



Dr. S.C. Jamir
Hon'ble Governor of Odisha

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Odisha is bringing out the **Odisha Reference Annual-2014**.

This compilation, brought out every year, is a storehouse of valuable information; which will benefit all who want to know something about Odisha. New category of information should be included, like district wise economic indicators - both agricultural and industrial.

I send my best wishes to the Editors.

I wish the endeavour all success.

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(S.C. Jamir)



Shri Naveen Patnaik
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that the Information & Public Relations Department is bringing out **Odisha Reference Annual-2014**.

Odisha offers numerous inimitable features in the form of its history, geography, art and and culture. The state has initiated formidable development strategies to bring about a turn around in socio-economic fronts. Researchers, Scholars, Planners, Administrators, Investors, Tourists as well as general public look for information on Odisha as it has turned to be an attractive destination. I believe the publication of Odisha Reference Annual-2014 carrying many vital information and facts on Odisha will be immensely helpful to its readers.

I congratulate the team involved in conceptualizing this publication and wish great success.

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(NAVEEN PATNAIK)



Shri Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak

Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Information & Public Relations,
Government of Odisha

MESSAGE

I am delighted to know that the new edition of Odisha Reference Annual-2014 is being published with updated information.

Odisha - a gifted land endowed with abundant natural resources, flora and fauna, long stretched of seashore and bounty of panoramic scene. Sites of historical importance dotted throughout the State keeps enough potentialities of tourist attraction. Events of freedom struggle in Odisha uphold the spirit of patriotism of our leaders outshine at national level. A new sun shine has been witnessed in the economic growth of the State in recent time paving towards a progressive State with opening up a new chapter in the fields of investment, creation of avenues for employment and resource mobilization. The glorious past has been the source of inspiration to make Odisha a vibrant State ahead.

'Odisha Reference Annual', a valued document, incorporates useful facts and figures collected from various sources with updated information suitable for the use of students, teachers, academicians, research scholars as well as general public.

I wish the voluminous publication all success.

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Shri Gokul Chandra Pati, 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, 2014 for dissemination of information about the State. Information is power and an informed citizenry is the strength of a vibrant democracy. This annual publication is intended to be a ready reference with regard to the State's resource endowment, its history and culture as well as its contemporary developments.

I appreciate the Officers of I. & P.R. Department and Editorial Board for their efforts to bring out this publication and wish the publication all success.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, dated 4.8.2014.

(Gokul Chandra Pati)



Shri Madhusudan Padhi, I.A.S.
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Welfare, Information & Public Relations
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MESSAGE

Information is power. Information is transformed into resources which is effectively used for various purposes. It has assumed more importance in present-day knowledge society where dissemination of information is vital to accelerate the process. The advent of ICT tools have revolutionised the mode of communication. Still the print media has relevance with some advantages associated with it.

Odisha, a wonderful land of fascinating beauty, is known for its ancient glory and modern endeavour. The State has a rich heritage and vibrant future. Odisha, being a high performing State of India has drawn global attention in various sectors.

The State needs to be profiled and presented in right perspective and **Odisha Reference Annual** is a right step in that direction.

I hope the book will be appreciated and accepted by all.


(**Madhusudan Padhi**)



Shri Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra, OAS (SAG)
Director
Information & Public Relations Department
Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

MESSAGE

I am fortunate enough to be a part of the dedicated team of officers and officials who have left no stone unturned for compilation of information for “**Odisha Reference Annual-2014**”.

This Reference Annual is a repository of information ranging from Demography, History and Culture of Odisha to various welfare schemes for the people of the State besides other valuable information as well.

I sincerely hope and believe this book will be very useful for the students, researchers and general public interested to know about Odisha. Although all efforts have been made to make this publication error free, we would like our esteemed readers to bring any error or omission that might have crept into the pages inadvertently to our notice for rectifying the same.

A well informed society is best suited to development, growth, prosperity and peaceful co-existence. The Odisha Reference Annual - 2014 is a sincere attempt in that direction.


(Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra)