



Message of

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Hon'ble President of India

On the Occasion of Orissa Day - 2005



I am happy to learn that the Government of Orissa is celebrating 'Orissa Day' on 1st April.

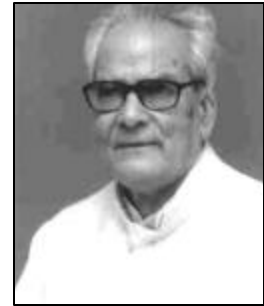
On this important Day, the people, administrators and intellectuals of the state should review the state's economic development so far while setting out an action plan for the future for Orissa's progress. Orissa must leverage its vast forest, mineral and water resources to move ahead in its quest for raising living standards and bringing progress in economic and social sectors.

On this occasion, I extend my greetings to the people of Orissa for their onward progress and prosperity and wish the Celebrations for all success.

(A.P. J. Abdul Kalam)

New Delhi

March 29, 2005



Message of
Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat
Hon'ble Vice-President of India
On the Occasion of Orissa Day - 2005

I am glad to know that 'Orissa Day' is being celebrated on 1st April to mark its formation as a separate State. My greetings and good wishes to the people of Orissa on this historic occasion.

The State of Orissa, since its formation in 1936, has made remarkable progress in varied spheres of people's welfare and contributed towards the promotion of its glorious heritage of language, literature, culture and arts. Endowed with abundant natural resources and creative human minds, Orissa is on the path of economic resurgence. I have no doubt that the State of Orissa, in the years ahead, will continue to make all-round progress and emerge as a front ranking state in the country.

On this auspicious occasion, I send my best wishes to the Government and people of Orissa and wish the celebrations all success.

New Delhi
21st March 2005.

(Bhairon Singh Shekhawat)



Message of
Dr. Manmohan Singh
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
On the Occasion of Orissa Day - 2005

Orissa has the distinction of being one of the earliest States to have been formed on the basis of language. Its role in leading the rest of the country in integrating the princely states has been glowingly acknowledged by none less than Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The vision and leadership of Utkalamani Gopabandhu Dash, Madhusudan Das, Nabakrushna Choudhury, Biju Patnaik and Rama Devi and host of other stalwarts have significantly contributed to the formation of modern Orissa. The rich cultural and artistic heritage of the State are also admired the world over. The progress achieved by the State in several other important fields amply testifies to the dedication and commitment of its people to make it one of the leading States of our country.

On the occasion of Orissa's Foundation Day, I greet the people of the State, and all those associated with its governance. I send my good wishes for the ongoing endeavours to make Orissa a modern and progressive State.

(Manmohan Singh)

New Delhi

March 26, 2005



Message of
Shri Rameshwar Thakur
His Excellency
The Governor of Orissa
On the Occasion of Utkal Divas
On 1st of April, 2005

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is a proud privilege for me to address you on this historic and significant day. I have great pleasure in extending my warm greetings and best wishes to you all.

It is on this auspicious day of 1st of April in the year 1936 that Orissa was born with a distinct identity of its own. With the merger of all princely states including Mayurbhanja, the State took its present shape in 1949. The relentless efforts put by many great men and women of this sacred soil in their struggle for bringing together all scattered areas of Oriya speaking people continue to inspire us. We fondly remember the contributions made by architects of modern Orissa like Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Narayan Deo, Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanjadeo, Vyasa Kabi Fakir Mohan Senapati, Swabhav Kavi Gangadhar Meher, Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das and many others on this auspicious occasion.

Orissa is the land of many splendours having a glorious past and rich cultural heritage. Orissa's maritime relation with South-East Asia in the past has been inscribed in golden letters in history. Orissa's sea-faring merchants sailed across the seas to the distant lands of Java, Sumatra, Borneo and Bali as early as the 4th and 5th century B.C. The contact with the people of these distant lands not only brought wealth and prosperity, but also helped to spread our culture in those countries. Emperor Kharavela's era is marked by conquests of vast territories and great artistic glory. The Inscription of Hati Gumpah provides information that the Kingdom of Kalinga reached the zenith of its glory. With the successive arrivals of Muslims, Moghuls, Marathas and British, the land of Orissa was turned to be a repository of varied experiences that culminated in the spirit of tolerance, universal brotherhood and peaceful co-existence based on secular credentials.

Orissa now forges ahead in strengthening its economic power, harnessing its vast natural and mineral resources. In the process of ensuring the economic progress of the people, the State Government have succeeded in creating an investor-friendly climate. More than 25 MOUs have been signed with reputed companies to set up mineral based industries. IT majors like WIPRO & TCS have come forward

to create new ICT facilities which will generate employment opportunities and give a boost to local economy.

Development schemes for the people are accorded top priority by the Government to improve the standard of living of the common man. In making provisions of Indira Awas Yojana houses for poor, empowering women folk through Self-Help Groups, ensuring labour intensive programme in implementing Food For Work Programme, taking care of old and distressed through Antyodaya Anna Yojana, improving the conditions of farmers through Biju Krushak Yojana and Pani Panchayat, laying emphasis on Integrated Women and Child Development Programme, focusing on the development of ST & SC and weaker sections and applying technology for better service delivery, the Government have never looked back since the gloomy days of Super Cyclone in 1999. The State has strengthened its machinery to face any unforeseen natural calamity.

Orissa has traversed a long course in history, preserving its glorious heritage in language, literature, art and culture. It is moving fast on the path of economic resurgence, making significant headway in critical sectors of the economy. With rich natural resources and creative genius of its people, Orissa is sure to emerge as a leading state contributing considerably to the nation's progress.

I call upon all my sisters and brothers of Orissa to come forward and participate in these efforts. I once again felicitate the people of the state on this auspicious occasion.

Vande Utkal Janani

Jai Hind



Message of
Shri Naveen Patnaik
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Orissa
On the Occasion of Utkal Divas - 2005

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I extend my greetings and best wishes to you all on the auspicious occasion of Utkal Divas.

1st of April is a glorious Day for all of us. The separate State of Orissa was formed on this day. I offer my sincere tributes to those great sons of Mother Utkal, who exhibited their courage, sacrifice and patriotism to form a separate State. We also revere those who have made substantial contribution to Oriya language, literature and culture.

The history and tradition of Orissa are quite rich. The Oriya *Sadhabas* made the Ancient Land of Orissa prosperous by their overseas trade and commerce. The Oriya architects and sculptor had constructed magnificent temples.

The Oriya craftsmen are immensely popular all over the world for different varieties of handicrafts produced by them. The Oriyas have earned distinction in all fields of art, literature, culture, dance and music.

Orissa is endowed with vast resources. We have mineral, forest, water as well as human resources. With these resources we can transform Orissa into a prosperous state.

My Government is consistently implementing programmes for building a new and prosperous Orissa. Initiatives have been taken to set up new industries by harnessing abundant mineral resources. New industries are being set up in steel and aluminium sectors. We are according

priority to the development of Information Technology. It will generate revenue and create job opportunities in the state.

We are laying stress on the development of education, health, irrigation and rural areas. Pani Panchayat and Biju Krushak Yojana launched for the farmers have earned popularity. Mission Shakti Programme initiated for the development of the women has taken the shape of a mass movement. We are emphasizing on development of the rural areas with good roads, potable water facility and supply of power. Programmes are implemented on full swing to augment the income and provide health and education facilities to tribal sisters and brothers. I have always emphasised on the improvements of Farmers, Wage earners, Tribals, people belonging to Scheduled Castes and the poor. To create employment opportunity for the youth of our State, Employment Mission has been launched.

Development of Orissa is my sole aim. Biju Babu, our popular leader had cherished a dream of prosperous Orissa. It is our responsibility and duty to realize that dream. On this august occasion of Utkal Divas, let us all take a pledge to build a prosperous Orissa.

Bande Utkal Janani



Message of
Shri Debasis Nayak
Hon'ble Minister
Information & Public Relations
On the occasion of Utkal Divas - 2005

I convey my heartiest greetings and good wishes to the sisters and brothers of Orissa on the sacred occasion of observance of the Utkal Divas.

The 1st of April is the day of remembrance and resolution for the people of Orissa. We sincerely remember those great souls whose struggle, sacrifice and endeavour realised the dreams of Oriyas. This day is meant for taking resolve to transform Orissa in to an advanced state in the fields of Agriculture, Industry, Arts and Science in the whole country.

Let us protect our rich culture and take a determined step to accelerate the process of development of our state notwithstanding the proud feeling of our glorious past.

Vande Utkal Janani