



Shri Rameshwar Thakur  
His Excellency the Governor of Orissa

**MESSAGE**

I am glad to know that the Information and Public Relations Department is bringing out a reference book on Orissa, titled "Orissa Reference Annual-2004".

This book, I hope, will be a storehouse of informations on various aspects concerning the state and it will be immensely beneficial to researchers, students, tourists and the general public. Publications such as these need to be properly advertised and made available at District, Sub-division and Block levels.

I send my best wishes for the publication.

(Rameshwar Thakur)



Shri Naveen Patnaik  
Chief Minister of Orissa

**MESSAGE**

I am glad to know that Information and Public Relations Department is bringing out a reference book on Orissa entitled "Orissa Reference Annual-2004" shortly.

'Orissa Reference Annual' contains vital information on history, culture, literature, plan and policies of the Government. It also gives an insight into the various developmental efforts of the State Government. I hope it will be useful to the students, researchers and the general public.

I wish the venture all success.

**(NAVEEN PATNAIK)**



**Shri Debasis Nayak**  
Minister of State (Ind. Charge)  
Information & Public Relations  
Sports & Youth Services, Orissa

**MESSAGE**

I am glad to know that the Department of Information and Public Relations is bringing out a publication "Orissa Reference Annual - 2004" containing vital informations on various aspects of the state.

This is no doubt a praiseworthy attempt. Information is knowledge and knowledge is power. So, it is very much essential to have information of all kinds.

I hope this will not only cater the needs of the students and research scholars but also provide wide ranging information to those who are interested to know about Orissa — its culture, life style of its people and the strides made on the path of its all round development.

I wish the publication all success.

(Debasis Nayak)



Dr. Subas Pani, I.A.S.  
Chief Secretary &  
Chief Development Commissioner, Orissa

**MESSAGE**

I am glad to know that "Orissa Reference Annual-2004", a reference book on Orissa, is being brought up by the Information and Public Relations Department incorporating statistical and comprehensive information on Orissa. I am sure, this will be found useful by all those interested in Orissa.

I wish the publication all success.

(Dr. Subas Pani)



Shri Ajit Kumar Tripathy, I.A.S.  
Development Commissioner-cum-  
Additional Chief Secretary, Orissa

**MESSAGE**

I am happy that the Information and Public Relations Department, Orissa, are bringing out a book titled "Orissa Reference Annual, 2004".

I am sure, this Reference Manual, besides being a noble initiative, will be highly beneficial to the Planners, Administrators and Research Scholars.

(A.K. Tripathy)



Shri Digambar Mohanty, I.A.S.  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary  
Information & Public Relations Department

### MESSAGE

I am glad to know that '**Orissa Reference Annual**' of its 2004 edition is brought out by Research and Reference Section of Print Media Branch of Information & Public Relations Department. I had the opportunity to go through the manuscript of the book. A 560 pages book provides vital statistical information on plan, programme, policies, schemes and various developmental activities of the State and gives a vivid picture on the history and culture of our State. I am confident that this book will quench the thirst of information seekers on Orissa and cater to the needs of students, scholars, researchers, businessmen and lovers of art and culture.

The efforts made by editor Tarakanta Mohanty, who had earlier edited "Orissa Reference Annual" of its 2003 edition are commendable and I congratulate Shri Mohanty for this endeavour.

(DIGAMBAR MOHANTY)



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

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that the next issue of '**Orissa Reference Annual -2004**' is being brought out shortly. I had the occasion to go through the manuscript. The book contains vital information about various aspects of our State. It is certainly an improvement over the last issue. I am sure that the work will immensely benefit the students, teachers, researchers, administrators and the general public. I congratulate the Editor Shri Tarakanta Mohanty and his team for having undertaken this work.

I wish the publication all success.

(BAISHNAB PRASAD MOHANTY)