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Editor's Note

On a special request from the OSA president, I have agreed to help get this newsletter out until July, 1987. The scope of this newsletter, as before, will be to bring news items relevant to OSA and its members.

We have an increasingly dynamic organization. Our young ones who were babies only a few years ago are already graduating from high school and going to various colleges and universities. A small sample is published in this issue as a starter.

I attended the recent convention at Toronto and was very impressed to observe its magnitude in terms of attendance and activities. It was impossible to meet everyone individually over the 2 days, nor was it possible to attend to every single activity. Details of the convention in this issue will further reinforce the point.

One final comment. I do not intend to fabricate news. They must be sent to me for publication. Please take some interest and see that worthwhile information gets to me.

President's Note

As promised, we are bringing out the OSA Newsletter according to the old familiar format. Our target is to bring it out quarterly. Please send news items to the editor.

I would like to thank our vice-president Purna Patnaik for coordinating a highly successful tour program for Prafulla Kar and tablist Umesh Kar. Details of the program in this newsletter will show

you how enthusiastic every chapter was in hosting his program. We were able to give him twice the remuneration promised at the beginning, besides expenses for two people. This is the first time, such a sum has been paid to a visiting artist from Orissa. Thanks again to everyone involved in organizing this program.

Next year's convention, the 18th. Annual convention of OSA, is already in the planning process. It is tentatively scheduled to be held in Northern California. We are trying to book the facilities at the University of California, Santa Cruz campus, right near the Pacific Ocean and spread over rolling hills. We will keep you posted.

A new draft constitution has been completed now for general review. We will be mailing it out soon.

17th. Annual Convention of OSA - 1986 July

It was a convention par excellence! It's magnitude was unprecedented in OSA's record books. There were 360 attendees from all parts of United States and Canada including many visiting parents and relatives. The campus of Erindale college provided a perfect atmosphere for the festivity over 2 days.

The opening ceremony had many distinguished guests including Mayor of Mississauga, the minister for cultural affairs from the Ontario government, the deputy high commissioner of India, the consul general of India in Toronto, members of parliament from both the federal and the provincial levels. The mayor of Mississauga officially opened the ceremony with a colorful speech. A cultural program followed with sloka path from Gita, Matru Vandana, mid-

eastern dance, scottish group dance and childrens group representing the cities and rivers of Orissa.

The young talent show continued for about two hours after the opening cultural program. It included Odissi, Bharat Natyam, Kathak, oriya folk dance, modern dance, piano recital, group song, Radhakrishna dance, Snake charmer dance, ratnakar drama, Jagannath Kirtan, Tabla demo, and many more. The evening program was quite enjoyable and included participants from all chapters of OSA. The program lasted for about six hours. Chitralekha Patnaik was the master of ceremonies for the opening program, Leena Manasinha was the emcee for the youth talent show and Pramod Patnaik (Alabama) compered the evening show. Lighting and stage coordination was masterfully done by Pramod Patnaik of Toronto.

There was a number of discussions seminars on various topics with invited guests. Pritidhara and sister Niharika Mohanty worked very hard to put these together. On the following day, the 50th. anniversary of Orissa plus the annual convention was celebrated with an unusually special show titled "Saga of the Land of Jagannatha", as envisaged by the late Mayadhar Manasinha. The three-hour show touched on every aspect of Oriya culture, history, art-form and invovled about 60 different participants. Special thanks go to Srigopal Mohanty for being the master-dreamer-cum-implementor of this show. Special help came from Sujit Mohanty, Mana Ranjan Pattanayak, Lalu Manasinha, Pramod Patnaik (Alabama) and many others. A special hall with a magnificent stage was reserved for this special program.

The quality of the OSA souvenir was excellent, special additions being articles from well-known poets and writers of Orissa. Special thanks to Saradindu Mishra, Mana Ranjan Pattanayak, Lalu Manasinha for their untiring efforts at compiling this book.

Ashok Das, the convenor of the convention worked extremely hard and would like to express his heartfelt thanks to the following people - Maheswar Sahoo, Nityananda Mishra, Hara Padhi, Mobassar Khan, Jatindra Kanungo, and Pratap Patnaik for taking good care of accomodations. Special thanks to Sanatan Mohanto for organizing the food with help from Minati Pattanayak, and Dolly Kanungo. Others helping in their culinary skills are Nalini Das, Sumitra Padhi, Shantimoyee Mohanty, and Urmilla Mahanto. Special thanks to Ashoka Harichandan and Dolly Kanungo for preparing authentic Paan.

The convenor Ashok Das wants to extend his thanks to everyone who took the trouble of travelling long distances to attend the annual convention. He extends special thanks to the OSA executives for all the help. Special guests such as Sradhakar Supkar gave glimpses of history of Orissa's statehood in 1936.

People on the move

- **Prashant Behera** has joined the University of Florida at Gainsville to do post-graduate studies in electrical engineering. He graduated from Burla Engineering college in 1986.
- **Samar Bhuyan** and family left for India last year after living in the U.S. for many years (Detroit New Jersey). Samar Babu worked for General Motors and later at Bell Labs as an Industrial engineer. He joined Telco, Jamshedpur as deputy general manager of quality control. He is a graduate of Regional Engineering College, Rourkela and Wayne State University, Detroit.
- **Chitta Ranjan Das** completed his Ph.D. from Southwest Louisiana University and joined the faculty at the University of Pittsburg.
- **Jnana Ranjan Dash** and family moved back to San Jose area after two years in Austin, Texas on an IBM assignment.
- **Keshab Dwivedy** and family moved to Richmond, Virginia from Charlotte, North Carolina.
- **Bijoy Mahanty** and family have moved to Monterey, California from Indianapolis. Bijoy Babu is with the US Army.
- **Bani Kanta Misra** has joined the faculty of Management at University of Florida at Gainsville. He did his Ph.D. in business management from New York University.
- **Birendra Mishra** has arrived in Austin, Texas for graduate studies in Petroleum Engineering. He is a graduate of Regional Engineering College, Rourkela (1984 - Mining).
- **Deepak Misra** and family have been in Jamaica for last one year. He is with the Indian High Commission's office as a diplomat. Previously, Deepak babu was in Ottawa, Kampala and Dacca on foreign postings.
- **Hara Prasad Mishra** and family have moved from Norman, Oklahoma to Blacksburg, Virginia. He is a professor of bio-sciences.
- **Indu Bhusan Mishra** moved to Washington DC from Carbondale, IL on a job assignment with the defence labs.
- **Manoranjan Mishra** joined the faculty of Mineral Engineering at University of Alabama. He lived in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- **Nityananda Mishra** and family have moved from Tennessee to North Carolina on a job transfer.
- **Snigdha Mishra** (formerly at Univ. of Texas at Austin) got married to Srikant Mishra (Ph.D. student at Stanford University) in Orissa during May, 1985 and arrived back in Stanford in end-June.
- **Subrat Misra** and family have moved to Sacramento. They lived in Topeka and Delaware before this move.
- **Prashant Mishra**, professor of Physics at Berhampur University, has extended his stay for one more year at Rhode Island. He was at Baton Rouge, Louisiana last year.
- **Jiten Mohanty**, professor of Philosophy, has moved from Norman, Oklahoma to Temple University in Philadelphia.
- **Ranu Mohanty** joined her husband Kishor Mohanty in Dallas last July. Kishor is a chemical engineer with ARCO.
- **Tanuja Mohanty** joined her husband Sanjib Mohanty in San Jose Bay area last April. They live in Concord where Sanjib is a systems analyst at Wells Farge Bank.
- **Bijoy Mohapatra**, and family have moved from Orangeburg, NY to Washington area on a job transfer with Boeing Computer Services.
- **Kailash Mohapatra** has arrived in Berkeley to study Political Science at the University of California. A student of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi, he spent some time doing graduate studies at Canberra, Australia.
- **Saroj Mohapatra** has arrived in Northern California for higher studies in management. He is from Cuttaek and graduated from Ravenshaw College in commerce.
- **Markandeswara Panda** and family have been in Santa Cruz for last three years where Panda Babu is doing his Ph.D. in Chemistry. He is from Berhampur University.
- **Preetam Patnaik** arrived in College Station, Texas to start his post graduate studies in Elec. engineering at Texas A and M University. He is a graduate of Regional Engineering College, Rourkela.
- **Narayan Rath** and family moved from Los Angeles to New York on a new job.
- **Sura Prasad Rath** and family have moved to Shreveport, Louisiana from College Station,

Texas where he completed his Ph.D. in English.

- **Rina Rath**, wife of Mihir Rath joined her husband in Boston in July of 1985.
- **Rama Saran Sahu** moved to Granbury, Texas (outskirts of Fort Worth) from North Carolina.
- **Bibek Satpathy** got married in Orissa in 1985 and arrived back in Los Angeles with his wife Meera.
- **Dilip Satpathy** and family moved to Sacramento, California on a new job with California State government. They were in Houston before this move.
- **Manilal Tripathi** and family arrived in Ottawa last year. He is the deputy high commissioner at the Indian consulate. His wife Sashi Tripathi, also of IFS cadre, is a diplomat at the consulate in charge of communications.

Prafulla Kar's Program

The noted singer of Orissa Prafulla Kar visited the USA between last July and September and gave 22 musical performances in various cities. Accompanying him were his wife Rama Kar and the excellent tabla-player Umesh Kar, son of Khetra Mohan Kar, notable musician from Puri.

The emphasis was placed on Odissi, Bhajan and classical music and all the performances went very well. Many places organized special programs for the non-oriya audience and some of them were Bhajan programs in Hindu temples. OSA vice-president Purna Patnaik worked extremely hard to organize this whole program. He got much help from local organizers from each city and would like to extend his hearty thanks to them.

The total collection was \$7327.00, and total expenses were \$7217.00 (cash remuneration of \$3000 paid to the visitors). The remaining balance of \$110.00 goes to OSA fund. The following is the collection details from various cities - New Jersey (\$275), Boston (\$500), Buffalo (\$130), Washington (\$730), Chicago (\$400), Minneapolis (\$500), Huntsville (\$720), Detroit (\$1020), Dallas (\$455), New York (\$990), San Jose (\$425), Los Angeles (\$1182). Out of the total collection of \$7327, \$1235 came from non-oriya programs. Expenses were paid for 2 people, Prafulla Kar and Umesh Kar.

Purna Patnaik wants to convey special thanks to the Los Angeles group who opened their hearts and wallets when they found out that he may be running into red, that being the last program in the concert.

Youth Corner

New graduates entering College

- **Sandeep Biswal** joined the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) this year. He is the eldest son of Nilambar and Anu Biswal of Randallstown, Maryland.
- **Prashant Joshi** joined the Vanderbilt University. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bishnu Joshi of Nashville.
- **Ranjan Mohanty** joined Eastern Kentucky University. He is the son of Amiya and Sarat Kumari Mohanty of Kentucky.
- **Lisa Mohanty** joined the Michigan State University. She is the daughter of Prativa Mohanty of Nashville.
- **Neena Mishra**, daughter of Indu Bhusan and Jhunu Mishra of Washington DC, joined University of Illinois, Urbana this year.
- **Sahana Misra** joined the University of Illinois last year at Urbana. She is the daughter of Surya and Tiki Mishra of Naperville.
- **Pragati Misro** joined the University of California at San Diego this year. She is the daughter of Sarat and Biju Misro of Cupertino, California.
- **Shanak Patnaik** joined the University of Pennsylvania last year. His parents are Birendra and Nabanita Patnaik.
- **Leena Pattanayak** joined Pennsylvania State Univ. last year for studies leading to Medical Science, She is the daughter of Mana Ranjan and Minati Pattanayak of Yardley, Pennsylvania.
- **Sarita Satpathy** joined University of Texas at Austin last year for pre-medical courses. She aims at becoming a medical doctor. She is the younger daughter of Dilip and Chhabi Satpathy of Sacramento. Their older daughter Sujata is a third-year engineering student at the University of Texas, Austin.

Note: Please send information on graduates (1985 and 1986) and the college they are attending (or planning to attend) for future publication in the Youth Corner.

Travelog (by the editor)

Australia/New Zealand

Last June, when I was leaving for Australia, a friend informed of an Oriya in Sydney. Many thousand miles and a marathon 16-hour plane-trip later, Sydney welcomed me with its glistening bay and a mildly cool breeze on a bright June day. After a quick phone call from the hotel, I locate Dilip Mohanty. Much excitement follows. Dilip Babu claims it is rather unusual to meet Oriyas in Sydney and a meeting is planned for the evening. I visit the Mohanty family. Dilip babu, his wife Shikha and a 12-year old daughter Sunayana. Conversation continues into late hours.

Dilip babu has been in Sydney for last 4 years and he works for the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India, as the regional manager. He shared a few facts - Sanjukta Panigrahi and group performed last year in Canberra, the capital city, Jagdish Mohanty teaches Physics at Canberra University, K. P. Singhdeo visited a relative who lives in Sydney last year, and Chintamani Panigrahi, MP also came on an official delegation. We talked about Indians in Australia, cricket teams from India, and an international film festival happening at the time with Shyam Benegal's latest hindi movie Trikal as the official entry from India.

In New Zealand, lives one Oriya researcher Hare Krushna Mohanty (zoology) at Christ Church. I stopped in Wellington, the capital city for two days. But Christ Church was in the south island. Would have been fun to meet the only Oriya there!

So far away, in the lands of koalas and kangaroos, it was real fun to discover an Oriya family who extended all the hospitality and warmth for a stranger from another continent/hemisphere.

Ottawa

In this capital city of Canada, you can enjoy the tulips during April/May time. Winter can be a bit unkind! A few Oriya families now live here. Maheswar Sahu and family have been here for some years. He is a metallurgist with the Govt. of Canada's research wing. Prakash Patnaik, another young metallurgist lives here also with family. He works for the NRC (National Research Council). Manilal Tripathi is the deputy high-commissioner at the Indian consulate. He arrived here last year after 3 foreign postings (Kathmandu, Moscow and Kabul). The Tripathis (wife Sashi is also in the Foreign service) have two children. Amitabh Rath and family live here. They were residents of Berkeley

(where Amitabh did his graduate work in management) and New Delhi.

Regional News

California

There was "Orissa Day" celebration on July 26th. by the Bay area Oriya community to commemorate the 50th. birth anniversary of the state of Orissa. About 200 guests attended, both Americans and non-oriya Indians. Artifacts and sculptures from Orissa were exhibited along with other specialities from Orissa. Gopinath Mohanty, the well-known writer from Orissa, was the chief guest. There was a two-hour entertainment program consisting of group dances, chorus, children's drama, folk dance, and a slide show on Orissa and some of its beauties. After the program, snacks were provided to the attending guests. This was the second such program in 2 years and has helped familiarize many people on Orissa and its culture.

Sandip Dasverma was the main organizer with special help from Srikant Mishra, Om Prakash Agrawal, Kamal Acharya, and Saroj Behera. Everyone extended help to make the function a big success, specially the ladies who were the prime-movers for the children and other general arrangements.

New England (from Sukumar Pattnaik)

- Annual Day celebration, June 14, 1986

This event was celebrated at the Shrewsbury Middle School at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. There was an open house for the Oriya school. The cultural program had group songs, slide show entitled "Cultural heritage of Orissa, Chhau dance of Sareikala and Mayurbhanj" arranged by Susan Tripathy, children chorus, solo songs, an oriya satirical play written and directed by Bijoy Mishra, and finally a multimedia show titled "Odissi dance - history and evolution" presented by Lester Anderson. Finally, Tikili meena Patnaik of Washington DC presented a graceful Odissi dance to the tunes of "Ahe Nila Saila".

The function ended after the annual meeting and election of office bearers for the year 1986-87, plans for the following year and a big dinner.

- The annual picnic, August 9, 1986

It was held at the Greenfield State Park in New Hampshire. Various sports activities included volleyball, badminton and various children

games. Some decided to take refuge in the nature's abundance by rowing in the Otter lake. There was the usual extravagant dinner after the day-long activities.

- Sri Ganesh Puja, September 13, 1986

Nihar Mohapatra and family of Milford, Massachusetts became the hosts to have the Ganesh puja celebrated in their house with Bijoy Mishra conducting the puja and pushpanjali.

- Other activities included a grand program for Prafulla Kar at the residence of Chandra Sekhar Mohanty.

New Jersey (from Santosh Das)

- The name of this chapter has been changed from OSA-NE (North East) to OSA - New Jersey. The current executives of the chapter are: Santos Das (president), Sarat Dash (vice president), and Narayan Sahu (secretary-treasurer). Address for communication is 14 Willow Drive, #08A, Ocean Town, NJ 07712.
- Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Pratap Das of Washington DC, we have now Oriya language (one of four Indian languages) included in the commemorative issue of Statue of Liberty's national celebration during past July 4th. weekend. This commemorative issue presents the translation of Emma Lazarus's famous poem "Give me your tired, your poor....." in 40 different languages of the world and Oriya is one of them. The other three Indian languages selected were Hindi, Bengali, and Assamese. The Oriya translation was done by Rabindra Kumar Padhi. Pratap Das coordinated this with Paul Kervin of U.S. Information Agency, Washington DC. All Oriyas should be proud of this fact and once again, special thanks to Pratap Das..

New York

- The annual camping program was held at the East Creek Lodge in Bellplain State Forest Park, New Jersey during August 30 and Sept 1. Prafulla Kar and tabla player Umesh Kar entertained the audience for two consecutive nights. There was the usual fun, sports programs, elaborate eating programs at the camp.
- There was the wedding ceremony of Neeta Subudhi (daughter of Jagat and Menaka Subudhi) with Bobby Pati (son of Uma and Laxmi Pati). A large number of friends and families attended the function and the reception.

Oregon (from Prasanna Pati)

- Festival of India in Portland, Oregon

Shri Ramachandra Sahoo of Cuttack came with the arts and crafts section of the festival and was the artisan for the famous filigree art of Cuttack. The exhibits were displayed from March thru May of 1986. Prasanna Pati of Salem (originally from Sambalpur) visited with Mr. Sahoo the exhibits on many occasions. Mr. Sahoo and the other artisans were guests of the India-USA Friendship Association of Salem, Oregon in a dinner party on May 26, 1986.

- Prafulla Pati, vice-chancellor of Sambalpur university and brother of Prasanna Pati of Salem, retired in June, 1986. He started as a lecturer in English in Ravenshaw College in 1944. He did his Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Minnesota during 1960-63. He has taught English to literally hundreds of Oriyas now in North America.

Southern Chapter (from Debi Mishra)

Annual picnic was held at Joe Wheeler state park on May 31st., 1986 with families attending from Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida. Sujit Mohanty from Buffalo and Pratap Das from Washington DC presented great music program. Swayamprava Misra, wife of visiting professor Prashant Misra at Baton Rouge, Kiron Senapati from Florida, Jolly Sahoo from Oxford, Sarat Kumari Mohanty from Kentucky, and Lilly Joshi from Nashville provided musical entertainment. Sura Rath from Shreveport was the master of ceremonies. The program was well-enjoyed by all with a final dinner elaborately prepared by local families.

Anup Mishra (age 15) was elected as a delegate to national debate competition in Tulsa, Oklahoma last June. Likun Mishra (age 13) was awarded the second prize in an essay competition organized by the Civitan Club. Both Anup and Likun are sons of Digambar and Jotsna Mishra.

Texas

- There was a big picnic of Oriyas in Texas during the labor-day weekend in 1985, for the first time. Almost 60 people gathered at the picturesque Granbury, 30 miles west of Fort Worth. A series of units at the Granbury lodge was taken for two days. People came from as far away as Houston, Lubbock, San Antonio, College Station, Austin, Dallas and Shreveport. Besides group outings, sports activities, there

were musical programs, children activities. Being the first of its kind, it set the stage for future get-togethers.

The picnic was organized by Prabir and Prajesh Dash of Fort Worth with special help from most other families.

- Prafulla Kar's musical program was held in Fort Worth last August. Many families drove long distances to attend the program. Prabir Dash organized another special program for the Bengali community the evening before.

Visitors to USA and Canada

- Gopa Bandhu Behera, professor of Chemistry at Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, visited the University of Florida at Gainesville for 3 months towards the end of 1985.
- Jagannath Prasad Das, visited the USA in 1985 and 1986 in connexion with Festival of India at New York. He organized an Indian poetry recitation seminar last April where prominent American poets participated. Jagannath Babu is a prolific writer of Oriya poetry, short stories and research papers. Three years ago, he resigned from Indian Administrative Services (IAS) to be a free-lance consultant and writer. His daughter Mona Das is an MBA student at Greensboro, N. Carolina.
- Prafulla Kar, professor of English at Hyderabad, visited New York, Austin (Texas), Chicago and New Hampshire on a fullbright study grant. He completed his Ph.D. from Utah State Univ. at Salt Lake City in early seventies.
- Binayak Mishra and wife Nirupama visited the USA to see their daughter Reena and son-in-law Mihir Rath of Boston. Binayak Babu is currently in Nigeria working on a new paper plant set up with help from Birla group in India.
- Debanand Misra and family accompanied by three other relatives visited New York and Ohio last summer. They were guests of Saradindu Mishra of New York. Debanand is a practising lawyer in Cuttack and his father Ranganath Mishra is a Supreme court judge in New Delhi.
- Jagannath Misra and wife are visiting their daughter Ranu and son-in-law Jogeswar Rath of Safford, Arizona.
- Rajendra Misra, medical doctor from Bhubaneswar visited the USA during September-October. He stayed with friend Kasinath Sahoo of Reading, Pennsylvania.

- Sashi Bhusan Mishra and wife Subhadra Mishra visited the UK and the USA to see their daughter Minakhi and son-in-law Prasanna Samantray of San Jose between May and August.
 - Gopinath Mohanty accompanied by his wife are visiting the USA. Their daughter Anjalika and son-in-law Surya Narayan Pattanaik live in San Jose, California. Gopinath babu is a prolific writer in Orissa has received the coveted literary "Jnanpith" award, highest honor given annually to a writer in India (for his immortal classic Amrutar Santan).
 - Priyambada Mohanty, the well-known Orissi dancer visited the U.S. officially for the Festival of India last year.
 - Prafulla Mohanty of London visited the USA, in connexion with the Festival of India. He was one out of six artists to display contemporary Indian paintings at an exhibition at Los Angeles. Prafulla Babu is well-known for his famous book "My Village, My Life: Nanpur - portrait of an Indian Village", published thru Oxford University press in the UK. That book was also published in the US and has been translated into a number of other languages including Swedish and Japanese. His second book "Indian Village Tales" was published some years ago, and now his third book "Through Brown Eyes" (published last year) is an anthology of his memories in England of 25 years, (he came in 1960 as an architect).
 - Nihar Panigrahi and his wife visited the US and Canada. They have a son Pinaki studying at College Park, Maryland. Their daughter Shikha and son-in-law Arun Misra live in Montreal where Arun teaches Mechanical Engineering at McGill University.
 - Bamadeb Mohapatra, superintendent engineer and Dhurjati Rath, executive engineer from Orissa government visited on an UNDP (United Nations Development Project) program, Tennessee, Austin and Sacramento to study advanced methods used for flood control in river basins. Their goal is to implement some of these technology in the Mahanadi river basin to control flood in the delta during monsoons.
 - Prafulla Patnaik and wife Indira Patnaik visited the USA and Canada last summer. They visited Rabi Patnaik (brother of Mrs. Patnaik) and family at Randallstown, Maryland. They also attended the wedding of elder son in Indianapolis. Their younger son Swaroop lives in Sunnyvale, California. They attended the convention at Toronto and the Orissa day at California. Their daughter Gopa also accompanied them on this visit from India.
 - Umakanta Patnaik accompanied by his wife visited his sister Minati and brother-in-law Mana Ranjan Pattanayak of Yardley, Pennsylvania last summer. They also attended the OSA convention.
 - Kailash Rath and wife are visiting son Mihir and daughter-in-law Rina in Boston, and daughter Nihar and son-in-law Nityananda Misra of North Carolina. They attended the OSA convention in Toronto.
 - Shanti Rath, wife of psychology professor Radhanath Rath visited her son Amitabh Rath in Ottawa. She also visited many friends and relatives in USA, besides attending the OSA convention.
 - N. C. Sahoo, port administration officer at Paradip visited Athens, Alabama with his wife, following a one-year port management training program in London.
 - Sradhakar Supakar, well-known administrator, lawyer and writer of Orissa visited his son Rajendra Supakar in Chicago during July-August.
 - Kamakhya P. Singh Deo, ex-minister for planning and welfare visited the U.S. along with prime minister Rajiv Gandhi during summer of 1985.
- Membership dues:** were collected from all attendees of the annual convention. Those who did not make it should send their dues to the following address. Membership due covers the period between July 1st. of current year upto June 30th. of next year.
- OSA membership dues are: Life - \$100, Family - \$15, Single - \$10, Students - \$5. Send dues to Sarat Misro, Treasurer, OSA, 20713 Greenleaf Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014.

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