

PREFACE

It is heartening to note that '*Orissa Reference Annual-2009*' is being released with a bouquet of information.

In the present era, information is power. It leads to empowerment along with prosperity. Information is derived from documentation. The endeavour to prepare documentation certainly requires careful planning and neat execution. Both the form and content of a documentation piece should appropriately be harmonized in terms of its relevance to readers as well as knowledge-seekers.

I trust, the content of this year's '*Orissa Reference Annual*' has covered a wide range of subjects starting from History to Scientific vision.

I commend every effort making this piece of publication a reference class apart.

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