



Raj Bhavan
Bhubaneswar



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

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Odisha is bringing out the **Odisha Reference Annual-2017** shortly.

Odisha Reference Annual is a laudable endeavour as this comprehensive book on Odisha provides readers and job seekers with all important, relevant and authentic information, knowledge on various important events and development taking place in the State. The book is a collector's delight and is worth to find a place in personal as well as in institutional and public library for access of more readers. I wish all care will be taken so that the book meets all expectations.

I wish the publication all success.

(S.C. Jamir)



State Secretariat
Bhubaneswar



Shri Naveen Patnaik
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that the Information & Public Relations Department, Government of Odisha is bringing out its annual publication "**Odisha Reference Annual**" for the year 2017.

Information is the real power in the present day world. Information provides an enabling environment to success and empowers people. The Odisha Reference Annual is indeed a treasure trove of invaluable information on Odisha, its glorious past and its potentials. The arduous task of compiling such a voluminous work is commendable. My congratulation to all those associated with this endeavour.

I wish the publication all success, and hope it will prove to be very useful and attract public appreciation.

(Naveen Patnaik)



Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar



Shri Bikram Keshari Arukha
Minister, Forest & Environment, Parliamentary Affairs,
Information & Public Relations

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that Information & Public Relations Department is bringing out **Odisha Reference Annual-2017** as a brilliant reference material for students, academicians, researchers and the general public.

Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Informed citizens are necessary for a democracy to function properly.

Odisha with its unique culture, heritage and tradition, lovely beaches, wildlife reserves, archaeological monuments, colourful festivals, vast mineral treasures and immense industrial potentialities has carved a niche for itself in the world. Significant decline in poverty, steady rate of progress and enhancement in quality of life over years has made Odisha, the land of myriad possibilities, an attractive destination for investment. The Government is leaving no stones unturned for harnessing and empowering capable human resources and equipping them with information and knowledge, skills and abilities to catch emerging opportunities and driving forward the vehicles of development.

I hope, Odisha Reference Annual-2017 replete with Odisha's culture, tradition, contribution, progress in detail will prove to be an invaluable repository of information for all.

I convey my compliments to all those involved in making the book faultless and wish the publication all success.

(Bikram Keshari Arukha)



Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar



Shri Aditya Prasad Padhi, I.A.S.
Chief Secretary

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that **Odisha Reference Annual, 2017** is being brought out by Information & Public Relations Department chronicling various information about our State.

In a knowledge driven society like ours, information has become an instrument of power. An informed citizenry is the real strength of a democracy. Odisha with its rich cultural heritage, archaeological remains, serene natural beauty and tourism treasure troves has been a veritable paradise for the visitors. Rapid growth along with immense potential in mineral and non-mineral sectors has reaffirmed the State's position in international arena during recent years. The State has also carved out a niche for itself in manufacturing, food processing, port-based business hubs, information technology, petroleum & petrochemical investments. Odisha has emerged as a favoured 'investment destination' and 'knowledge hub' in the whole of eastern India. Our Government has also put in place enabling policies and facilitating institutional mechanism for accelerated growth and speedy delivery of services to people.

I am sure, the Editorial Board of the Reference Annual-2017 will make all out efforts to compile the entire gamut of information on these activities and interventions; and, design the volume as a common reference material for all those interested to know more about Odisha.

I extend my compliments to the Department and Editorial Board for their efforts in bringing out the volume and wish the publication all success.

(Aditya Prasad Padhi)



Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar



Shri R. Balakrishnan, I.A.S.
Development Commissioner-cum-
Addl. Chief Secretary

MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that "**Odisha Reference Annual-2017**" is being brought out by Information and Public Relations Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Odisha is emerging as a knowledge society, which holds key to the development of the State in future. To ensure this voyage towards future, information is the most relevant tool. Information is multilayered and needs to be utilised as the multiplier effect on the socio-economic growth of the State. Compilation of vital information and its presentation helps the state in various ways.

Odisha is the most happening state in the country surging ahead on the path of progress. "Odisha Reference Annual-2017" is an attempt to introduce Odisha in right perspective with all the relevant information and updated data.

I hope the "**Odisha Reference Annual-2017**" will be highly useful to all those interested to know the State.


(R. Balakrishnan)



Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar



Shri Surendra Kumar, I.A.S.
Commissioner-cum- Secretary
Information & Public Relations Department

MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that the next edition of the **Odisha Reference Annual - 2017** is being brought out this year by the Information and Public Relations Department containing update information. As an encyclopaedia, this book primarily seeks to cater to information needs of academicians, researchers and people from all walks of life in general. It also carries varied features of Odishan tradition and culture, art and architecture, history and literature. Its e-Publication will open up opportunities for readers across the globe and will serve as a window in popularising Odishan perspectives.

I understand that much efforts have been made to publish this book gathering information from various sources. The skills and aptitude of the team members deserve commendation.

I wish the publication all success.

(Surendra Kumar)



Government of Odisha
Bhubaneswar



Shri Sushil Kumar Das, OAS (SAG)
Director
Information & Public Relations Department

MESSAGE

I am extremely happy to learn that like previous years, **Odisha Reference Annual-2017** is being brought out this year which is proved to be a repository of information. We live in an Information Age. In today's society, information is knowledge and knowledge is power. Keeping this in view, an humble attempt has been made to compile this valuable data-bank for information seekers, students, academicians, researchers as well as general public.

I congratulate our Editorial Team for their relentless efforts to make this publication possible. I would like to invite suggestions/feedback from the erudite scholars to enrich this informative book in future.

I hope, this publication will fulfill its objectives as an informative tool.

(Sushil Kumar Das)