

**GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CULTURE DEPARTMENT**  
**DURING THE YEAR 2011-12.**

The Department of Culture is looking after the overall promotion of Art & Culture with the co-operation of the Sub-ordinate offices and autonomous organizations functioning under it.

**Artist Pension.**

Under this Scheme Pension to Indigent Artist presently Government in Department of Culture provides Artist Pension to about 1500 nos of Indigent Artist of the State @Rs.1000/- P.M. It has been proposed to enhance the number of such Pensioners from 1500 to 3000 by increasing 1500 new Pensioners during the year 2011-12.

**State Film Award.**

Like every year Culture Department has decided to confer the State Film Awards to the Artists personalities involved in Oriya T.V. serial and Oriya Jatra during the year 2011-12.

**Instalation of Statues.**

In the sweet memory of the different renowned personalities of the soil the Department of Culture to prepare the Statues for installation in different conspicuous places of the capital city and other places of the State. The Statutes of the personalities which will be prepared and installed during the year 2011-12 will be decided shortly.

**DKSS & BKSS (Distirct Kala Sanskruti Sangha & Block Kala Sanskruti Sangha)**

The Department of Culture have been pleased to launch a new scheme as mentioned above during the year 2011-12 for promotion of Art & Culture from the grass route level.

### **Financial Assistance to Cultural Organization**

Financial Assistance will be provided to the registered cultural organization engaged in promotion of different aspects of culture such as in organizing cultural activities, development of theater and drama, chhou dance and maintenance of music schools.

### **Promotion of Tribal Art and Culture**

To promote the tribal art and culture the department of Culture have been decided to organize programme on Tribal Dance & Music and Exhibition-cum-Workshop on Traditional Tribal Art.

### **Odissi Research Centre (Promotion of Performing Art. )**

For promotion of Music, Dance and Odishan Culture, National Odissi Festival will be organized by the GKCM, Odissi Research Centre, Bhubaneswar during the month of Dec.2011.

Apart from the above programme the Odissi Research centre will undertake the following programmes.

- Documentation of eminent artists
- Short film on Guru Banamali Maharana
- Gotipua Dance Festival
- Youth Festival of Odissi Music and dance.
- Jayadev Sangeet Samaroha
- Monthly theme based programme
- Odissi Sandhya in metro cities like Mumbai, Hyderabad and New Delhi.
- Seminar and workshops on Leelas of Odisha and Mahari Dance.
- Training programme on Odissi Dance and Music etc.

### **Odisha Lalitkala Akademi (Governors Trophy(Prativa Anwesana Programme)**

Like every year the Governor's Trophy (Prativa Anwesana Programme) will be organized by the Culture Department with the active co-operation of Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi & Odisha Lalit Kala Akademi during the year 2011-12. This programme will be organized through different competitions among the School Students starting from the Block level to State Level in Odissi Dance, Folk Dance, Local Music in both Jr.&Sr.Groups. The toppers in each discipline from each group shall be awarded Governor's Trophy in a special function organized by the Culture Department.

The Lalit Kala Akademi will also organize mobile art exhibition, all Odisha children art exhibition, all Odisha Art exhibition, all Odisha Chita, Jhoti and district level Art exhibition State level Women Artist camp, All Odisha Artist meet and the akademi awards ceremony like every year. Further, the Akademi will also organize the third and fourth National Artist Camp during the year under report.

### **Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi (Dying Folk Art Festival)**

It is proposed to organize Dying Folk Art Festival in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Government of India, EZCC, Kolkata and Local Corporate Houses, at Bhubaneswar/ Berhampur/Chhatrapur during the year 2011-12 by the Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi.

Apart from the above programme the Akademi will also organize the drama festival, folk dance and music festival, sugam sangeet samaroha, mask dance and lokabadya utsav, paschima Odisha Loka Nrutya Samaroha,puppet dance festival, seminar and workshop on dance and music and akademi awards during the period under report.

## **Odisha Sahitya Akademi( Literary activities)**

Odisha Sahitya Akademi has been registered under the Society Registration Act 1860 and functioning under the Culture Deptt. for promotion of literature and literary creativities . The akademi will organize the following programmes during the year 2011-12.

- Sahitya Akademi Award 2010-11
- Atibadi Jagannath Das Sammana 2011
- Srujani Sandhya
- Publication of Akademi Samachar
- Publication of Quarterly literary magazine Konark and other publications
- Orgnise Sri Jagannathayan Progrmme
- Organise book exhibitions in different places
- All Odisha Lekhaka Samaroha
- Seminar on Tribal Language and Literature
- All India Level poets/ writers meet.
- Organise Talent Hunt Programme for the children
- Inter state Literary exchange programme
- Conference of editors of Odisha Literary magazines
- Organise Jayanties and Sradhostav of eminent writers of Odisha
- Ovation to old writers
- Seminars and workshops on development oriya language, culture and literature

### **Odisha Urdu Akademi (promotion of Urdu language and literature)**

The Odisha Urdu Akademi under the Culture Deptt. has been constituted for promotion and development of Urdu language and literature. During the year 2011-12, the Akademi will undertake the following programmes.

- Organization of Urdu-Oriya Kabi Sammilani.
- Organisation of All Odisha Mushaira
- Gazal Programme
- Kawali Programme
- Translation and publication of award winning Urdu and Oriya books.
- Publication of magazines.
- Celebration in memory of veteran freedom fighters and Urdu literary persons

### **Odisha State Museum**

Odisha State Museum under the Deptt. of Culture epitomizes the glorious cultural heritage of the State. The organization is going to undertake the following programmes during the year 2011-12.

- Organisation of new galleries such as Odisha through ages, photo painting, human evolution and freedom fighters gallery etc.
- Renovation of mining and geology gallery.
- Renovation of different district museums in Odisha
- Organisation of modern art gallery
- Painting of post-cards of important antiquities and artifacts
- Organisation and seminars and symposiums.
- Overall development of the state museum

## **Odisha State Archaeology**

Odisha State Archaeology looks after conservation, protection of our ancient monuments. It will undertake the programme for conservation and preservation of ancient monuments and Buddhist heritage of the state with the grants of 65 Crores awarded by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission during the four years span beginning from 2011-12 to 2014-15. During the year 2011-12 it has been decided to take conservation work of about 100 ancient monuments of the State with the said fund. Apart from that Odisha State Archaeology is going to undertake the project funded by World Bank under ICZM Project of Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt of India through the Deptt. of Forest & Environment, Govt. of Odisha. The project is generally about improvement and conservation of cultural, archaeological assets costing 749.49 lakhs. Under this project about 8 monuments of the coastal belt of Paradeep – Dhamara & Chilika – Gopalpur have been identified for conservation and improvement of the monuments. The important components of these projects are Structural Conservation, Chemical Conservation, landscaping and illumination of the monuments.

## **Odisha State Archives**

The Odisha State Archives is the central repository of ancient/old Government and private records of historical importance. It undertakes survey, acquisition, preservation and rehabilitation of old and frame records in scientific manner and plays a significant role for promotion of states historical research. During the year 2011-12, the organization will have to undertake the following programmes;

- The archival publication titled “Vasavitika Swatantra Odisha Pradesha Gathana” – Vol – II will be brought out.
- Conservation and acquisition of records.
- Promotion of State Historical Research.
- Organization of Archival Exhibition/Archival Week
- Digitization of old and valuable records.

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