

# ରଘୁ ସମ୍ବାଦ

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## Editor's Say:

1. OUR FESTIVALS: In Orissa, the months of September and October are full of festivals. Most significant of them is 'Dasahara' and all of us can bring back fond memories of the excitements that pervade in those few days. Schools, colleges and offices are closed. Relatives and friends travel great distances to be with each other. Kitchens in Oriya homes operate in a round-the-clock fashion delivering those delicacies ! Then there are those statuettes (meticulous in workmanship & gorgeous in adornment!) set up all over town that give a strong enough excuse to be on the errand. In the least, the Dasahara mood can be equated to the Christmassy mood in this part of the world.  
Few days later, arrives the full-moon night of 'Kumar Purnima', a night to rejoice with the family, a night to look colorful with new dresses.  
Then there is more! In some sectors of Orissa, Laxmi Pooja is celebrated with as much pomp and grandeur as Dasahara. Deepavali, the festival of lights and fireworks comes as the last festival before getting back to the routine. These 2 months certainly allow people to forget the scourge of a vindictive summer, just over and a soothing winter on its way !

2. THIS ISSUE: The cover-page-art just reinforces the things we said above. In this issue, you would find another novelty, a short story in print, in keeping with our constant effort to change the format. Also you will find how the annual O.S.A. convention for 1976 went in 2 different regions.



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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

- *Sarat Mohapatra* has joined the Bell Labs at Holmdel, N.J. after completing his Ph.D. in metallurgy at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.
- *Raghab Sahu* has completed his Ph.D. at the State University of New York at Stonybrook in Material Science and has moved to Cornell University Ithaca for post-doctoral research.
- *Fakir Mohan Sahu* has joined Queen's University, Kingston on a Ph.D. program in psychology as a commonwealth scholar. He is in the faculty at Vani Vihar.
- *Raja Mohanty* has joined the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon on a MBA program after attending the American University at Beirut, Lebanon.
- *Manindra Mohapatra* has gone to the University of Cambridge (England) for Fall semester and he will be working at the centre of South Asian Studies. He is a faculty member at the Old Dominion University.
- *Nirod Chandra Mohanty* has moved from Sunnyvale to Huntington Beach, California on a new job with Rockwell International.
- *Pusparaj Kanungo* has joined University of Missouri at St. Louis as Asst. Professor in the mathematics department. He finished his Ph.D. at SUNY at Stonybrook.
- *Prafulla Padhi* has moved to Teheran, Iran from Cambridge, Mass. He will be working for Caterpillar Corp. there.
- *Ava Mohapatra, wife of Sitikantha Mohapatra* has arrived in Boston last July.
- *Sanjeev Mishra & wife Mukta* have moved to Metairie, Louisiana from Washington D.C.. Sanjeev has joined the hospital there as a staff nephrologist.
- *Indu Bhusan Mishra* returned from Brazil to South Dakota some time ago. Now he has moved to Los Angeles on a new job.
- *Surya N. Acharya* from the University of Agriculture at Bhubaneswar, has come to the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon for a Ph. D. program in Crop Science.
- *Sribatsa K. Nanda* has moved from Calgary to the Memorial University at New Foundland (St. John) as a visiting professor in Mathematics for one year.
- *Ladu Kishore Patnaik* has moved to Detroit from Phillippi, Virginia. He is in the faculty at Wayne State University.
- *Purna Patnaik* has moved from Denver, Colorado to San Diego, California on a new job with the Federal government.
- *Nanak Ram Agarwal*, a doctor from Cuttack, has joined the Bronx Hospital as an intern.
- *Santanu Chhotrai*, a grad student in Chemical Engineering has moved from the Univ. of Texas at Austin to the U. of Oklahoma at Tulsa in August.
- *Jagannath Rath* has moved to St. Louis, Miss from Louisiana to join U. of Missouri in the Physics Dept. as a faculty member.
- *Bijoy K. Nanda* has moved to Montreal from Nackawick, New Brunswick.
- *Rama Narayan Mohapatra* has joined Univ. of Alberta from American Univ., Beirut, Lebanon.



ମାଁ ଉଦାସ । ମା'ର କୁଞ୍ଚିତ ମୁଖମଣ୍ଡଳରେ ଖଚିତ ଆଖି ଦୁଇଟା ସବୁବେଳେ ଖୋଜିଲ ଖୋଜିଲ ।

ମାଁ କହିଲ—“ରୁହୁଁ ରୁହୁଁ ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ବର୍ଷ ବିତିଗଲା । ସବୁଦିନ ମୁଁ ତା'ରି ଫେରିବା ବାଟକୁ ଆଖି ମୋଲେଇ ଅନେଇ ରହିଛି । ପ୍ରଥମେ କହୁଥିଲି, ସେ ନ ଫେରିଲେ ମୁଁ ଅଳ୍ପ ଭୁଲିବି ନାହିଁ । ମାତ୍ର ଏ ନିଆଁଳବା ଭୋକ ଆଗରେ ଏମିତି ହଲପୁର ମୂଳା ତା କେତେ ? ଅନେକ ଥର ଇଚ୍ଛା କରିଛି ବେନବନବା କିଲ ଉପରେ ମୁଣ୍ଡ ଠେସି ହୋଇ ମରିଯିବି । ମାତ୍ର ତାହା ବି ପାରିଲି ନାହିଁ ।

“ସେ ଫେରିଲ ନାହିଁ ।”

“ଅବରକାରକରେ ଛପା : ଆ ଫେରିଆ’ ଶିଳ୍ପାପନ ହୁଏତ ତା’ର ଆଖିରେ ପଡ଼ିନାହିଁ । ବନ୍ଧୁତରୁ ପ୍ରଭୃତି ଘୋଷଣା ହୁଏତ ସେ ଶୁଣିନାହିଁ । ପୁଲିସକାଲ୍‌ମାନେ ଖେଳି ଖୋଜି ଥିକି ଗଲେଣି । ମନକଣ୍ଠେସନ, ବସ୍ତୁକ୍ଷଣ, ଧର୍ମାତ୍ମା । ସେ କୌଣସି ଠେଇଁ ମିଳିଲ ନାହିଁ । ସିନେମାଘର, ପକ, ବଜାର ନକ୍ଷକ, ଉପା, ଶ୍ରେଣିପତ । କେହି ତାକୁ କୌଣସିପାଖେ ଠାର କରି ପାରିଲେ ନାହିଁ ।”

ମୁଁ କହିଲି—“ତୁ କ’ଣ ଅଉ ତା’ କଥା ଭୁଲି ପାରିବୁ ନାହିଁ ମାଁ ?”

ମାତ୍ର ମୋର କଥାକୁ ଅବହେଳା କରି ଦେଇ, ଅନାବଶ୍ୟକ ଭାବି ଆବେଦନ ଦେଇ ମାଁ କହିଲ—“ଏଠି ଥିଲବେଳେ ନାଲି ଟୋପିଟିଏ ଦେଖିଲେ ସେ, ଛେରି ପକାଉଥିଲ । ଗହୀରୀ ଭିତରେ କିମ୍ବା ତବା ଉପରେ ପାଇ ଲୁହୁଥିଲ । ପ୍ରତିଦିନ ହସି ହସି ଖୁଲକୁ ଯାଉଥିଲ ଓ ହସି ହସି ଖୁଲକୁ ଫେରୁଥିଲ । କେତେ କେମିତି ଆଠାଣା ଚାରିଟା ତା’ ହାତଖତ ପାଇଁ ଦେଲେ ଖୁବ୍ ଖୁସି ହେଉଥିଲ । ବଳବେ ଦିନେ ବି ଅଳି ଅର୍ଦଳି କରି ନାହିଁ । ପ୍ରତିଦିନ ବାଧୋଉଥିଲ । ପ୍ରତି ପଦର ଦିନରେ ଥରେ ବାଳ କରାଉଥିଲ । ମାସକୁ ଥରେ ମେଟିନି ସୋ’ ସିନେମା ଦେଖିବାକୁ ଯାଉଥିଲ ।

“ବର୍ଷକୁ ଦିନିଥର ପରୀକ୍ଷା ଦେଉଥିଲ । ପରୀକ୍ଷାବେଳେ ସାରା ରାତି ଅନିଦ୍ରା ରହି ପଡ଼ୁଥିଲ । କପିମାନେ ସେ ମାଙ୍କଡ଼ ବୋଲି ରୁହୁଥିଲ, ତେଣୁ କପି କରୁ ନଥିଲ । ଯାହା ହେଉ, ଯେମିତି ହେଉ, ବର୍ଷକୁ ବର୍ଷ ପଶୁ କରୁଥିଲ । ଶିକ୍ଷକମାନଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖିଲେ ଯାଉକଲରୁ ଓହ୍ଲାଇ ପଡ଼ୁଥିଲ, ଦୁଇହାତ ଢୋକି ନଷ୍ଟ ଭାବରେ ପ୍ରୋକାମ’ ଶବ୍ଦଟି ଉଚ୍ଚାରଣ କରୁଥିଲ ।”

ମାଁ ପୁଣି କହିଲ—“ତା’ ନିଜର ବହି ଓ ଖାତାପତ୍ର ସବୁକୁ ବେଶ୍ ସତାଡ଼ି ରଖିଥିଲ । ମେଞ୍ଚ, ମୋଡା, ରୁମାଳ, ମାମୁଛା ପ୍ରତି ରବିବାର ଦିନ ନିଜ ହାତରେ କାଟି ସଫା କରୁଥିଲ । ଢୋକାରେ ପାଲିଶ ଦେଉଥିଲ ।”

ତା’ କଥା କହି କହି ମା’କୁ କେବେ କାନ୍ଦୁହୋଇ ପଡ଼ିବାର ଦେଖି ନାହିଁ । ମା କହି ଚାଲିଲ—“ପ୍ରତିବର୍ଷ ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ପଦର ଓ ଜାନୁଆରୀ ଛୁଟିଶ ଦିନ ହାତରେ କାଗଜ ଡିଆରି ଭିତର ପତାକା ଧରି ଶୁଭେ ମାତା କା ବୟା, ମହାତ୍ମା ଗାନ୍ଧୀ କା ବୟା ଆଦି ଧନି ଦେଇ ସହର ପରିକ୍ରମା କରୁଥିଲ । ସନସୂତା ଓ ଗଣେଶପୂଜାବେଳେ ବସବର ରୂପା ଦେଇ ସତିସାର ଖରୁଥିଲ । ଆମ୍ଭ ପତ୍ରର ଚୋରଣ ଦେଉଥିଲ, ରଜାନ କାଗଜର ଫୁଲ କାଟି ଲଗାଉଥିଲ । ତାଙ୍କ ଖୁଲର ନାଟକରେ ନାୟିକାର ସାନଖଲ ବା ରୁକର ଟୋକା କଥାଟି ଭୂମିକାରେ ଅଭିନୟ ମଧ୍ୟ କରୁଥିଲ । ଏ ସବୁ ତାକୁ ଭିତୁଥିଲ । ସେ ପାହା ମନରେ ଭୁବୁଥିଲ ତାହା କହି ପକାଉଥିଲ ଓ ସାହା କହୁଥିଲ ତାହା କରି ପକାଉଥିଲ ।

### । ଶ୍ରୀ ସମ୍ବଲକୁମାର ସିଂହାଣୀ ।

“କହ ହୋଇ ତୁ କାଣ ହେବୁରେ ?” ବୋଲି ପଚାରିଲେ ଦାନ ଧର୍ମରେକେ ହସି ଦେଉଥିଲା । କିଛି କାମ ବରଣଲେ ଚୁକ୍ତିଶ୍ରୀ ଯାକିଣ ନ ହୋଇ ହୁଏ ଉପ କରି ଦେଉଥିଲା । କିନ୍ତୁ ସେ କେଉଁ-ଆଡ଼େ ଚାଲିଗଲା ସେ ଆଉ ଫେରିଲା ନାହିଁ ।”

ତା’ ପାଖରେ କେଉଁ କୁହୁକ ଥିଲା କେତାଣି ନାଁ । ମନରେ ସେ ଘର ବାନ୍ଧି ପକାଇଛି । ମା’ ତା’ର ମୁଣ୍ଡରେ ନିଜର ଖାଇବା ଚଢ଼ିବା ଭୁଲିଯାଇ ପାରୁଛି, ମାତ୍ର ତାକୁ ମୋଟେ ପାଶୋରି ପାରୁନାହିଁ ।

ମା’ ପୁଣି କହିଲା—“ଏଠି ଥିଲାବେଳେ ପ୍ରତିଦିନ ଝୁଲୁରୁ ଫେରି ଦୁଃଖରେକେ ବସିରୁରେ ପାଣି ବଳାଉଥିଲା । ସେ ଜଗାଇ-ଥିବା ଲେଉଟୁ ଗଛରେ ଏବେ ଗଛେ ଲେଉଟୁ । ସେ ଥିଲେ ମୁଁ ତାକୁ ପ୍ରତିଦିନ ଖାଇବାବେଳେ ଖଣ୍ଡେଲେଖେ ଲେଉଟୁ ଦେଖାଯାନ୍ତି । ଏଇ ବସିରୁଟା ଥିଲା ତା’ର ପ୍ରାଣ । କେହି ଆସି ଫୁଲଟିଏ ବି କଥାଲଙ୍ଗା ଦିଇଟା ମିଳେ ଯିବାର ଚେଷ୍ଟା କଲେ ସେ ଖେଡ଼ି ଗୋଡ଼ାଉଥିଲା । କିନ୍ତୁ ଆଗ କରି ସେ କାହାର ସଂଜ୍ଞାରେ ଲଢ଼ି ନାହିଁ, ଉପକା କରି ନାହିଁ ।”

ତା’ର ଅଭାବଟା କ୍ରମେ କ୍ରମେ ମା’ ମନରୁ ପାଶୋର ହୋଇଯିବ ବୋଲି ମୁଁ ଭାବୁଥିଲି । ମା’ର ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନରେ ସେ ଏକ ଅତୀତ ହୋଇ ପଡ଼ିବ ବୋଲି ମୁଁ ଭାବୁଥିଲି । ମାତ୍ର ମୁଁ ଭୁଲ ଭାବୁଥିଲି । ସୁସତ ମା’ର ଭଲ ପାଇବା ଠିକ୍ ଠିକ୍ କଳନା କରି ପାରି ନ ଥିଲି । କାରଣ ଏବେ ବି ଅନେକ ସମୟରେ ମା’ ତା’ର ମନ ବେଳର ଲୁଗାପଟା କୋଡ଼ା ମୋଡ଼ା ସରୁକୁ ଘଷା ଘଷା ଧରି ଯାଆନ୍ତେ । ତା’ର ବହି ଭାବଲରୁ ବହି ଖାତା ସବୁ ବାହାର ନାହିଁ ପୁଣି ସଜାଡ଼ି ଦିଏ ।

ତାକୁ ହରାଇବାର ଦୁଃଖ ଏତେ ଯେ ସେ ଦୁଃଖ ମୁଁ ବି ଦୁରକରି ପାରୁନାହିଁ । ମା’ କହିଲା—“ସେ ଯେ ଆତ୍ମହତ୍ୟା କରିଥିବ, ଏ କଥା ବିଶ୍ୱାସ କରି ହେଉନାହିଁ । କାରଣ ସେ ଭଲଭାବରେ ବୁଝିଥିଲା ଯେ ଆତ୍ମହତ୍ୟା ମହାପାପ ଓ ଆତ୍ମହତ୍ୟା ଚେଷ୍ଟାରେ ବିଫଳ ହେଲେ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ର ଶ୍ରେଣୀ କରିବାକୁ ପଡ଼େ—ତେଲ ଭିତରେ । ନାଲି ଗୋପିମାନଙ୍କୁ ସେ ଏତେ ବେଶି ତରୁଥିଲା ଯେ ଏଭଳି ଏକ ଖାମ ତା’ଦେଇ ସମ୍ଭବ ନୁହେଁ ।”

ମୁଁ ମା’କୁ ରୁଖାଇବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟାକଲି—“ମା’, ସେ କୁଅଡ଼େ ଯାଇନାହିଁ । ଅଛି, ମୋ’ରି ଭିତରେ ଅଛି । ତୁ ମୋଠେଇ ତାକୁ ଦେଖିବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟାକର ।”

ମାତ୍ର ମା’ ମୋ କଥାକୁ ଅନୁଶ୍ରୀ କରି କହି ଚାଲିଲା—“ସେ ଚାଲିଗଲା... ଅଣଲେଉଟା । ମାତ୍ର ତା’ର ଯିବା ପଛରେ କୌଣସି କାରଣ ବା ସତ୍ତ୍ୱ ହାଡ଼ି ଦେଇଗଲା ନାହିଁ । ସେ କୁଅଡ଼େ ଓ କାହିଁକି ଯାଇ ତାହା କହିବା ଖୁବ୍ ମୁଷ୍ଟିଲ ହୋଇପାରେ । ତା’ପରି ପଲ ଆଉ ଆଜିକାଲି ଦେଖିବାକୁ ମିଳୁ ନାହାନ୍ତି । ସେ ଯାହାସବୁ ଦଶ ବର୍ଷ ତଳେ, ମାତ୍ର ବାର ତେର ବର୍ଷ ବୟସରେ, କରିପାରୁଥିଲା, ଏବେ ଭେଣ୍ଟିଆମାନେ ତାହା ପାରୁନାହାନ୍ତି । ତା’ପରି ପିଲା ଆଉ କେହି ନାହାନ୍ତି ବୋଧହୁଏ ।

“ସେ ପାଖକୁ ତରୁଥିଲା । ପହଁର ଜାଣି ନ ଥିଲା । ଏଣୁ ନକ ବା ପୋଖରୀକୁ ଯାଇ ଭତକି ଭତକି ପାଣି ଗୁହାଳ କରୁ ନ ଥିଲା । ନଳ ତଳେ ବସି ରାଧୋଉ ଥିଲା । ମୁଣ୍ଡରେ ତେଲ ଲଗ ଉଥିଲା । ପାଇଖାନା ଭିତରେ ବସି ସିଗାରେଟ୍ ଖାଇ ନ ଥିଲା ।

“ପ୍ରତିଦିନ ସକାଳୁ ଉଠି ମାଲିକିଏ ବାଟ ଦୌଡ଼ୁଥିଲା, ଶହେ ଆଠଶହ ପକ୍ଷ ବେଠକ କରୁଥିଲା । ଖୁବ୍ ଚୋରକ ଚୋରକ ଦାନକାଠି ଘଷୁଥିଲା । ଗୁଡ଼ାଖୁର ନାଁ ଶୁଣିଲେ ବାନ୍ଧି କରି ପକାଉଥିଲା ।

“ତା’ର, କେରମ୍ ଆଦି ଫାଲୁଡ଼େ ଖେଳ ଖେଳୁ ନ ଥିଲା । କେବେ କେହି ବି ବାବାଟେଲ ବା ସାପଦିକି ଖେଳୁଥିଲା । ଅକସ୍ମତ୍ତ୍ୱ ବା ବନା... ଖାଇବାକୁ ଅଳି କରୁ ନ ଥିଲା । ତାକୁ ମୋ’ ହାତ ଦିଆରି ଚଳଣିଆ ବାହାରର ଜଳଖିଆ ଅପେକ୍ଷା ବେଶି ଭଲ ଲାଗୁଥିଲା ।

“ସେ କଣ୍ଠାବାଦ ବା ଉଚ୍ଚ ପା’ରେବା କିଭଳି ଡେଇଁବାକୁ ହୁଏ ଜାଣି ନ ଥିଲା । କାହା ବାଦିରୁ ପିଚ୍ଚକିଟିଏ ବି କାକୁଡ଼ିଟିଏ ବି ଖେରା କରିନାହିଁ । ଗୁଲେରରେ ଗୋଡ଼ି ବିନ୍ଧି ଘରଚରିଆଟିଏ ବି ମାରି ନାହିଁ ।

“ଅନ୍ଧାର ହେବା ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଘଡ଼େ ଫେରୁଥିଲା ଓ ଆଲୁଅ ହେବା ଆଗରୁ ନିଦରୁ ଉଠୁଥିଲା । ନିଦରୁ ଉଠି ଭଜନ ବୋଲୁଥିଲା, ଗୀତା ପଢ଼ୁଥିଲା ।”

ମା’ ତା କଥା କହି କହି କେବେ କାନ୍ଦ ହୋଇ ପଡ଼ିବ ମୁଁ ତା’ରି ପ୍ରତୀକ୍ଷାରେ ଥିଲି । ମାତ୍ର ମା’ କାନ୍ଦ ନ ହେଉ କହିଲା—“ସେ କ୍ରିକେଟ୍, ବେଡ୍ମିଣ୍ଟନ ଆଦି ଖେଳ ଖେଳୁ ନ ଥିଲା । ନେଟ୍ ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ, ବେଟ୍ ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ, ବଲ୍ ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ, କକ୍ ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ ବୋଲି ଟଙ୍କା ପଇସା ଖାନ୍ଦୁ ନ ଥିଲା । ବୋମା ବିପରି ତିଆରି କରିବାକୁ ହୁଏ ବାନ୍ଧି ନ ଥିଲା । ଉତ୍ତାର ଝୁଲ ଫେରନ୍ତା ଝିଅମାନଙ୍କୁ ଅକର୍ଷିତ କରିବାପାଇଁ, ସେମାନଙ୍କ ସାଙ୍ଗରେ ଥଙ୍ଗା ମସଗୁଲ ହେବାପାଇଁ, ପାଟି ଭିତରେ ଭିତରେ ଅଙ୍ଗୁଳି ଉପ ଦେଇ କି ଭଳି ହିଁସିଲ୍, ମାଟିବାକୁ ହୁଏ ବା ଆଖି ମାରିବାକୁ ହୁଏ ତାହା ସେ ଜାଣି ନ ଥିଲା । ସେ ଥିଲା ଶାନ୍ତ, ସୁଧାର ଓ ଭଦ୍ର । ସିଗାରେଟ୍ ଭିତରେ କେହି ମୁଖାଳରେ ଗଞ୍ଜେଇ ଭର୍ତ୍ତି କରାଯାଏ ବା କୋକାକୋଲା ପାନୀୟରେ କେଉଁ ଔଷଧ ବର୍ତ୍ତିକା ମିଶାଇ ଖାଇଲେ ପ୍ରଦୂର ନିଶା ଯାବେ, ତାହା ସେ ଜାଣି ନ ଥିଲା । କେଉଁ ଫୁଲରେ କେଉଁ ଭରି କେତେଦିନ ହେଲ୍ ପଡ଼ିଛି, ତା’ର ହିସାବ ସେ ଚଖୁ ନ ଥିଲା । କେଉଁ ହରିରେ କେଉଁମାନେ ଅଭିନୟ କରୁଛନ୍ତି, ସେମାନେ ବାହାମାହା ହେଲେଣି ନା ନାହିଁ, କେଉଁ ଗୀତ କିଏ ଗାଇଛି ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ଖବର ସେ ଚଖୁ ନ ଥିଲା । ତା’ ମୁଣ୍ଡରୁ ମୁଁ ଥରେ ବି ଗୋଟିଏ ହେଲେ ଅଣିଷ୍ଟ ଦୋଅକ୍ଷରୀ ଶବ୍ଦ ଶୁଣି ନାହିଁ, ସେ ଥିଲା ସବୁକୁ ଭଲ ।

ସେମାନେ କଥାରେ କହିବାକୁ ଗଲେ ତା’ ଭଳି ପିଲା ଆଜି ଆଉ କେହି ନାହିଁ । ସେ ଯାହା କରୁଥିଲା ତାହା ଏବେ କେହି କରୁନାହାନ୍ତି, ଯାହା କରୁ ନ ଥିଲା ତାହା ସମସ୍ତେ କରୁଛନ୍ତି ।

“ସେ ଥିଲା ମୋର ଗଣିଗତନ । ମାସେ ନୁହେଁ କି ବର୍ଷେ ନୁହେଁ, ଗଣି ଗଣି ଦଶବର୍ଷ ହେଲା ମୁଁ ତା’ରି ଫେରିବା ବାଟକୁ ଚାହିଁ ରହିଲି ।”

ମୁଁ ପୁଣିଥରେ ମା’କୁ ରୁଖାଇବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା କଲି—“ମା’ ତୁ ତୁଜାଟାରେ ଗୋଲେଇ ଘାଣ୍ଟି ହୋଇ ଧରି ହେଉଛୁ । ଏଇ ଦେଖ ମା, ସେ ମୋ ଭିତରେ ଅଛି । ତୁ ମୋରି ଭିତରେ ତାକୁ ଦେଖିବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା କର ମା’ । ତା’ର ଅଭାବ ଆଉ ତୋତେ ମୋଟେ ବାଧା ଦେଇ ନାହିଁ ।”

ମାତ୍ର ମା’ ଏକ ଦୀର୍ଘଶ୍ୱାସ ନେଲା । ମୁଁ ଚୁପ୍‌ପାରୁଥିଲି ଯେ ମା’ ଯାହାକୁ ହତାକ ସାରିଛି ସେ ଆଉ ବାସ୍ତୁକିବ ନାହିଁ । କାରଣ ତା’ର ଯାତ୍ରାପଥ ଏମିତି ସେ ସେଇ ପଥରେ କେବଳ ଆଗକୁ ଯିବା ହିଁ ସମ୍ଭବ, ପଛକୁ ଫେରିବା ବିଷୟ କଲନା ସୁଦ୍ଧା କରାଯାଇ ନ ପାରେ ।

ଏବେ ତାକୁ ବାଉଁଶ ପୁରି ତେଲଷ ବର୍ଷ । ତା’ର ନାକତଳେ ନିଶ ଗୁଡ଼ୁଗୁଣ୍ଡି ଅନେକ ଦିନରୁ । ସେ ଦୁନିଆ ବିଷୟରେ ଅନେକ କଥା ଜାଣି ସାରିଲଣି । ତା’ ଆଗରେ ସବୁ ଗୁପ୍ତଜ୍ଞାନର ପୁରୁଳି ପିଟି ସାରିଲଣି ।

॥ ଗଲପୁଷ ॥

ଅଥଚ ମା' ଏ ସବୁ ବୁଝିବା ତ ଦୂରର କଥା, ଶୁଣିବାକୁ ମଧ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ ନୁହେଁ । ମା' କହିଲି—“ତାକୁ ଫେରି ନ ପାଇଲେ ମୋର ମା' ହେବା ବୁଝା । ମୋର ସବୁ ସେହି ସବୁ ଧରଣ ବୁଝା । ତା'ର ବୁଦ୍ଧମୂତ ସବୁକୁ ଚନ୍ଦନ ଭାରି ତାକୁ କେତେ ଆଦର ସତରେ ବଢ଼େଇଥିଲି, ଅଥଚ ଶେଷକୁ ସେ କୁଆଡ଼େ ଚାଲିଗଲା ଯେ ଦଶବର୍ଷ ହେଲା.....”

ମା'ର ଅଖି ଲୁହେଇ ଗଲା । ମାତ୍ର ସେ ଲୁହରେ ପରସ୍ତ ହୋଇଯିବା ପାଇଁ ମୁଁ ତା' କଥା ଶୁଣୁ ନ ଥିଲି । ମୁଁ ପୁଣି ଥରେ ବୁଝାଇବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା କଲି—“ମା' ସେ କୁଆଡ଼େ ହଜିଯାଇ ନାହିଁ କି ପଳାଇ ଯାଇନାହିଁ । ସେ କେବଳ ଚଉଳି ଯାଇଛି । ମା ମୋ ଭିତରେ ତୁ ତାକୁ ଦେଖିବାକୁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା କର ।” ମୁଁ ପୁଣି କହିଲି..... “ଦେଖାରେ ଦର ନ ଲାଗିବା ଯାଏଁ ସମସ୍ତେ ବୁଝା ଭିତରେ

ବାନ୍ଧି ହୋଇଥାଆନ୍ତି ମା, କିନ୍ତୁ ଦେଖାରେ ପର ଲାଗିଲେ କିଏ ବା ଗଛ ତାଳରେ ବସି ରହେ ? ସମସ୍ତେ ଉଡ଼ିବୁଲନ୍ତି । ସ୍ଵାଧୀନ ହୋଇଯାଆନ୍ତି ।”

ମା' ପଚାରିଲି—“ଏହା କିମିତି ସମ୍ଭବ ହେଲା ? ଏକେ ଶାନ୍ତ ସୁତର ପିଲା । ସେ ପୁଣି ମୋ ଭଳି କେମିତି ହୋଇଗଲା ?”

ମୁଁ କହିଲି—“ମୋ ଭଳି ନୁହେଁ ମା, ମୁଁ ଭ ସେ । ସେ ବଦଳି ଯାଇ ମୁଁ ହୋଇଯାଇଛି ।”

ମା' ପଚାରିଲି—“ଏହା କ'ଣ ସମ୍ଭବ ?”

ମୁଁ କହିଲି—“କେବଳ ଏହା ହିଁ ସମ୍ଭବ ମା', ଏହା ହିଁ ତ ସ୍ଵାଭାବିକ । ଏହା ହିଁ ତ ଏକମାତ୍ର ସତ ଶଯ ସମସ୍ତେ ଏମିତି ବଦଳି ଯାଆନ୍ତି ଓ ଗଲପୁତ୍ରମାନେ କେବେ ବାହୁଡ଼ି ନାହିଁ ।”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Following letters were received in past couple of months.

1. '.....We drove from Montreal through most of Canada and the west coast of the U.S. to reach the University of California at Berkeley for my sabbatical year. I would like to convey my family's sincere thanks to the following friends (whom we met on the way) through our news letter if possible. Without their help and hospitality, our trip would not have been so enjoyable.

Mr and Mrs Srikanta Dash, Mr and Mrs. Arjun Purohit (Kingston, Ontario), Mr and Mrs Pratap Patnaik, Mr and Mrs. Ashok Das, Mr and Mrs. Sri Gopal Mohanty, Mr. & Mrs. Gopa Bandhu Mishra, Mr and Mrs Mana Ranjan Pattanayak and Mr. and Mrs. Jnana R. Dash (Toronto, Ont), Mr. Pradipta Kumar Dash (Manitoba), Mr and Mrs. B. Bastia, Mr. Surya Narayan Acharya (Saskatoon), Mr & Mrs Jagannath Prasad Das, Mr and Mrs D.DasMohapatra, Mr and Mrs Ajit Mohanty (Edmonton, Alberta), Mr and Mrs. Rajani Mohanty (Calgary).....'

Sincerely yours,  
Rabi Kanungo, Visiting Prof.  
School of Business Adm.  
350 Barrows Hall,  
Univ. of California,  
Berkeley, CA. 94720

2. 'A half-hour radio program featuring modern Oriya songs will be presented by the New York chapter of the Orissa Society of the Americas on WKCR-FM radio station on September 26, 1976.

The program promises some of the choicest new Oriya songs that have become very popular in Orissa recently.....Please tune in and enjoy the program!

Sincerely,  
Saradindu Mishra, OSANY,  
64-48 Booth Street,  
Rego Park,  
N.Y. 11374.

....Editor: 'Congratulations OSANY and Saradindu Babu for organising this for the third time. Our members in other cosmopolitan centers such as New York, should explore the possibilities of doing similar programs.'

3- Letter From: Satyabrata Shaw,  
Box 82, Rust College,  
Hollysprings, Mississippi, 38635

'.... I will appreciate if you publish the following news from South, in the newsletter.

- I have joined the faculty at Rust College in Holy Springs. I have formed 'Shaw Consulting Corporation' which provides accounting, tax and management services. I shall be appearing in the American Biographical Institution's 1976 edition of 'Notable Americans of the Bicentennial Era'.

- Biswanath Shaw has been appointed as the Director of Institutional Research at Rust College.

- Mahendra Mohanty became Chairman of Biology Dept. at Lemoyne-Owen College at Memphis, Tennessee.

- Rama Chandra Mohanty has been appointed as Professor of Physics at Southern University, Louisiana.

- Bisnu Charan Joshi has been appointed as Asst. Professor of pathology at Meheri Medical College.

- Pratiba Mohanty has joined Mississippi Industrial College as librarian.

We look forward to have the coming newsletter of OSA. ....'

*EDITOR'S Note: The time and effort taken by Mr. Shaw to compile the above information are commendable. Such interest in a broader scale can help make this newsletter very informative and an effective communication-media.*

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF O.S.A. FOR 1976 (From P.K.Samantaray, Treasurer, O.S.A.)

According to our treasurer of Orissa Society of Americas, we have record membership in the year Aug 1975 - Aug 1976. As of the 24th. August, 1976 there were 83 paid members and of course we need much more than that. Also, as seen in the following financial statement, as of 24th. of August, 1976, the Society has a bank balance of \$1,330.62. Details follow.

<u>INCOME</u>	1. BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	-----	\$ 687.27
	2. MEMBERSHIP-COLLECTIONS, THIS YEAR	-----	\$ 1,124.00
	3. INTEREST FROM BANK	-----	\$ 18.90
	4. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.	-----	\$ 20.00
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		TOTAL	\$ 1,850.17
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
	1. OSA ANNUAL MEETING, 1975	-----	\$ 50.00
	2. PRINTING & MAILING COST OF NEWSLETTER ETC.	-----	\$ 464.55
	3. OTHERS.	-----	\$ 5.00
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<u>BALANCE AS OF 24TH. AUG. 1976:</u>	**** \$ 1,330.62		TOTAL \$ ,519.55

\*\*\*\*\* O.S.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION \*\*\*\*\*

As announced in our last newsletter, the annual convention of the Orissa Society of Americas for the year 1976, was held at more than one place, unlike in the past. Many of our friends could not resist the temptation of meeting larger crowds. Hence they preferred driving en masse to places like New Jersey or Nashville instead of meeting locally. In the following, we include brief proceedings from these meetings.

SOUTHERN ZONE O.S.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

The annual convention was held on 5th. September (same day for other centres) at Sycamore Apartments Club House at Nashville, Tennessee. Biswanath Shaw was nominated to chair the meeting by Hiralal Chowdhury (Ohio) and seconded by Mahendra Mohanty (Memphis). After the welcoming address by Bistnu Charan Joshi, the local convenor, a brief discussion followed regarding conventions of previous years by the regional convenor Pramode K. Patnaik, who was the editor of the newsletter before the present editor took office last year. Kula Chandra Mishra (Knoxville) read the message from O.S.A. president Amiya Patnaik. Constitutional amendments were proposed by Digambar Mishra (Alabama). Radhakanta Mishra, also a local convenor presented the financial report, as compiled by the Treasurer of O.S.A.. Future plans for the southern region were discussed next and finally Biswanath Shaw gave his president's remarks.

These constitutional amendments were passed as requested by O.S.A. president.

1. *The office holders should stay in office for two consecutive years.*
2. *Both, husband and wife should carry one vote each in all O.S.A. elections.*
3. *Anyone aged 18 or above shall have the voting right.*
4. *One 18 year old youth or a second generation (18 years or above) should be included in the executive committee of O.S.A..*
5. *The Convention authorized the O.S.A. Executive Committee to make necessary changes in the purpose and objectives of the association as it best serves the interest of Oriyas. As regards the change in the name of the association, the convention strongly felt that any change in the name with exception of 'Oriyas', 'Orissa' or 'Utkal', will be acceptable. This means that name change will be acceptable as long as the name include some words to clearly indicate that the association belongs to Oriyas-*
6. *Regardless of membership, every Oriya should have a voting right.*

Following points were discussed at an individual or group level.

1. Maiden name of spouse should be included in the Biodata sheet for proper identification and location of a classmate or childhood friend.
2. A charter flight should be arranged by O.S.A. to go to India.
3. Radhakanta Mishra and Pramode Patnaik were appointed as joint convenors for arranging next year's convention for southern region.
4. A verbal invitation from Nilakantha Biswal to hold next year's convention at Houston, Texas was favourably received. Convenors will decide on this.
5. The O.S.A. Newsletter should include Indian cooking information.
6. Election procedure for O.S.A. should be simplified. The organization should not be a political one, and religious group meetings should be held in cities.

After the tedium of shop-talk, followed a well-arranged entertainment program.

SOUTHERN ZONE ANNUAL CONVENTION (Contd.)

In the entertainment program, first a wellknown song 'Ahe Nila Salla' was presented by Dolly, Jyostna, Runu and Jolly. Then an elegant group dance was performed by the children, namely Smity, Lisa and Rica. Mahendra Mohanty sang a solo song followed by other solo songs from Jyotsna Mishra, Gita Banerjee. Sumi Mishra, daughter of Radhakanta and Gita Mishra, presented a ballet. Bistnu Joshi, the local convenor recited the lyrical beauty of 'Chakri'. Pramode Kumar Patnaik entertained the audience with his inimitable humour-clad mimicry 'Abhinaya'. By the way, the children's group candle dance was directed by Jolly Mohanty.

Finally, followed the appetising, aromatic food, thanks to the ladies. Mahendra Mohanty thanked everyone, particularly the local convenors and Pramode Patnaik, the regional convenor for their tireless efforts in organising the convention. The present members paid their membership dues to Kula Chandra Mishra, who will forward them to the treasurer of O.S.A..

\*\*\*\*\* Editor's Note:-- Thanks Pramode Babu for sending the above proceeding.

O.S.A. NEW YORK REGION, ANNUAL CONVENTION.. NEW JERSEY

This was called the North Eastern region's annual OSA convention and the site was at Westwood, New Jersey, a very scenic location with a sylvan surrounding. The New York Chapter served as the host. More than 45 families attended this from as far as Washington D.C., Maryland, N.J., Connecticut, Mass and Rhode Island. Surya Mishra and family, all the way from Chicago came and so did Sudhansu Mohanty from Athens, Georgia. Another notable attendee was B.N. Tiwari from New Guinea, South America.

Pres., O.S.A. Amiya Patnaik presided the meeting. Ram Saran Sahoo, president of OSANY delivered his welcome address to all the friends to have come all the way from various places. Then the president summarized on the various activities of the organisation in the past year. (summary: *...the annual convention was only taking place at two places instead of more as proposed in the past. But this is the beginning and with more interest, it can happen in a number of places in future.*)

*Achievements:--No real big achievement to claim due to our inherent problems of size and the scattering nature of our membership. But here are the things that were done last year.*

1. More communication and feedback from members via questionnaire.
2. More meetings of executive committee members despite distance.
3. More members have paid their dues (more than 80) than ever before.
4. Three issues of the newsletter were published & were better in readability.
5. Addresses of members were stored in a computer and directory was mailed to each member.
6. An up to date financial status reported to all members of O.S.A.

*Our office bearers have contributed to the achievements and my thanks to all. Following 'lacks' need to be highlighted. 1. Lack of enough spare time of the members. 2. Lack of proper functional organization and 3. most importantly, lack of complete support and active co-operation from all the members. He asked OSA members to address these concerns and find solutions for the betterment of our organization.)*

After this, the president presented the financial report as published elsewhere here.



NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONVENTION (CONTD)

Then the meeting started and following decisions were made by majority vote.

1. Extending the period of office to 2 years.
2. Extending the eligibility for voting to the spouses and youths above 18
3. Including a youth (2nd generation or above 18 years age) in the executive committee of O.S.A.
4. Authorizing the president and the executive committee to take steps to obtain the tax-deductible status and if a change in name becomes essential, then choosing such a name clearly showing that the name relates to Orissa.
5. The meeting suggested to the President and the present executive committee members to formulate a procedure to replace members in mid-term.
6. Voting rights to be extended to all Oriyas who were or who are members of the society in the last five years.
7. Operating a fixed deposit account for the life-membership dues.

Following members were selected to send address changes to Rabi Ray (New York) and important news items for the newsletter to the editor.

1. O.S.A. (New York) - The secretary and treasurer of OSANY. 2. Shantilata Mishra of Albany, 3. Dilip Satpathy of Maryland (covering Washington D.C. area), 4. Prasanna Samantaray from New England area.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all members and particularly to those who helped prepare the great food that followed immediately.

Ladies did a great job in preparing the elaborate food stuff, very appetising and exquisitely aromatic, thanks to Kabita Patnaik and Menaka Subudhi for doing such a wonderful co-ordinating affair.

As the group settled down after dinner, started an entertainment program. Pratap Das, Aruna Das, Ashok Mishra, Ashok Das, Surendra Ray, Amit Roy, Lata Mishra, Trupti Das and Kabita Patnaik presented both solo and group songs. Then, Mami, Mana, Mita, Nita and Fenu sang Oriya songs, although it had to be written in 4 different languages. Kabita Patnaik directed this one. Surya Mishra presented some comedy to the amusements of the audience. Overall, the program was very enjoyable. Finally everyone sang the national anthem of India before calling quits.

\*\*\*\*\* Editor's Note -- Thanks to Amiya Babu for compiling the above information.

POT POURRI

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- In a recent issue of India Abroad, it has been published that we will be recognised as a minority group in U.S.A. with effect from Jan, 77.

- Pratap K. Das has organised a musical group called 'Apsara' based in Maryland.

This group comprises of Indian as well as American musicians and they are getting popular in the Washington area. Any interested parties may contact him on this score.

- Mr. Bramhananda Panda from Ganjam and a member of the Indian Parliament is a member of the Indian mission to the U.N. general body meeting. He is in the subcommittee dealing with the Farakka dispute. President Amiya Patnaik would make efforts to acquaint Mr. Panda with the O.S.A. during his short stay in New York.

- Send your bio-data information (if you have not done so yet) to President, OSA so that the compilation process can start. Also remind a friend at the same time.

- While browsing through a book store, grab a copy of a new book titled 'Freedom at midnight', available in paperback for 2.90 now. This book is an interesting narrative of the last days of the British Raj in India.

- Rabindra Nath Patnaik has been awarded the National Research Service award by the National Cancer Institute of the U.S.. Rabi Babu has been closely associated with O.S.A. from the very beginning. He does research work on carcinogenesis in the Sinai Hospital at Baltimore, affiliated to the John Hopkins University Medical School.  
Our congrats for the achievement !!

### THE WILD WEST (U.S.A.)

As promised in the last newsletter, we will again take you on a mental trip to the west coast and introduce to you our Oriya friends there.

Starting from the state of Washington, let us move south. Just before entering Oregon, let us stop at Vancouver(U.S.) and meet Prakash Mishra, an engineer in the paper and pulp industry. He moved here from Kalamazoo, Mich coupla years ago.

While heading south in the state of Oregon, let us meet Prasanna Pati and his wife Norma at Salem. Many of us have already met him in the Oscar-winner movie 'One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest'. He did a bit role of a psychiatrist in the hospital where he actually works.

Into the beautiful state of California. At San Fransisco, let us meet Akhila Gantayat and wife Bijoya. Akhila Babu was a student at Berkeley and he works in S.F. area. Raj Kishore Mishra, a Ph.D. student at U. of C. at Berkeley can show you around that famous university town and the campus located on a picturesque promontory. Do'nt forget to meet our visiting professors from Canada, Rabi Kanungo and Arta Dash. If you would like to hear a mellifluous voice singing songs in a few languages other than Oriya, then you must meet Deba Ranjan (Sanu) Mohanty at San Fransisco. He moved from Ann Arbor, Mich two years ago.

Going south we reach Sunnyvale and San Jose area. Here let us meet Madan Biswal and wife. Rest assured that these two will be just fantastic hosts if you bump into them. Also we shall meet Sarat Mishro. and family at San Jose. Sarat Babu is a metallurgist there. At Los Altos, we can meet Somnath Dash and Nirmala Dash in their beautiful new home.

Now we have reached the suburbs of Los Angeles, the famous city of Angels as they call it. Here, we meet Saroj Behera and Suniti at their new home at Torrance. Saroj Babu was in Ottawa before moving to L.A. and he could not have asked for more in terms of weather. Surya Patnaik and Anjali live in the UCLA campus area very near Hollywood. Babru Bahan Samal, a student of microbiology at U. of Southern California can show you that part of the city. Let us meet Kirtan Behera and family in their lovely home at Lomita. Kirtan Babu is an old-timer in the L.A. area.

Further south, we can head all the way to San Diego and meet Purna Patnaik. This has been quite a long way upto now. But we did meet all these friends. Did'nt we ?

Where Next??? --South(Ala, Tenn, Tex).

### O.S.A., NEW YORK..ACTIVITIES

- New Year celebration of OSANY was held at Westwood, N.J. on Jan 3rd. 1976. A very distinguished visitor from Orissa Sri Mintu Maharaj gave a very enlightening talk. Also Ratilekha Das performed Odisi dance.

- June, 1976.. a summer picnic was held at Bear Mountain State Park, N.Y. The picnic was well attended and Dr. Sadasiv Mishra, ex-vice chancellor of Utkal University was the distinguished guest.

- September, 1976.. a summer camp was organised at Belleplain State Forest, Woodbine, N.J. Members and their families stayed overnight and the following day. A song competition added to the fun. Also on Oct 16th, Kumar Utsava was celebrated. OSANY office bearers elected are: Rama Saran Sahoo(Pres), Vice-Presidents: Kabita Patnaik, Menaka Subudhi, Shaila Panigrahi and Saradindu Mishra and Secretary & Treasurer: K.C. Dwivedy.

SAV GOOD-BYE TO THEM

- SUNIL KUMAR SARANGI, has returned to India after staying in U.S.A. for almost 6 years. He completed his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering at the State University of New York at Stonybrook and worked at the Jet Propulsion Lab at Pasadena for 2 years. He has joined the Tata Institute For Fundamental Research at Bombay as a research fellow.
- NIRANJAN MISHRA has returned to India after spending 3 years in the U.S. at the U. of South Dakota, Rapid City and at the University of Texas at Austin. He has joined the faculty at Regional Eng. College at Rourkela from where he came on study leave.
- KAPILA BARIK has gone back to Regional Eng. College at Rourkela after spending a year at the Clemeson University in the U.S.

MEET OUR VISITORS FROM ORISSA

- PADMANABH MISHRA accompanied with his wife visited the U.S. and Canada during the months of June to September. They stayed with their son Prafulla Mishra and daughter-in-law Dharitri Mishra at College Park, Maryland.
- ANANG PATNAIK from Cuttack visited the U.S. on behalf of the Rotary Club.
- BIPIN BIHARI MISHRA from A.C.C. Vickers, Durgapur visited U.S.A. and Canada on behalf of the Rotary Club during the months of May to July.
- RAGHUNATH PANDA accompanied with his wife (from Berhampur, Orissa) are visiting U.S.A. and Canada. They have two daughters and a grand-daughter in the U.S..
- LALIT MOHAN DAS and wife visited the U.S. during summer from Rourkela, Orissa. Their son-in-law Purna Patnaik lives in San Diego, California.

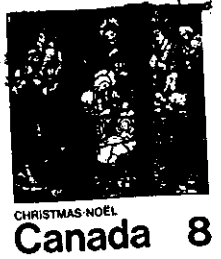
\*\*\*\* The O.S.A. welcomes all the newcomers to this continent as well as visitors and wishes good luck and happiness for those who have returned.\*\*\*\*

CONGRATS..NEW PARENTS !!

- Kirtan Behera and Mrs. Behera for having a daughter. (Los Angeles)
- Pusparaj and Srilekha Kanungo ----- newborn son 'SRIRAJ'. (St. Louis)
- Srikant and Jyotsna Das Adhikary ----- newborn son Srikant Jr. (Kingston, Ontario)
- Prabhat and Lynda Kar ----- daughter 'ANITA'. (Toronto, Ontario)
- Nityanand and Nihar Mishra ---- daughter 'BINITA'. (Boston)
- Pratap and Purnima Patnaik ---- daughter 'LORINA' (Toronto)
- Krushna Chandra Sahu & Mrs. Sahu ---- daughter 'MANI' (Tennessee)
- Shiba N. Panda and Mrs. Panda ---- daughter 'SHEILA' (Indianapolis)

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