



BANDE ODISHA

A Heritage Festival



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Venue: Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

Organised by: Sthapana Charitable Trust, Odisha

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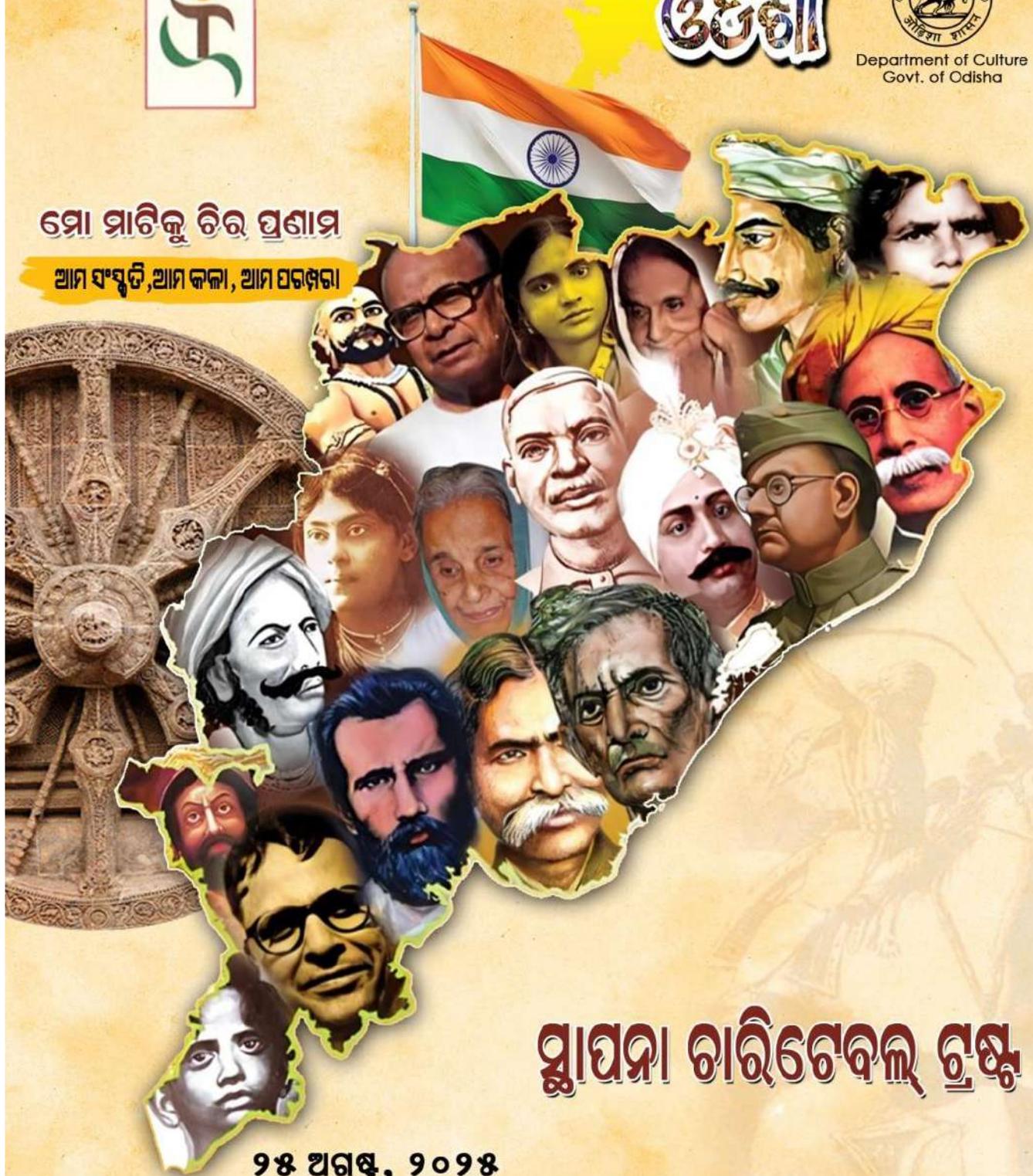
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ABOUT STHAPANA CHARITABLE TRUST

Sthapana Charitable Trust is a not-for-profit organisation working with the mandate of protecting, preserving, and promoting indigenous knowledge, cultural and national heritage. Its initiatives span across Odisha and India, with a vision of social empowerment, cultural pride, and community development.

BANDE ODISHA – THE VISION

- BANDE ODISHA is the flagship Programme of Sthapna Charitable Trust, envisioned as a people’s movement to revive Odisha’s Ashmita, National Consciousness & Cultural Pride.
- The 2025 Edition was dedicated to the victory of the Indian Defence forces in Operation Sindoor.
- To honour the spirit of Odia identity (Asmita) through culture, heritage, and language.
- To pay tribute to the Indian Defence Forces, especially the victory in **Operation Sindoor**.
- To celebrate regional art, literature, music, and dance as the lifeline of Odisha’s progress.
- To create national consciousness and unity through the lens of Odisha’s history, heritage, and spirituality.

Program Component

The festival was structured into three major components:

1. Mashal Rally dedicated to **Operation Sindoor**
2. Bande Odisha Audio Visual Presentation
3. Inaugural Ceremony with Felicitations & Book Releases
4. Cultural Presentations
5. Intellectual Workshop

MASHAL RALLY – DEDICATED TO THE VICTORY OF OPERATION SINDOOR

The festival opened with a Mashal Rally dedicated to the victory of the Indian Defence Forces in **Operation Sindoor**, symbolising courage, unity, and sacrifice.

Led By:

- Lt. General (Retd.) Dr. Narayan Mohanty, PVSM, AVSM, VSM
- Brigadier L. C. Patnaik
- Brigadier G. P. Panigrahi
- Lt. Colonel Debraj Mallik
- Colonel P. K. Singh
- Defence Personality Sangram Keshri Baral

They were accompanied by:

- Padmashri Jitendriya Haripal
- Dr. Prabhas Singh, Ex-MP
- Sj Nauri Naik, Ex-MLA & Chairman, Reception Committee
- Sj Gorekhnath Sahu, Mina Moharana, Sumitra Mohapatra & Saroj Kumar Bhuyan
- Spiritual gurus, women leaders, youth icons, and civil society representatives
- The Bande Odisha Mashal was ceremoniously handed over by Smt. Nibedita Nayak, Founder of Sthapana Charitable Trust.

The dignitaries offered floral tributes at the statues of Jayadev and Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, marking respect to Odisha's cultural and social icons.



Audio-Visual Presentation

An audio-visual tribute was presented with a theme song of BANDE ODISHA by eminent singer Satyajit Pradhan, showcasing:

- Lord Jagannath as the eternal symbol of Odisha Asmita
- The Paika Rebellion of 1817 and Odisha's role in freedom movements
- Bravery of Indian soldiers and martyrs
- Contributions of Odia legends to the glory of India
- Symbol of Odisha Ashmita, Department of Culture, Govt. of Odisha

Honouring Defence Veterans

On stage, veterans of the Indian Army were felicitated by:

- Sj Nauri Naik (Ex-MLA & Chairman, Reception Committee)
- Dr. Prabhas Singh (Ex-MP)
- Smt. Nibedita Nayak (Founder, Sthapana Charitable Trust)

Lt. General (Retd.) Dr. Narayan Mohanty delivered an inspiring keynote on **Operation Sindoor**, reminding the youth of their role in national security, unity, and people's power.



Commemorative Messages

"BANDE ODISHA is a remarkable initiative that bridges our glorious past with the aspirations of our future. As a soldier, I am deeply moved by the way this festival honours the valour of the Indian Defence Forces, especially in the victory of Operation Sindoor. Odisha has always been a land of warriors, from the Paikas of 1817 to countless Odia sons and daughters who continue to serve in our armed forces with courage and dedication.

The Mashal Rally reminded us that national security is not the responsibility of soldiers alone, but of every citizen who stands united for the integrity of the nation. I congratulate Sthapana Charitable Trust and Smt. Nibedita Nayak for conceptualising Bande Odisha as a movement of national consciousness and Odia Asmita. May this festival continue to inspire generations to uphold unity, discipline, and the spirit of sacrifice."

INAUGURAL CEREMONY



The festival formally commenced with lighting of the ceremonial lamp before Lord Jagannath and Maa Samaleswari.

Dignitaries Present:

- Sj Babu Singh, MLA, Bhubaneswar Ekamra
- Former Lt. General, Indian Army Dr. Narayan Mohanty PVSM,AVSM,VSM
- Sj Golak Mahapatra, Vice President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Odisha
- Sj Nauri Naik, Ex-MLA & Chairman, Reception Committee, Bande Odisha
- Dr. Prabhas Singh, Ex-MP
- Sj Rajaram Satpathy, Eminent Journalist & Columnist
- Sj Gorekhnath Sahu, Eminent Writer & Researcher



Message By Sj Babu Singh

MLA, Bhubaneswar Ekamra

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that Sthapana Charitable Trust Odisha is organizing the BANDE ODISHA program to celebrate and uphold the rich cultural, historical, and spiritual heritage of our beloved land. Odisha has always stood as a beacon of resilience, pride, and creativity—from the valor of our ancestors in the Paika rebellion to the contributions of Odias (the saints, the kings and the great personalities) in modern India's progress.

The initiative of BANDE ODISHA will not only remind us of our glorious past but also inspire the present generation to carry forward the essence of Odia Asmita with renewed energy and commitment. I extend my best wishes to the organizers, participants, and all those associated with this noble endeavor. May this festival continue to unite us in the spirit of pride, patriotism, and cultural excellence.

Jai Jagannath!

Message by Sj. Golak Mahapatra

Vice-President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Odisha

It gives me immense pleasure to be associated with BANDE ODISHA, a unique heritage festival that brings forth the glorious cultural, spiritual, and historical legacy of our beloved land. Odisha has always been a torchbearer of Indian civilization—from the valor of Emperor Kharavela and the spiritual radiance of Lord Jagannath, to the sacrifices of countless freedom fighters who upheld the dignity and pride of our motherland.

Today, BANDE ODISHA is not only a celebration of our past but also an awakening call for the youth to cherish, protect, and promote our traditions in tune with modern aspirations. This initiative of Sthapana Charitable Trust Odisha reflects the eternal message of unity, resilience, and "Odia Asmita."

On this occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the organizers and convey my best wishes for the success of this noble endeavor. May this festival inspire us all to strengthen our roots and march forward with pride and confidence in building a stronger Odisha and a stronger India.

Bande Utkal Janani!

Message by Sj. Nauri Naik

Ex-MLA & Chairman – Bande Odisha Reception Committee

As the Chairman of the Reception Committee of BANDE ODISHA, I feel deeply honored to welcome all the distinguished guests, dignitaries, artists, and participants who have come together to celebrate this historic occasion.

This program is not just a festival, it is a people's movement—uniting districts, communities, and generations under the banner of Odia pride. The overwhelming response of youth,

intellectuals, and cultural groups assures us that BANDE ODISHA will grow into a statewide mission of cultural revival and social unity.

I express my gratitude to Sthapana Charitable Trust Odisha for spearheading this noble initiative and to everyone who extended their support to make this program a grand success. Together, let us keep alive the flame of “Bande Odisha, Bande Mataram.”

Message by Dr. Prabhas Singh

Ex-MP

It is indeed a proud privilege to be present at the BANDE ODISHA festival, which celebrates the essence of our heritage, culture, and sacrifice. Odisha is a land of resilience and renaissance. From the epic traditions of Jagannath Dharma to the glorious struggle of our Paikas in 1817, our soil has always produced heroes who stood for freedom and justice.

This festival is not only a tribute to our forefathers but also a guide for future generations. It reminds us of our duty to preserve our identity and contribute to the nation’s growth with dignity and pride.

I congratulate the organizers and urge our youth to take inspiration from this movement of cultural resurgence.

Message by Shri Rajaram Satpathy

Eminent Journalist & Columnist

Odisha is a land of stories, sacrifices, and spirituality—where every hill, river, and temple carries a saga of civilization and culture. The BANDE ODISHA initiative of Sthapana Charitable Trust Odisha is indeed a timely effort to bring together the soul of Odisha through dialogue, celebration, and reflection. The courage and dedication of Rani Suryamani Pata Mahadevi is not known to many Odias. It is surprising to mention here that with her devotion and wisdom She could be able to manage Shri Jagannath Temple for a long thirty six years.

As a journalist and columnist, I have always believed that culture is the true strength of a society. When our traditions, language, and art forms are preserved and celebrated, society grows with confidence and identity. BANDE ODISHA is more than a program—it is a movement of self-realization, connecting our glorious heritage with the challenges and opportunities of the present.

I convey my heartfelt congratulations to the organizers and urge the youth of Odisha to embrace this spirit and make our land shine brighter in the national and global arena.

Bande Odisha!

Message by Sj. Gorekhnath Sahu

Eminent Writer, Researcher, Journalist

Bande Odisha is more than a cultural festival—it is a movement of consciousness. Our literature, folklore, traditions, and socio-cultural practices are the bedrock of Odia identity.

In the face of globalization, it is important to reconnect with our roots, re-energize our traditions, and reinterpret them for the present age.

As a writer and researcher, I see this platform as a bridge between past and future—where the wisdom of our ancestors meets the aspirations of our youth. Such efforts are necessary to strengthen “Odia Asmita” and to ensure our culture remains vibrant, respected, and celebrated worldwide.

Smt. Nibedita Nayak, Founder Chairperson, Sthapana Charitable Trust, in her keynote, explained the mission and vision of Bande Odisha as a wake-up call for national pride and cultural consciousness.

“BANDE ODISHA is not merely a festival; it is a movement of the soul of Odisha. It is our tribute to the spirit of Odisha Asmita, the cultural and spiritual essence of Lord Jagannath, and the timeless sacrifices of our brave soldiers. This program carries the message of unity, identity, and national consciousness — a call to the youth and future generations to preserve our heritage with pride.”

The session was moderated by Sj Saroj Kumar Bhuyan (Secretary, Sthapana Charitable Trust), with a vote of thanks delivered by Smt. Sumitra Mahapatra (Vice-President, Sthapana Charitable Trust).

Bande Odisha Samman 2025



To recognise distinguished contributions, the following personalities were honoured with "BANDE ODISHA Samman":

Er. Sudhir Kumar Sahu, Addl. Chief Engineer, Hirakud Dam – acclaimed global writer on finance & stock markets, Environment

Smt. Kabita Kar, Pradhan Acharya, Vivekananda Sikshya Kendra, IRC Village, Bhubaneswar

BOOK RELEASES



The festival also celebrated literature with the release of the following books:

1. Er. Sudhir Kumar Sahu – "Jatiya o Antarjatiya Ghatana ra Tathya sankalana" (Translated by Smt Sasmita Sahu and Sj Girija Sankar Sahu)
2. Prof. Meena Maharana (Retd.) – "Subarna Sundari"
3. Sj Gorekhnath Sahu – "Barnali", "Baishali"

CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS

The cultural segment highlighted Odisha's diverse heritage:

- Odissi Dance: Dr. Chandana Roul, New Delhi (Durga Vandana)
- Folk Song Presented By Famous Singer Padmashri Jitendriya Haripal (Hai Krushna...)
- Sambalpuri Folk Dance: Guru Gangadhar Das & Group, Kala Vikash Kendra, Cuttack
- Swati Cultural Group, Puri – Folk Dance
- Musical Presentation- Malhar Anusthan, Cuttack
- Tapoban Sanskrutika Parishad, Khandagiri – Folk Drama
- Chorus Presentation - SOA University Law Students
- Felicitation to Artists Sj Ashrumochan Mohanty & Sj Pradyumna Lenka





Workshop: Odisha ra Bikash re Anchalika Bhasa o Sanskruti ra Mahatwa

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Guests:

- Sj Prasanna Acharya, MLA, Former Minister & MP
- Justice Dr. Shatrughan Pujhari, Chairperson, OHRPC
- Dr. Prabhas Singh, Ex-MP
- Sj Nauri Naik, Former MLA
- Sj Gorekhnath Sahu, Eminent Writer & Researcher
- Sj Saroj Kumar Bhuyan, Director, “Jungle Jaluchhe”
- Chair: Sj Narendra Mishra, IAS (Retd.), Former Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University of Culture
- Smt. Nibedita Nayak
- Smt. Mina Moharana

Vote Of Thanks: Smt. Shradhanjali Mishra



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(A Discussion on the Significance of Regional Languages and Culture in Odisha’s Development)

The Workshop, organized by Sthapana Charitable Trust Odisha, served as a vibrant platform to deliberate upon the cultural, linguistic, and socio-spiritual identity of Odisha.

Distinguished speakers from various walks of life reflected on the significance of regional languages, folk traditions, and diverse cultural practices in shaping the destiny of the State.

Highlights of the Workshop:

Sj Prasanna Acharya, MLA, Former Minister & MP delivered the keynote, emphasizing the glorious cultural heritage and linguistic diversity of Odisha. He inspired the audience to uphold unity in diversity as the guiding spirit of development.

Justice Dr. Shatrughan Pujhari, Chairperson, OHRPC, highlighted the sweetness and richness of Odisha’s folk and regional languages. He lauded Sthapana Charitable Trust for creating a forum that fosters cultural and spiritual exchange.

Sj Nauri Naik, Ex-MLA, appreciated the Trust’s initiative, describing the workshop as timely and necessary for strengthening the roots of regional languages and culture.

Dr. Prabhas Singh, Ex-MP, underlined regional imbalances in Odisha and urged for the empowerment of youth and women. He stressed that protecting languages and culture is central to promoting Odisha’s Ashmita.

Sj Gorekhnath Sahu, eminent writer, researcher & journalist, passionately spoke about the need for education in regional languages at the primary level. He called for the universal acceptance of Odisha’s regional dialects and cultural forms for holistic development, further highlighting West Odisha’s immense contributions to the State’s growth.

Smt Nibedita Baliarsingh Nayak, Former Chairperson, Odisha State Social Welfare Board & Founder, Sthapana, emphasized the importance of nurturing pride in Odisha’s diverse linguistic and cultural heritage. She stated that Sthapana Charitable Trust has undertaken a unique initiative to preserve, protect, and promote indigenous knowledge and traditions.

Smt Meena Maharana, Retd. Professor, reflected on the role of Sambalpuri-Koshali folk dance, art forms, and music as the very life force for millions in Odisha.

Sj Saroj Bhuyan, Director, “Jungle Jaluchhe”, shared insights on his film, which captures the vanishing cultural heritage of Western Odisha.

Sj Narendra Mishra, IAS (Retd.), Former Vice-Chancellor, Odisha University of Culture, presided over the session. He spoke about the richness of dialects, the significance of scripts, and the role of youth and civil society in strengthening Odisha’s Ashmita and protecting indigenous languages.

The Workshop concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Smt Shradhanjali Mishra, expressing gratitude to all participants, speakers, and the organizing team for making the event a success.

PARTICIPATION & IMPACT

- ❖ 500 participants from across Odisha districts attended.
- ❖ Representation from defence veterans, intellectuals, cultural groups, civil society, women and youth leaders.
- ❖ The program successfully blended heritage, defence pride, and cultural identity into one platform.
- ❖ The entire program was conceptualised, guided, and conducted by Smt. Nibedita Nayak, making BANDE ODISHA 2025 a landmark celebration of Odisha's past, present, and future.

BANDE ODISHA is a movement, not just a festival. It echoes the call – to protect our roots, honour our heroes, and march towards a united and culturally vibrant Odisha!

Where rivers sing and forests breathe,

Where culture flows in every sheath.

Land of courage, song, and art,

“Bande Odisha”, beats every heart.

Sj Nauri Naik, Ex MLA

Chairman, **“Bande Odisha Reception Committee”**

Smt. Nibedita Nayak

Founder Chairperson, Sthapana Charitable Trust

Chairperson, **“Bande Odisha**

BANDE ODISHA-2025





Interactive session with Rural Woman Entrepreneurs of Jagatsinghpur district promoted by Sthapana Charitable Trust .



BANDE ODISHA-2025 MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

