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"BIJAYA & DIPAWALI ISSUE"

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news letter

EDITOR'S

MESSAGE

On the auspicious occasions of "Vijaya" and "Deepavli" the Oriya Society of the Americans welcomes all members, new comers, it's patrons and those who will join us in the future in our great society.

Comparatively, Oriyas an ethnic group is less in number in the U.S. A. and Canada. However, there is a probability that every month at least one Oriya will be coming to one place or the other in the U.S.A. and Canada. Does it not sound (i.e. look) nice to say a HELLO! to a friend when we meet him? So, why not say HELLO! to every fellow Oriya we meet in our locality in the U.S.A. and Canada, and try to make an all out effort to make him a member of our family? A family comes into existance only when the members join together for mutual existance and well-being. Both the family and the members are equally important.

To many, O.S.A. might not have any significance, but definitely they are significant for O.S.A. Let's not ask the question "What O. S.A. can do for us, rather What we can do for O.S.A."

O.S.A. as an infant institution needs your "care and nourishment". If O.S.A. will be great then it is you who will be great. Let us feel proud of the greatest Oriya Cultural

Movement which is taking place in the U.S.A. and Canada. Our Mission will be fulfilled only when we can make O.S.A. an institution of "Give and Take", of co-operation, understanding and fellow-feeling. May this O.S.A. be a movement of Oriya Culture in Overseas.

To keep our objective well directed, let us be united and adopt a slogan for the years ahead "DISCOVER AN ORIYA."

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C U R R E N T N E W S

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF O.S.A.

The Third Annual Convention of O.S.A. was held in Westwood United Methodist Church in Westwood, New Jersey on July 7, 1973. The Convention was opened by Dr. Gouri Charan Das the former President of O.S.A. Mr. Anadi Nayak presided over the General Meeting. Dr. Amiya Patnaik welcomed the delegates. The annual report was presented by Dr. Bhabagrahi Mishra the present President. Dr. G. C. Das the past president led the discussion on several proposals. They included, establishment of Scholarship and Charitable Funds by O.S.A., helping Oriyas come to the country, life membership of O.S.A.

and active participation of ladies and children in the activities of O. S.A. After a closing remark by the chairman and followed by a vote of thanks the general meeting was over.

A delightful dinner prepared by the Oriya ladies of New York, New Jersey and New England was served. The dinner was followed by a cultural program, which included Odisi, Bengali and American classical dances and musics. Guru Surendra Nath Jena performed the Odisi dance along with his disciple Mrs. Arlyn Ray. His Dasabatar and Tandab Nrutya were the main attraction of the evening.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

Orissa Society is grateful to everyone who directly or indirectly contributed towards the success of the Annual Convention. To name a few are the ladies, for the wonderful dinner, the artists for the Cultural program, the volunteers for their time and energy and lastly the delegates for their participation. The O.S.A. conveys its special thanks to Dr. Amiya K. Patnaik for whom the Convention would not have been a success.

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NEWS FROM LOCAL CHAPTERS

ATLANTA CHAPTER

The Atlanta Chapter met on the occasion of Ganesh Puja at Dr. Hara Mishra's residence to celebrate the

function. Several other guests were invited to attend the function. The Gananath Puja was performed by Dr. Mishra. After Puspanjali the Puja was over followed by a Prasada Sevan.

New members such as Mr. Mohanty, Mr. Brja Sundar Mohapatra and Sud Hansu Mohan Mohanty were welcomed to the Chapter. A decision was made to continue the name of the chapter as Atlanta Chapter even though the functional head office will be at Birmingham.

BOSTON CHAPTER

A reception was held for Mr. Surendra Nath Jena a noted Odisi dancer of Delhi in the residence of Dr. Couri C. Das by the Boston Chapter. This get together was also a farewell party for Dr. Girija S. Rath who left Boston for Washington D.C. In the month of July a picnic was held in the scenic beach of Plum Island.

TORONTO CHAPTER

The members of the Toronto chapter arranged a Baisakhi Mela (Milana). Suren Mohanty's one act play "Pahadara Atmakatha was staged by the local chapter members. A summer picnic was also arranged during the month of June.

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E D U C A T I O N A L

Dr. Amiya K. Mohanty, Associate Professor of Sociology at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond has become a full Professor. He is re-

elected as the secretary of Sociology section of Kentucky Academy of Science. Dr. Mohanty is the Director of a Community Research Project entitled "Social Structure and Change in Richmond".

Dr. Bhabagrahi Mishra has chaired a session on "Communal Living in World Culture" at the ninth International Congress of "Anthro and Ethnological Sciences" at Chicago.

Dr. Manindra K. Mohapatra's article titled "The Councilmen, the Constituents and the City Halls: An Empirical Study" has been published in the Jan-March 1973 issue of the Local-Self Government Institute, Bombay.

Dr. Hara P. Mishra has joined the University of Alabama at Birmingham (Medical Center) as an Assistant Prof. of Micro-Biology.

Mr. Narayan C. Mohanty has joined Miles College, Birmingham as an Asst. Professor of Business Administration in the Division of Business and Economics.

Dr. Mahendra K. Mohanty, Assistant Professor Biology, LeMoyne-Owens College Memphis, Tennessee has attended the Institute for Service to Education during this Summer at Boston. The purpose of the Institute is to devise new methods of teaching.

Dr. Ram C. Mohanty, the distinguished Professor Physics, New York State University at Courtland is presently serving as the Advisor of the National Physical Laboratory at Syracuse.

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A T T E N T I O N ???

Mrs. Kalpana Kanungo of Bridgeport, Conn. an active member of O.S. A. wants to organize a mobile (mail-service) library of Oriya Books and Journals. Interested persons may contact her at 271 Thorne Street, Bridgeport, Conn. 06606. Telephone (203) 374-8309.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Mr. Sudhansu Mohana Mohanty has entered in the M.B.A. program of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. & Mrs. Ladukesh Patnaik and Kuna Singh have enrolled in the Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky as M.B.A., M.A. (Eng) B.SC. (Ph.Ed.) students respectively.

Miss Biraj Laxmi Patnaik (lali) has enrolled in the Ed.D. program in the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

Mr. Promode K. Patnaik has entered in the Ph.D program in the area of Finance (Business) & Financial Data Processing in the Graduate School of Commerce and Business Administration, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

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C U L T U R A L

Miss Ratilekha Dash has participated in a concert of Sacred Dances of India on September 21, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. at New York University Education Auditorium at 35 West Fourth Street.

Mr. Surendra Nath Jena of Tri-veni Kala Sangam, New Delhi visited U.S.A. during the month of June and July 1973. He taught Odisi dance in Boston at the Center of Arts. His dance concert in Boston along with disciple Frederica was well appraised by a large audience. Mr. Jena's dance performance was broadcasted in the National Television on several occasions. The O.S.A. congratulates Mr. Jena on his successful tour of America.

Mrs. Puspa Nayak a prominent Odisi Dancer has performed several Odisi dances in different cultural and religious organizations in the Greater Miami area. The local newspapers published her dance pictures along with high praises for her artistic talents.

Mrs. Sabita Patnaik an inborn artist of music and dance has performed Odisi dances on the Republic Day of India Celebration at Birmingham, Cotton Ball Festival of Memphis, Tennessee and Rust College Mississippi. Birmingham News the largest local newspaper published a huge picture of Sabita with high appreciation for the artist and the Odisi Dance.

Dr. Hara P. Mishra has been elected as the President of the India Cultural Association of Birmingham.

S O C I A L

Mr. & Mrs. Surendra Barik of New York have been blessed with a daughter.

Dr. Jogeswar Rath permanent representative of O.S.A. in Orissa married Manorama Mishra of Puri on July 9, 1973. O.S.A. congratulates the newly wed couple.

Mrs. Jayashree Dijaya Laxmi Mohanty a well known Oriya Short Story and Poem writer has arrived from India to join her husband Mr. Narayan C. Mohanty at Birmingham.

Mrs. Puspa Nayak a renowned Odisi dancer has joined her husband Mr. Parikhita Nayak, who is a graduate student in the University of Miami.

Mrs. Prativa Mohanty, wife of Dr. Mohendra Mohanty has returned from India with their daughter "Monalisa".

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ORIYAS IN U.S.A.

1. Dr. Gitimaya Kar has joined Corning Glass Works, Corning New York.
2. Dr. Amitav Patnaik has joined Franklin Institute Laboratories in Philadelphia.
3. Mr. Bijay Mohapatra has joined Control Data Corporation in New York.
4. Dr. Giriya S. Rath left Boston for Washington for private practice.

5. Dr. Janaki Ballava Dash is leaving shortly for Orissa.

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SPECIAL THANKS

Mr. Chitaranjan Mishra of Monroe, Louisiana has informed O.S.A. that he would be glad to host any Oriya visiting that area. Mr. Mishra would be available at the following phones: Area code (318) 323-2281, Ext. 3590, Office. Residence: 325-9123.

During the last couple of years Dr. Biswanath Shaw of Rust College Holly Springs, Mississippi has brought nearly ten Oriya students to his college. Personally, the O.S.A. newsletter editor was told that Dr. Shaw is determined to bring as many Oriya students as he can. Presently he is in the process of bringing four more Oriya students to his campus. Dr. Shaw has been awarded the Outstanding Educator of the South for the year 1973. (Biswanath Babu, O.S.A. commends your efforts and congratulates you in your achievements).

Dr. Ram Chandra Mohanty a dedicated Scientist of Physics is the founding member of the Institute of All Nations. The purpose of this organization is to bring people of all disciplines together from all over the World and use scientific knowledge for Peace. Dr. Mohanty has been very generous to bring several Oriya students to the U.S.A. (O.S.A. thanks you for what you are doing).

Mr. Purna C. Mohanty, University of Georgia, Athens has volunteered to help any Oriya Dance,

Musical or Cultural Artist to perform a show on the University of Georgia Campus. (O.S.A. thanks Mr. Mohanty).

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YOUR ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS

- Q. Why can't the O.S.A. publish its Newsletter on time?

Purna C. Mohanty
University of Georgia

- A. We are sincerely sorry for the delay. This was due to the change in the Executive Committee. Every effort will be made to publish the bulletin on time.

Editor

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PROPOSAL CENTER

Dr. Amiya K. Mohanty and Dr. Biswanath Shaw have proposed to create a South Eastern Chapter of O.S.A. and open a trust fund to help needy Oriya students to secure study loans in easy terms.

(O.S.A. wishes you success)

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FESTIVALS OF ORISSA

September 26, 1973.....MAHALOYA
October 4, 1973.....MAHASTAMI
October 6, 1973.....DASARA (DURGA PUJA)
October 11, 1973.....KUMAR PURNIMA
October 25, 1973.....KALI PUJA (DIWALI)
November 3, 1973.....GOSTASTAMI
November 10, 1973.....RASA PURNIMA
November 30, 1973.....SATYASAI BABA'S BIRTH DAY
..... DHANII SANKRANTI

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