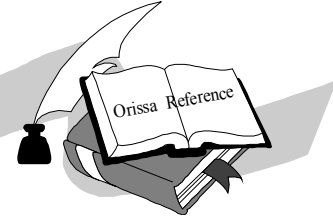




From the Editor's Pen....



The annual house journal of Information & Public Relations Department titled “**ORISSA REFERENCE ANNUAL**” has been brought out since 2003 uninterruptedly under my editorship. It may be reiterated that since inception of the Information & Public Relations Department in 1948, it had got no comprehensive reference book on Orissa. My dream of publishing this type of publication came to reality when the first edition of Orissa Reference Annual-2003 containing 385 pages was brought out in the year, 2004. Subsequently, Orissa Reference Annual-2004 which contains 560 pages was brought out on 1st April, 2005 and was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Orissa, Shri Naveen Patnaik. This Year too, incessant efforts has been made to bring out Orissa Reference Annual-2005 on 1st April, 2006 which contains around 667 pages with up-to-date facts and figures. If it is carefully studied that why the domain of ‘Orissa Reference Annual’ becomes elephantine in size year by year it is because of the inquiry and suggestions made by innumerable readers to whom I shall thank for guiding me to bring out this book as per reader's present requirement. The readers will be glad to learn that this time in the contents, The State Employment Policy-2005, Bio-Technology Policy of Govt. of Orissa, Right to Information Act, 2005, Right to information Rules, 2005, History of Press in Orissa, Bio-data of M.L.A. of Orissa, eminent litterateurs and budding artists of Orissa, Formation of Committee of State Journalists Pension Scheme and Introducing Orissa (Districts at a glance), REGP, MOUs signed with Companies, Budget at a glance 2006-2007 have been incorporated in the said reference book, which will provide some information to their requirement.

I admit that there might have been some omissions and commissions in the present reference book which will be rectified in future if constructive suggestions are received from the readers. There might have been some mistakes either in the facts containing in the book or in the printed text. The readers with their magnanimous heart and liberal attitude should forgive me for such type of errors because to err is human and forgive is divine.

If this edition will cater to the needs of readers, then I shall presume that my labour in editing this book has become fruitful. Another good news for the readers, that suggestions are pouring up for its Oriya edition.

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