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DATE 20TH & 21ST FEBRUARY 2015
CELEBRATION OF 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF
CLASSICAL STATUS TO ODIA LANGUAGE &
WORLD MOTHER TONGUE DAY.
Venue: Constitution Club, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.
To,

Sh. Subashis Panigrahi,
Bangalure, India

2nd February 2015

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Topic: Digitization Problem In Odia Language

With warm regards;

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INTRODUCTION:

The Odia language was accorded the ‘Classical language’ status by the Govt of India on 20th February 2014. Odia language was the sixth language in India to get this status and the first from the Indo-Aryan linguistic group. It was a historic milestone in the journey of Odia language. But like many other Indian languages the Odia language is going through that critical phase of losing its sheen in its own land. Today Odia is yet to be used as the first language in all government offices for official communications. It’s not the first language in the courts, for office communiqués or any other formal governmental works. The hegemony of English language is still prevalent and as a result the youth have turned its face away from Odia language.

The Odia language traces its roots back to 4th Century BC. Odisha was the first state to be carved out as a separate state on the basis of the language. Odia is the language which was challenged as not being an independent language just over a year ago but now it has today got the classical language status. This achievement of classical status was the result of a relentless effort of many scholars and activists. Now it becomes the responsibility of all the lovers of Odia language to preserve, propagate and carry forward the legacy of the Odia language. This journey must be taken form heights to new heights. A language spoken by around 40 million people in India and around 45 million people globally can’t simply be left to remain an alien subject for the next generation Odias.

In order to impart the responsibility of propagating the Odia language and to showcase the Odia identity in the national capital many Odias have come together to celebrate World Mother tongue day with a special focus on Odia language. THE INTELLECTS, a progressive forum of Odias in Delhi in association with SHRI JAGANNATH MANDIR, TYAGRAJNAGAR AND THE ORISSA ART AND CULTURAL CENTRE is leading from the front to organize this function with the support of many Odias.

THE ORGANISER:

THE INTELLECTS, a forum of progressive individuals and intellectuals, believes it as an utmost duty and responsibility to promote Odia identity in India and abroad. In order to achieve this goal, imparting Odia language and culture to Odias living in Delhi is its main objective. In this context, learning their mother tongue assumes greater importance for the Pravasi Odias. In its bid to impart our language to Pravasi Odias living in and around Delhi, THE INTELLECTS is on a missionary zeal. It has started its mission called “ASA SIKHIBA AMARI BHASHA” in National Capital region.
THE EVENT:

“ଆମିରି ଭାଷା ପେଥ”

INTERNATIONAL CONCLAVE OF ODIA LANGUAGE:

The event will be a three-day festival showcasing the Odia identity in the national Capital and bringing some best minds of the country to discuss on various issues of immense need on language and culture of Odisha. Around 200 eminent people from across the world including many renowned experts from various walks of life will be invited for this event. Around a thousand people are expected to attend the festival spanning over two-days. (Please find detailed programme below).

OBJECTIVE:

- To celebrate 1st anniversary of Classical status to Odia language & the World Mother tongue Day with a special focus on our mother tongue Odia.
- To showcase and promote Odia identity in Delhi and beyond India.
- To bring best minds together to create a platform for exchange of ideas to preserve, propagate and carry forward the Odia culture and language.
- To accelerate the process of developing alternative models to popularize the Odia language among next generation Odias.
- To bring together the minds and the experts contributing anonymously at their individual capacity for the growth of Odia language for a concerted effort for the furtherance of Odia language and culture.
- To know and popularize the latest developments in the field of Information technology with respect to Odia language.
- To discuss about the challenges for our mother tongue and finding ways to meet those challenges.
PROGRAMME:

20th February 2015 – Friday

Celebration of 1st Anniversary of Classical status of Odia language
Inauguration of Conclave by Eminent Personalities
Inauguration of Special Report on the Conclave
Felicitation prominent personalities for their contribution to Odia language
Cultural Programme
Venue: Constitution Club, Rafi Marg, New Delhi
Time: 6pm to 9pm

21st Feb 2015 – Day 1- SATURDAY

Venue: Conference Hall, Shree Jagannath Mandir, Thyagraj Nagar

9.00am-10.00am - Registration
Audio Visual Presentation: “ASA SIKHIBA AMRI BHASHA”
10.00am-12.00pm - Panel Discussion
‘Classical Language and the Responsibilities for future’
12.00 – 1.30pm - Panel Discussion
‘Non-Resident Odias in propagation of Odia Language’
1.30-2.30pm - Lunch
2.30pm – 3.00pm - Audio Visual messages of Eminent Odias
3.00pm-3.15pm - TEA Break
3.30 pm – 5.00pm - Panel Discussion
Digitization problem in Odia language
5.15pm – 6.45pm - Panel Discussion
Role of Media in protecting Odia language
6.45pm – 7.00pm - Tea Break
7.00pm – 8.00pm - ‘Multimedia presentation on evolution of Odia language’
800pm-9.30pm - Poetry recitation
Felicitation,
Photo Session
Concluding Session
9.30pm - Dinner