

## EDITORIAL



Glorious past mingled with rich heritage undoubtedly provide impetus for recording heroic happenings rightly termed as momentous. Emerging Orissa, certainly inspired by the spectacular deeds of Kharavela seeks to create history in each aspect of human life, all glittered and eventful. While offering sincere tributes to those great personalities who conceptualised the making of modern Orissa, the state is now forging ahead to strengthen its capacity building exercises. Orissa in the 21st century has developed a work culture where economic progress holds the key. In its venture to improve the standard of life, the state is rigorously pursuing successful implementation of development programmes through appropriate policy framework and effective delivery mechanism. Time-bound execution of work has a propelling effect to shift the focus from maximising quality of development to perceptible development outcomes and effectiveness of public service. Apart from augmenting revenue generation ability it will help in changing the perception of investors and donor agencies about the positive investment climate in the state. Present-day's Orissa bears the marks of determined efforts in the State with an effective tool to decentralise authority, insulate administration from influence of any sort and strengthen accountability for better performance. Observable indicators have already revealed some encouraging trends in many important social sectors heralding a phase of stability and sustainable development. With an objective to disseminate these information Orissa Review has made humble attempt to draw a link from past to present. Readers may find these interesting.

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