



Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare

His Excellency the Governor of Odisha

MESSAGE

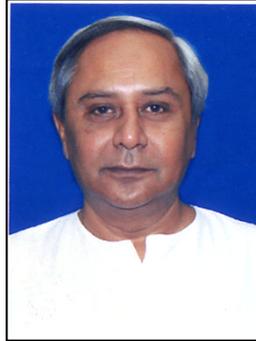
I am glad to know that the Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Odisha is bringing out the **Odisha Reference Annual-2011**.

I have seen some previous editions of this valuable publication which I have found to be useful. Each year's Reference Annual is a collector's item. Students, academicians and researchers will immensely benefit from it. Steps should be taken to supply it to libraries across Odisha. More and more new information should find place in it.

I send my best wishes to the Editors.

I wish the publication all success.

(Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare)



Shri Naveen Patnaik
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that **Odisha Reference Annual-2011** is being brought out by Information & Public Relations Department.

Odisha is a unique State in the east coast of India with its distinctive features. Its history, geography, flora and fauna, culture, art, architecture—everything is matchless. The last decade has been decade of change for Odisha with formidable growth in several sectors. In today's scenario, information on Odisha assumes greater significance. I believe the publication of Odisha Reference Annual 2011 will achieve its desired objective.

I wish the publication great success.

(Naveen Patnaik)



Shri Surjya Narayan Patro
Minister, Revenue & Disaster Management,
Information & Public Relations, Odisha

MESSAGE

I am glad to learn that the Information & Public Relations Department like previous years is bringing out Odisha Reference Annual for the year 2011.

We are living in an age of information so information about the State assumes greater significance. This book will be very useful for research scholars, academicians and job seekers.

I wish the endeavour all success.

(Surjya Narayan Patro)



Shri Bijay Kumar Patnaik, I.A.S.
Chief Secretary
Government of Odisha

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that Information & Public Relations Department is bringing out **Odisha Reference Annual-2011** as a common reference material of the State for dissemination of information among people. Information is power and an informed citizenry is eternal strength of a democracy. Odisha with its wildlife reserves, lovely virgin beaches, archaeological monuments, colourful festivals, vast mineral treasures and immense industrial potentialities has established its identity in international arena. Consistent annual growth rate, remarkable reduction in poverty and increase in quality of life over last decade has made World to take note of Odisha's multi-dimensional splendour and varied possibilities. The enabling Governmental policies are in place. Government is on its venture to empower human resource with new skills and abilities to catch emerging opportunities and drive forward the vehicles of development. I hope, the designers of Odisha Reference Annual-2011 will make sincere efforts to compile the whole gamut of systematic interventions made in the fields of Livelihood, Agriculture, Health, Education, Natural Resource Management, Industry, Infrastructure, General Welfare and Social Security so as to inform people about the policies and opportunities available for them.

I extend my compliments to the contributors and Editorial Board for their efforts to bring out the volume and wish the publication all success.

(B.K. Patnaik)



Shri Nikunja K. Sundaray, I.A.S.
Principal Secretary to Govt.
Information & Public Relations Department
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that “**Odisha Reference Annual**” is being published this year with updated information.

We live in an information age. Flow of information is vital in the era of globalization and liberalization. Accurate and authentic information is the life blood of a democracy. The usefulness of “**Odisha Reference Annual**”, therefore, needs to be appreciated considering its volume and variety of content.

While acknowledging this effort, I greet all my team members involved in the process of publication.

(Nikunja K. Sundaray)



**Shri Baishnab Prasad Mohanty,
Director
Information & Public Relations Department
Odisha, Bhubaneswar**

MESSAGE

I am delighted to know that the new edition of "**Odisha Reference Annual**" is being brought out.

Amidst all forms of Mass Communication, the efficacy of Print Media is paramount. Apart from presenting vital information, it has the ability to cast indelible imprints in the minds of the readers. Despite technological advancement, Print Media continues to have its importance among the users. The responsibility of content creator of a publication is, therefore, enormous. I trust that my colleagues have put best of their efforts in making such an important publication a reality.

While congratulating all of them, I wish the publication of "**Odisha Reference Annual**" all success.

(Baishnab Prasad Mohanty)