



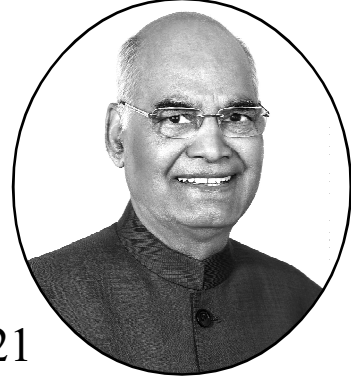
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Message of

Shri Ram Nath Kovind

President of India

On the Occasion of Odisha Day - 2021



I am happy to learn that the Government of Odisha is celebrating Odisha Day or 'Utkala Dibasa' on 1st April, 2021.

Odisha Day is celebrated to commemorate the foundation day of the then State of Orissa carved out as a separate state on April 1, 1936. Odisha in fact symbolises excellence in architecture, music, dance, religion and philosophy since ancient times. The rich cultural heritage combined with the natural beauty in the form of long coastline, lush green mountains and mangroves give the state a distinct identity among other states in India. I am sure that the people and the Government of Odisha will strive to make the State an example of inclusive growth in the country.

I extend my warm greetings to the people of Odisha and wish the celebrations every success.

New Delhi

March 25, 2021.

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(**Ram Nath Kovind**)



Message of

Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

On the Occasion of Odisha Day - 2021



It is a pleasure to learn about Odisha Day being celebrated on the first of April 2021. Best wishes to my sisters and brothers of Odisha on Utkala Dibasa.

The state is blessed with nature's bountiful resources, thriving biodiversity and rich cultural and spiritual heritage. During its journey over eight decades, the state has been witness to many momentous changes.

Our government has been steadfast in its efforts towards all-round development of Odisha. Following the mantra of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas', comprehensive measures have been taken with the resolution of developing every corner and every person of Odisha.

The kind and industrious people of Odisha are constantly strengthening the nation's resolve to create a strong and Aatmanirbhar Bharat. May the occasion inspire everyone to work tirelessly to ensure that Odisha's development attains new heights.

Utkala Dibasa greetings once again to the people of Odisha. May the celebrations be a resounding success.

New Delhi

25 March, 2021.



(Narendra Modi)



Message of
Hon'ble Governor of Odisha
Prof. Ganeshi Lal



On the Occasion of Odisha Day - 2021

Dear sisters and brothers,

On the Odisha Day-2021, I convey my warm greetings to all of you. On this day in 1936, Odisha was formed as a separate province on linguistic basis. The relentless struggle rendered by the Eminent Sons and Daughters of our soil like Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Narayan Deb, Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanjdeo, Byasakabi Fakirmohan Senapati, Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das, Bhaktakabi Madhusudan Rao, Karmaveera Gourishankar Ray, Swabhab Kabi Gangadhar Meher, Kabibara Radhanath Ray and many more dedicated personalities whose selfless sacrifice will be forever cherished by generations to come.

On this memorable day, we offer our humble tributes to them for giving us this unique identity of being the first State to be formed on linguistic basis in the entire country.

The movement for the amalgamation of the scattered Odia-speaking tracts began in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Utkal Sammilani formed in the year 1903 by Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das strived hard for the unification of the Odia speaking tracts. The historic gathering of the Utkal Sammilani which met amidst unprecedented enthusiasm and spearheaded the Odia movement till the formation of a separate province on 1st April 1936 will forever be a memorable chapter in the annals of history. Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das

was the moving spirit behind Utkal Sammilani. Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Narayan Deb, the then Maharaja of Paralakhemundi, was a delegate to the First Round Table Conference and he had presented a memorandum to the British authorities for the creation of a separate Odisha province.

The glorious tradition of this land has immensely influenced the growth of the Indian civilization. Odisha is a saga of the spirit of tolerance, brotherhood and peaceful co-existence based on secular ideals. Odisha was in the forefront of India's struggle for Independence pursuing the path of "peace and non-violence".

Odisha's ancient art and sculptures, temple architecture, scriptures, classical Odissi dance and Odissi music, intricate applique works, filigree handicrafts, ornate handiworks, paintings and temple monuments, palm leaf manuscripts, pattachitras, skilfully designed exquisite textiles and handloom fabrics all speak volumes of the uniqueness of this land. Odisha possesses a magnificent heritage and an exquisite cultural tradition that speak of its glorious trade, commerce and maritime activities with distant countries. Our spiritual and ethical journey through time has been an unparalleled story of harmony and homogeneity coupled with positivity.

Our Government is committed to protect, promote and preserve this unique cultural legacy of Odisha and is spearheading all efforts to enrich and uphold the great tradition of our language and literature. State Government has taken numerous initiatives for promotion, research and enrichment of Odia language, literature and culture.

The States' proactive measures in successfully combating the spread of COVID pandemic, saving lives, minimizing deaths and curing record number of persons from COVID-19 been appreciated world over. The State Government's successful implementation of the mass vaccination drive now has also been very effective. Vaccine has successfully been administered to health workers, elderly citizen and frontline workers in Odisha. In spite of the pandemic, Odisha has been able to attract new investment proposals worth 1.25 Lakh

crores and the State has now become one of the leading “Investment destinations” of the Country.

With technology interventions, 5 ‘T’ initiatives of the State have now resulted in the timely delivery of public services in the most efficient manner to the public. All the Government departments have been brought under ‘Mo-Sarkar’, for improving governance measures through citizens’ feedback thereby maintaining transparency, accountability and effectiveness in the service delivery mechanism.

Odisha is a role model in Women Empowerment, entrepreneurship and leadership. 80 Lakh women have been brought under the Mission Shakti fold and have been empowered socially and economically.

Along with ‘Mo School’ Campaign, the State with the intention of connecting the Odia alumni globally to their alma-maters in Odisha, has recently launched “Mo-College” campaign. This mission will provide a platform for Odia Alumni across the globe to be a collaborative force in rebuilding their own institutions back home and give back in the most effective manner to the upcoming generation of students pursuing their future goals.

Transformation initiatives are underway for world heritage pilgrimage sites like Puri Srimandir, Lingaraj Temple and Konark Temple. Development work of Maa Samaleswari Temple at Sambalpur has also been taken up. Odisha is a leading State in ensuring universal coverage of piped water supply in the urban areas of the State. The State has achieved success in constructing record number of houses for the poor through a robust monitoring mechanism, provision of incentives to beneficiaries and by maintaining transparency in the process of construction.

Transformation of SCB Medical College, Cuttack into an AIIMS Plus institution, coupled with the Government’s resolve to provide quality healthcare infrastructure to all its citizen has resulted in achieving ISO-9001-2015 certification for another 21 Government Hospitals in Odisha. The State Government is committed to transform Odisha

into a World Class Sports destination. India's largest Hockey Stadium will come up soon at Rourkela and 2023 FIH Men's World Cup Hockey is to be hosted by Odisha at Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

The integration of our glorious past with the present endeavours of development, transformation and empowerment imperatives differentiates us distinctively from others. Our culture, tradition and heritage have always been a motivating force of our systematic growth.

Let us resolve on this day to preserve, uphold and cherish this glorious tradition that bears the testimony of the selfless sacrifice and dedication of our great ancestors. Let us rededicate ourselves in our efforts to build a new Odisha with the next level transformation initiatives.

Bande Utkal Janani.



Message of
Shri Naveen Patnaik
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha
on the Occasion of Celebration of
Odisha Day 2021



Today is the auspicious Odisha Day. On this occasion, I extend my best wishes to all the Odia brothers and sisters residing in Odisha as well as those staying abroad.

The dream of formation of a separate Odisha province turned into reality owing to the supreme sacrifice and struggle of great luminaries like Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das, Parla Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati, Khallikote Raja Bahadur Ramachandra Mardaraj Deo, Pandit Godabarish Mishra, Fakir Mohan Senapati and Gangadhar Meher. On this occasion, I pay my homage to the great personalities. I also express my reverence towards those who have enriched Odia language, literature, dance, music and art.

The great sons and daughters of this soil had dreamt many things for our Odia race. They were determined that Odisha will have a distinct identity in the field of development and shall also safeguard the Odia language, literature and culture.

During that time Odisha had paved the way for the entire country for formation of the State on linguistic basis. Today also, we have become a model for the whole country being frontrunner in many spheres. Today we have proved ourselves as a model state in the country in various fields like women empowerment, disaster management, international Athletics Management and welfare measures for the poor. Today the reputation earned by Odia people in various fields has made us proud. The development index of the State is at higher level in comparison to the national level. We are self-dependent in agricultural production and also provide our surplus food grains to the granary of the country. Odisha is able to place itself at a better position in the entire country in the field of capital investment. We have experienced

visible development in the fields of education, health services and infrastructure. The implementation of programmes like 5 'T' and 'Mo Sarkar' for making the administration efficient, transparent and accountable has been fruitful in transforming Odisha to a responsive as well as model State in the country.

My Government is persistently making efforts for the development of Odisha. But the characteristic of the development should not only be based on Governmental approach. Now, the general public are not only the consumers; they are also the part of the development process. We have to convert the process of development into a mass movement for our actual progress. I wish for the participation of our people in all the development processes. Our programmes like 'Mo School' and 'Mo College' have become a successful model in this direction. Today, 5 lakh alumni of our State have come forward for extending cooperation for the development of their schools. This is not a small achievement. If we work in this spirit, Odisha will be at the forefront of all pro-people activities.

In 2036, we will celebrate completion of 100 years of formation of a separate State Odisha. It should be our aim that 2036, our State Odisha shall be transformed into a developed as well as a model state in every sphere in the entire country and the world as well. Hence, we have to march ahead with world class ideas and thoughts in every sphere. As a result, our dream for a new Odisha as well as an empowered Odisha will become a reality.

We all are passing through an unprecedented situation for the last 2 years. With cooperation of all of you, we have successfully combated the COVID-19 Pandemic till now. But at present, it seems there is a 2nd wave of spread of Corona virus. Therefore, I request all of you to abide by the mandatory restrictions to contain the spread of Corona. Till today, we have been successful in combating the dreadful virus. I firmly believe, in the near future we will come out successful in containing the spread of Corona virus.

Bande Utkal Janani.



Message of
Shri Raghunandan Das,
Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources,
Information & Public Relations
on the Occasion of Odisha Divas - 2021



Dear brothers and sisters,

I convey my heartfelt greetings to all of you on the auspicious occasion of Odisha Day-2021.

1st April-1936 is an important chapter in the history of Odisha. On this day Odisha got its identity as a separate State on linguistic basis.

Our forefathers like Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das, Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Narayan Deb, Maharaja Sriramchandra Bhanjadeo, Raja Harihar Mardaraj, Byasakabi Fakirmohan Senapati, Swabhaba Kabi Gangadhar Meher, Kabibar Radhanath Ray, Karmaveer Gourishankar Ray, Pandit Nilakantha Das, Pandit Godabarish Mishra, Acharya Harihar Das and many more who have dedicated their lives for formation of a separate State Odisha on linguistic basis will be remembered forever for their supreme sacrifice, dedication, perseverance and nationalism.

The historic pride and glory of Odisha has always been memorable and inspirational. Odisha is the land of "Sarba Dharma Samanwaya".

Odia people were always known for their bravery since bygone days. Once, the geographical boundary of Odisha, the erstwhile Kalinga was spread from the Ganges to the Godavari. The intricate art work of our Odia sculpture and the maritime glory enriched Odisha. Our Presiding deity Mahaprabhu Sri Jagannath has inspired all religions. Our lush green forests, hills, rivers, temples, tourism potentials, vast mineral resources and long stretch of golden beach and coastline have created a separate identity for all of us. Odissi Dance and music, handlooms and filigree work has stunned the entire World. The contribution of Odisha to the socio-cultural and economic stream has been acknowledged by all.

During the struggle for formation of a separate Odisha province, our forefathers have faced two challenges i.e identity on the basis of language and allround development of the State. Today after eight decades of formation of separate Odisha State, our self identity has been strengthened considerably. There has been massive scale of development in our State in multiple sectors.

Natural disaster is common to Odisha. Our efficiency to mitigate this has gained us international recognition. With the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, our preparedness and with the cooperation of the people of Odisha, we have been able to manage and face the unprecedented COVID-19 challenges successfully. The steps taken by the State Government for COVID vaccination has been praiseworthy. But the effect of Corona virus has not withered away. It is, therefore, my appeal to everyone to continue to strictly adhere to COVID protocols, guidelines and advisories of the State Government such as wearing of mask and maintaining social distance etc.

It is a matter of assurance for all of us that inspite of COVID pandemic, the financial status of our State is better in comparison to other States. Odisha has been able to become a major investment hub in the entire Country. The State is focussing on different development

sectors like Health Services, Agriculture, Education, Irrigation, Industries, Women Empowerment, Sports and Social Security and many more. The State government has prioritized on preservation and development of heritage and tourism sites. Availability of best facilities at cultural heritage sites and tourist spots will not only ensure in attracting large number of pilgrims and tourists but will also enrich our culture and strengthen our economy. Our efficient, capable and skilful human resources "Skilled in Odisha" brand, has been acknowledged all over the World. For development in every sector, priority on infrastructural development has ushered in new hopes.

Satyabadi Bakula Bana Bidyalaya was an ideal institution in the field of education once upon a time. Three years ago, there was a remarkable decision taken by our honourable Chief Minister to set up an Odia University and to realise this dream, the design of the University has been approved recently. This will definitely help in the enrichment of our Odia language and will also be a befitting tribute to our Panchasakhas of Bakula Bana Bidyalaya for their immense contribution to our Odia language and Culture.

Recently we have celebrated the 105th Birth Anniversary of Legendary Leader Biju Patnaik. The contribution of Biju Babu for the Freedom Struggle as well as for the development of our State, his dreams and vision for progress of Odisha will forever inspire generations. Based on his ideology and thought, Hon'ble Chief Minister has prioritized welfare of the common people keeping them in the forefront and has taken steps one by one to take our State to new heights for achieving inclusive growth which has become praiseworthy.

Similarly, this year we are celebrating the centenary year of the first visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhiji had his first visit to Odisha On 23rd March, 1921. From 1921 to 1946 he had visited Odisha eight times. He had deep love

and compassion for Odisha. Gandhiji was committed towards the self respect and interest of the Odia people. Odisha was his laboratory of experiment in connection with the formation of an Independent India. Today on the eve of 85th year of formation of Odisha as Separate State and on the eve of 100th year of Gandhiji's first visit to Odisha, we pay our deep tribute to this eminent personality.

I appeal everyone to work unitedly in strengthening our solidarity and in transforming our State into a more vibrant Odisha in the coming days to fulfill the dream of the great sons of our soil.

Bande Utkal Janani.