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Orissa Society of the Americas

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### Election of Officers of OSA

The election committee with Dr. Gauri C. Das as Chairman and Mr. Samar K. Bhuyan, Mr. Jnana R. Dash, Dr. Amiya K. Patnaik and Mr. Pramode K. Patnaik as members was formed at the 4th Annual Convention of OSA at College Park, Maryland on July 6, 1975. The committee invited and received a large number of nominations for the various elective positions. However, only a small number of nominees accepted their nomination. A single nomination was accepted for each of the positions of President, 1st Vice President, Secretary and the editor of the Orissa Society News and the election to these positions was uncontested.

The election for the rest of the positions was conducted by mail ballot. The response of the general membership in this election has been very encouraging. The officers and the executive committee of the Orissa Society of the Americas for the current year and 1975-76 are as follows:

President:	Dr. Amiya K. Patnaik (New Jersey)
1st Vice President:	Dr. Manindra K. Mohapatra (Virginia)
2nd Vice President:	Mr. Samar K Bhuyan (Detroit)
Secretary:	Mr. Rabindra P. Ray (New York)
Editor, The Orissa Society News:	Mr. Jnana R. Dash (Toronto)
Treasurer:	Mr. Prasanna K. Samantaray (Boston)
Members, Executive Committee: *	
	Mr. Madan M. Biswal (California)
	Dr. Santosh K. Das (Illinois)
	Dr. Sitakantha Dash (S. Dakota)
	Mrs. Dolly S. Mohanty (New York)
	Mr. Sudhansu Mohanty (Georgia)
	Mrs. Jayanti Mohapatra (New York)
	Mr. Parikhita Nayak (Florida)
	Mr. Douglas Schneider (Michigan)
	Mrs. Menaka Subudhi (New York)

\*Dr. Gauri C. Das (Boston) as the past President of the Society will remain a member of the Executive Committee.



We are very grateful to the members who volunteered to work for our organization by accepting their nominations and to those who have returned their ballots. We hope that such interest will continue and grow in the years to come. We also congratulate and welcome the new officers of OSA and wish them success in their effort to make our Society more viable and beneficial to all of us. The strength of the Society lies in its membership and the officers will have the cooperation and understanding of the members.

Those interested in the details of the election results may contact Dr. Gauri C. Das, at 328 Beacon Str., Somerville, Mass. 02143.

### Annual Convention of OSA

The Annual Convention of OSA usually takes place during the first weekend in July every year. This year, due to some unavoidable difficulties we can not have the annual convention at the usual time. Instead, the convention may take place sometime in August or even during the Labor Day weekend in September. The venue and time have not been finalized yet. There are several places suggested, namely, Toronto (Canada), Raleigh (North Carolina), and New York. We are sure that our members may have other places in their mind. The ideal place should have a sizable Oriya population to arrange for the convention and host the out of town participants and it should be at a reasonable distance from most of us.

If you have any suggestion or preference as to the place and time of our 5th Annual Convention, please get in touch with Dr. Amiya K. Patnaik, 503 Bryant Place, Rivervale, New Jersey 07675 (Tel. (201) 664-5259) or Dr. Gauri C. Das, 328 Beacon Str., Somerville, Mass. 02143 (Tel. (617) 547-8397) or any other officer of OSA. In order to give the organizers and the participants enough time we have to make a decision as early as possible.

### Next Newsletter:

Please send all your news for the next newsletter to the following address:

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news letter

OF THE AMERICAS

Editorial

Five years ago, a New England group of Oriyas thought of setting up an organisation that will help bring Oriyas in North America together while catering to the needs of others with an interest in the culture and heritage of Orissa. It was a good idea and timely too. Organisations of this nature for other Indian people abound this continent. So The Orissa Society of The Americas was born in that summer half-a-decade ago. Some of the original squad, instrumental in getting OSA in one-piece, have left for homeland, most others are still here with their deep love for OSA and its future. In the same token, there are people, who have looked at OSA as a very 'academic' or 'vague' kind of an organisation, mainly due to the territorial vastness, that it encompasses. However, despite all its trials and tribulations, OSA has survived and is entering into its fifth year.

This year's executive body comprises of representatives from different regions of this continent. For example, our president Amiya Patnaik is a New Jerseyite, one of our vice-presidents Samar Bhuyan is a Northern Michiganer and this editor is a Torontonion. We have frightening miles between us. But that will not deter us from operating efficiently(thanks to Ma Bell).

Our fifth annual convention is coming up in Toronto on 31st. August. Toronto offers an annual fanfare-bonanza at this time called CNE(Canadian National Exhibition).OSA members should not miss this phenomenon.Details of the convention are given in this issue.

One last word.More participation of OSA members in exchanging opinions, views etc in this newsletter will make this more interesting. Efforts will be made to better-organise the frequency of publication.

Very Best Wishes.. ଉତ୍କଳ ସମାଜର  
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5th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF OSA
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As decided by the executive committee on July 9, 1975, the 5th annual convention is going to be held in Toronto on the 31st, August, Sunday. This is the labour-day weekend for both U.S.A. and Canada. Toronto is pleasant at this time with summer a bit milder and fall setting in. Details of the convention are as follows:

Date & Time: 31 st August, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Place: Flemington Community Centre  
150 Grenoble Drive  
Don Mills, Ontario  
A discrete and picturesque site in suburban Toronto.

How to Reach: For those coming from Detroit side

Highway 401 all the way to Toronto.  
Take Don Valley Parkway South from 401.  
Take Don Mills Road North from Parkway.  
→ Right Turn at 1st traffic light to Gateway.  
Right Turn at next stop sign.  
Another STOP sign. Go straight and immediately after to your right is the red-brick building with 'Flemington Community Centre' written afront.

For those coming from Buffalo side

Cross border at Niagara Falls.  
Take QEW (Queen Elizabeth Way) to Toronto.  
QEW becomes Gardiner Expressway.  
Take Don Valley Parkway from Gardiner.  
Take Don Mills Road North from Parkway.  
Follow above direction from the → sign down.

Members planning to attend the convention are requested to confirm of their attendance ahead of time to convenor Mr. J.R. Dash (416-429-5538) or Mr. Sradhanand Misra (416-223-3474). This would help in planning accommodation for those, who would like to stay with another Oriya family (sure, all would do!). A tentative agenda is as follows, although its pretty flexible at this stage.

- a. Welcome Address by the President and Convenor.
- b. Introduction of Members by Convenor.
- c. Business Proceedings.
- d. Question-Answer and Suggestions for Future.
- e. Food and Beverages.
- f. Entertainment Program.

Toronto group of Oriyas are a hospitable bunch and it would be their pleasure to see as many Oriyas from south of the border as possible for this occasion. After all, what better excuse is needed to come and behold this dynamic metropolis of the seventies (latest addition: the tallest free standing structure in the world - the CN Tower)! So pack up and hit the highways!

1. Deba Ranjan Mohanty has moved from Ann Arbor, Mich. to San Fransisco to Bechtel Corpn's headquarters last January.
2. Man Mohan<sup>Subudhi</sup> moved from New York to Gaithersberg, Md on a new job with Bechtel Corpn.
3. Om Prakash Mohapa<sup>tra</sup>, who was in Toronto, had left for Berhin, W. Germany for his Ph.D. work in 1972. He is back in Toronto now after completing his Ph.D. work.
4. Jaydev Misra has joined University of Texas at Austin in their Computer Science Department since 1973 September; as a faculty member. Jaydev finished his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins and worked for IBM Corporations Federal Systems Division for a while before this move.
5. Saroj Behera has moved to Los Angeles on a new job with Xerox Corpn. He was in Ottawa before for 4 years.
6. Gopa Bandhu Misra moved from St. Catherines to Oakville on a new job with Reed International Paper Co. as an executive consultant.
7. Prasant Mishra has moved to Pinawa, Manitoba from Waterloo on a new job with the Atomic Energy Commission of Canada.
8. Dhiraj Pradhan has joined the Comp. Science Dept. as an Asst. Prof. at the Univeristy of Saskatchewan, Regina. Dhiraj got his Ph.D. at Iowa.
9. Sunil Sarangi has moved to Pasadena, Calif. to work for NASA as a research scientist. Sunil got his Ph.D. from Sate University of New York at Stonybrook.
10. Pramod Patnaik has moved from Midland, Ontario to Oakville. He is with Norand Corpn. now as a systems engineer.
11. Mana Ranjan Patnaik has joined STELCO (Steel Company of Canada) in Hamilton after achieving ~~laurels~~ in a short-term academic program at Ottawa.
12. Hara Narayan Padhi has moved to Hamilton to join a consulting engineer's group with major assignments in STELCO.
13. Srigopal Mohanty, professor of Statistics at McMaster University is back from India after one year's sabbatical leave at the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta.
14. Jagannath Prasad Das, spent a month in U.S.S.R. working with a Russian psychologist on common professional topics.
15. Jnana Ranjan Dash moved to Toronto (Don Mills suburb) from Quebec on a new job with IBM Canada's headquarters.
16. Kula Misra, after finishing his Ph.D. at London (Ont.) has moved to Tennesse (Knoxville).
17. Deba Patnaik, after finishing his Ph.D. in Physics at Rochester, is a post-doctoral fellow at University of Toronto.



18. Pradeep Patnaik has moved to Charlotte, N.C. to take up the position of Executive Director of Health Care Management Inc.

19. Nag Bhusan Senapaty has joined MIT as a Research Associate.

### REGIONAL NEWS

Detroit - Detroit Oriyas have many get-togethers in the recent past. Dr. Rajendra Roychowdhury, who used to be a special flavour in parties with his jokes, recently left for New York on a new job. Mr. Deba Ranjan Mohanty, popularly nicknamed 'Detroit Rafi' left for San Fransisco. Detroit folks are missing Deba Babu's melliflous songs.

During the July 4th weekend, there was a gathering at Samar Bhuyan's place. Sirish Misra, Ramesh Misra, Subhendu Mohanty (Iansing), Lalu Manasinha (London Ont), Jnana Dash (Toronto), Hara Padhi (Hamilton), Pramod Patnaik (Oakville), etc. joined. Mrs. Bhuyan (Munmun) was an excellent hostess foodwise and Bhuyan Babu took care of the verbal entertainment.

Toronto - Oriyas in and around Toronto are as dynamic as ever. Gatherings and group-outings are too numerous to mention. The annual picnic is scheduled for September 6th, 7th this year near Rice Lake about 80 miles from Toronto.

There was a Hindu wedding arranged for Mr. Sradhanand Misra with Geraldine Sta Ana at Masonic Temple, Oakville. About 70 Oriyas attended this. Mr. and Mrs. Gopa Bandhu Misra of Oakville acted as the bride's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Mana Ranjan Pattanayak of Burlington acted as the groom's parents.

Rajindra Sarangi made the PA arrangement and Bismilla Khan's Shehnai was echoing through the temple walls all along. Oriya friends came from as far as Kingston, Montreal, Corning (N.Y.) etc. There were about 40 non-oriya Indian and North American friends present.

There was a gathering at Dr. Lalatendu Manasinha's home in London (Ont) during end June. Dr. Purohits (Kingston), Mana Ranjan Patnaik (Burlington), Hara Padhi (Hamilton), Jnana Dash (Toronto), Om Prakash Mohapatra and Bijay Misra (Burlington) attended.

Los Angeles - Oriyas in LA arranged a beach-side picnic recently. In the past few months, many new Oriyas have moved to LA, namely Dr. Saroj Behra (from Ottawa), Dr. Sunil Sarangi (from Stonybrook, N.Y.), Mr. Surya Patnaik (from Bangalore, India) and Mr. Mishra (from Orissa).

Dr. Saroj Behra has aksed this editor to convey that any Oriya visiting LA can stay at his place and he would be glad to show them around. (Thanks, Saroj Babu, we shall certainly do that!)

Boston - Members of the Boston Chapter have several get-togethers at the residences of Mr. Chandra Shekhar Mohanty, Mr. Nityanand Misra, Dr. Nagabhusan Senapati and Dr. Bijay Misra.

Madan San Fransisco - This editor had the opportunity to meet all the Oriyas in and around San Fransisco area at the residence of Dr. Akhil Gantayat, at Berkeley Biswal (Sunnyvale), Raj Kishore Misra (U. of C, Berkeley), Amitabh Rath (Bekeley) attended. In keeping with California's exquisite weather and picturesque landscape, our folks were an extremely hospitable group.

P.S. Please send your activities in the respective regions. Don't forget, its more fun in sharing your fun with others.

### PERSONAL NOTES

1975 started with a matrimonial epidemic for many OSA members. Following were its victims.

1. Gouri C. Das (Boston) married Chinmayee (Mohapatra) of Kharasuangarh, Bihar in January.
2. Pratap C. Patnaik (Toronto) married Poornima (Mohanty) of Cuttack in January.
3. Jnana Ranjan Dash (Toronto) married Swetapadma (Mohapatra) of Cuttack in January.
4. Prasant K. Misra (Manitoba) married Lily (Kar) of Cuttack in January.
5. Prasanna Samantaray (Boston) married Minakhee (Mohapatra) of Dhenkanal in February.
6. Ashok Ku Misra (New York) married Poornima (Panda) of Berhampur in February.
7. Arun K. Misra (Vancouver) married Prajna (Panigrahi) of Bhubaneswar in February.
8. Prabhat Kar (Toronto) married Linda at Waterloo.
9. Sradhanand Mishra (Toronto) married Geraldine (Stk Ana) of Manila (Phillipines) at Toronto in May.
10. Mahendra Misra (New Brunswick) married Kavita (Satpathy) of Rourkela in June.
11. Jitendra Kanungo (Montreal) married Dolly of Chowdwar in June.

Congratulations to all you newly-weds!

### KUDOS

Sunil Sarangi completed his Ph.D. at SUNY at Stonybrook.  
 Arun Misra completed his Ph.D. (Mech. Eng.) at U of B.C. (Vancouver).  
 Prabhat Kar completed his Ph.D. (Elec. Eng.) at Waterloo.  
 Asok Misra completed his Ph.D. (Metallurgy) at Polytechnic Inst. of Brooklyn.  
 Satya Brata Shaw completed his MBA at Eastern Kentucky University.

Congratulations!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Prasanna Pati has done a small role of a psychiatrist in a Hollywood film, titled "Flying Over the Cuckoo's Nest", due for world premiere in September. Dr. Pati, in actual life, is a psychiatrist at the Oregon Hospital at Salem, Oregon. He is selected to be included in the Who's Who list for Western U.S.A. this year.

Prasanna Babu's wife NORMA, an American, has a passion for Indian food, some of them typical Oriya recipes. She published a few of these in the 'Oregon Tribune' recently.

Antaryami Nayak, in collaboration with two other Canadians has started a manufacturing concern, named 'SDN Industries Ltd.' at Cambridge, Ontario. Mr. Nayak worked for TELCO, Jamshedpur before coming to West Germany and Canada.

VISITING ORIYAS

Following people from Orissa visited (are visiting) North America on business or pleasure.

1. Dr. Bansidhar Panda, Managing Director of IMFA (Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys) to New York, Toronto, etc.
2. Mr. Biraja Misra, Deputy General Manager of IMFA to New York, Toronto, Montreal, etc.
3. Mr. Damodar Rath of Clarostat India PVT Ltd. visited Dover (New Hampshire). Mr. Rath was at MIT before on a MBA program.
4. Mr. Bichitra Pujari of Hindusthan Steels (KULTI) visited U.S.A. and Canada.
5. Mr. Hara Prasanna Misra, Director of IDC (Orissa) to Michigan and Ohio for talks with General Tires Corpn. in connection with the new multi-million-dollar tire-manufacturing concern at Mancheswar (Orissa).
6. Dr. Prafulla K. Jena, Director of Regional Research Lab (Bhubaneswar) to U.S.A.
7. Mr. Prasanna Patnaik, IAS from Delhi via U.K. to U.S.A.
8. Mr. Khalid Ahmed, Deputy Director of IDC to Princeton University on a 10 month academic program.
9. Mr. and Mrs. Kali Prasad Misra of Cuttack to visit their son, Santosh Misra at Bowling Green University Ohio.

THE FALL

Miss Pramila K. Rath  
(USD - Vermillion)

Leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down,  
They are the unfortunate platoons on the field,  
They are the old guys in the battle of life  
Calmly retreat and go to sleep yielding place to new  
Yellow leaves wither to let greens born.

Leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down  
Leaving notice nothing lasts, nothing would ever last,  
So is the end of Byzantium, so runs the annals of history,  
So moves the cycle of birth, death and birth again,  
Yellow leaves wither to let greens born.

They are the cowards that fly from the brave,  
They are the falsehood to save their skin  
Who struggle in vain yet silently turn  
(The Truth, you know, is simply certain.)

Leaves sacrifice themselves like great leader-saints  
To let the world beware of Love, Peace and Lord,  
Leaves are leaving as dreams on the morn,  
Leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down  
Ah! Let us for them a moment mourn.

The dramatic developments in India's political front has affected Orissa, like every other province. Leaders of Orissa like Harekrusna Mahtab, Biju Patnaik etc. are behind the bars under the emergency rules. Sincerity in officers, punctuality in government offices, less pandemonium in students, dropping of prices, are results of the current measures. Reactions of average men are favourable ones to the current actions of the government. Future will unfold the overall impact!

Mrs. Sanjukta Panigrahi, a noted dancer of Orissa is visting France in September this year. She has written to this editor regarding the feasibility of arranging few dance programs in North American cities. Some arrangements can be made, only if there is a positive response from most members. Please send your opinion to the editor regarding this. Mr. Raghunath Panigrahi, hubby of Sanjukta, is a noted Oriya singer and he would be accompanying her too.

Oriya movies are being produced at the usual snail's pace. New films released lately are "Mana Akash", "Mamata", "Jajabar", "Bou". Prasant Nanda, the upcoming actor has produced "Mamata" with Prafulla Kar giving his maiden musical score. Mr. Srinbas Mahapatra, who does camera work in Bombay films has contributed his talents as being the cameraman for Jajabar.

New Oriya songs have achieved new heights in their composition and orchestration. The orchestration has reached pretty mod standards and comparable to the catchy and popular Hindi film musics. Akhyaya Mohanty, Parfulla Kar and Sikandar Alam are doing well in commercial success (LP records and EP records in STEREO are available). If you are flying AIR-INDIA's New York - Delhi/Bombay stretch, you can get enthralled with a Oriya song by Raghunath Panigrahi in the music program.

This editor had a talk with Saroj Ranjan Mohanty, the editor of popular Oriya magazine "Jhankar". Mr. Mohanty has asked if Oriyas in North America would like to get regular issues via AIR MAIL. Subscription rates and other related information can be obtained from this editor.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The membership in OSA has been a very volatile issue. Many Oriyas give verbal support to the concept of OSA without making an effort to enroll into the membership. Let us see that this situation is improved. Attached is a blank form along with new subscription rates (\$5.00 per annum for singles and ~~\$10.00~~ <sup>\$8.00</sup> for married). The updated subscription rates were resulted from the response of many members to a questionnaire and also from recommendations by the executive committee. If, at the annual convention, this decision is reversed, then the extra payment would be adjusted for the next year. Current subscriptions will account for September 30, 1975 to September 30, 1976.

Also please send the questionnaire, duly filled in to Dr. Amiya Patnaik at your earliest convenience.

#### EPILOGUE

If you want to voice your opinion or share a new joke, or distribute an interesting news (a rumour maybe!), please be free to write to the editor in the following address. After all this is your newsletter and your participation can only make it an effective entertainer. Write to:

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BLANK

This is your organisation. You are invited to join. Please fill in this form and mail today.

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It would be easier for Canadian members to mail personal cheques to the Canadian address instead of worrying about international moneyorder or drafts.

Tear along this line.

I hereby make application for membership for current year(Sept 1975- Sept1976) in The Orissa Society Of The Americas(USA & Canada). I will abide by its constitution and by-laws, support its objectives and pay the membership dues as mentioned below.(Request for a copy of the constitution to the Treasurer OSA).

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- Please Check One.
- 1.  Family Member \$ <sup>8</sup> .00
  - 2.  Single Member \$5.00
  - 3.  Non-Profit Org. \$10.00
  - 4.  Life Membership \$100.00
  - 5.  Patron \$200.00
  - 6. Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

