for the success of the website.

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ସଜପୁଲେ ମନ ସଜାଇ ସାଙ୍ଗ
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ଶ୍ୟାମ ପ୍ରେମେ ମନ ରଙ୍ଗଇ ସାଙ୍ଗ
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