

Activities/Achievement Report on 2008-09 Department of Culture

Govt. in Culture Department have initiated various activities/projects for development of Art and Culture like construction and renovation of Theatre Hall-cum-Auditoriums, Heritage Conservation under 12th Finance Commission Award, Utilisation of ACA grants, Orissa State Film Awards, Awards for TV Serial and Jatra, Production of documentary Films under Gramsat Programme and also other projects under State Budget etc which are as follows:-

1. Building Projects:-

(a) Mini Theatre Hall (Utkal Ranga Mancha) at Odissi Research Centre Campus.

A mini theatre hall (Utkal Ranga Mancha) is going to be constructed with an estimated cost of Rs.394.52 lakh at Odissi Research Centre Campus, BBSR to promote the theatre movement and other cultural activities.

(b) 1000 Seated Multi-Purpose Auditorium

A multi-purpose auditorium has been initiated for construction having 1,000 seating capacity at Gadakana, Chandrasekharpur Area, Bhubaneswar for promotion of multifarious cultural activities. The cost of the project is Rs. 1003.00 lakhs approximately.

(c) Biju Pattnaik Sanskruti Bhawan at Berhampur:

A mega project named as Biju Pattnaik Sanskruti Bhawan is going to be constructed at Berhampur for promotion of various cultural activities and to draw more numbers of tourists. The project costs will Rs. 101.05 lakhs (Approx) and subsequently revised to Rs. 198.48 lakhs.

(d) Sanskruiti Bhawan at Jaipur Road:

For holding different cultural activities, a Sanskruti Bhawan is going to be constructed at Jaipur Road with an estimated cost of Rs. 106.00 lakhs to encourage the people in the field of Art and Culture.

Besides the above State Building Project some construction works have also been initiated in different sub-ordinate wings functioning under Culture Department. The details of the said projects are at

Annexure- A.

2. Utilisation of 12th Finance Commission Award (Heritage Conservtion):- Our of Rs.50.00 crores allocated to tourism and Culture Department on the basis of 35:15 between Culture and Tourism respectively, Rs.37.50 crores for 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 have been released.

3. Utilisation of ACA Grant and other State Budget:- The department have been taken steps to utilize Rs. 159.00 lakhs under one time ACA grants during 2008-2009 details are as follows;

Sl.No	Name of the Project	Amount earmarked for ACA grants	Co-ordinating Officers	Remarks
1.	Development of Cultural Tourism at Balasore (Park at Balasore)	Rs. 30,00,000/-	Superintendent, Orissa State Archaeology, BBSR.	
2.	Renovation of Bhanjakala Mandap	Rs. 49,00,000/-	DDC & OIC, Bhanjakala Mandap, BBSR	
3.	Freedom Fighters Gallery at BBSR (Development of Freedom Struggle Tourism)	Rs. 30,00,000/-	Deputy Director (Tech.) Orissa State Museum, BBSR.	
4.	Excavation in the Buddhist Circuit of Jajpur District (Dharmasala & Korei Block)	Rs. 50,00,000/-	Secretary, Orissa Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies, BBSR.	
	Total	Rs. 159.00 lakhs		

Beside it, Govt. in Culture Department have also funded/financed under State Budget for initiating different activities in its different wings the details are enclosed at **Annexure-D**.

5. Orissa State Film Awards (Orissa State Awards For Films Rules-1989)

The Orissa State Film Awards are the Prestigious State Awards Conferred by the Department of Culture every year to cine personalities. In this connection, Jury Committee has been constituted for selection of awardees to encourage the Oriya Cine Artists for the year 2007 as follows:

- (i) Sri. A.B. Tripathy, IPS, (Retd.) Ex-D.G.P.
- (ii) Sri Prafulla Kar, (Music Director)
- (iii) M/s-Iti Samanta, (Producer-Writer)
- (iv) Sri Himanshu Khatua, (Film Director)
- (v) Sri Radhanath Mohapatra, (Cine Critic), Joint Secretary, OCCA,
- (vi) Smt. Tripura Mishra, (Film Actress)
- (vii) Sri Subash Das, (Film Director)

Accordingly the 20th State Film Award has successfully been organized on 13.2.2009 where 22 numbers of awards were given to the artists, technician adjudged as best for the 20th

State Film Award for the calendar year 2007 including the highest honour i.e. Jayadev Award conferred to Sri Ram Chandra Pratihari for his life time achievement in this field.

Further, required applications for the calendar year 2008 have also been received by last day of February, 2009 for necessary selection of the awardees for the 21st State Film Award during 2009-10.

6. Production of Documentary Films:-

Government in Culture Department have already initiated the work to make 14 episodes of Documentary Films under Gramsat Programme. The Panchayati Raj Department has also approved the above proposal and sanctioned a sum of Rs.12.00 lakhs during the year 2008-09 for the purpose. Accordingly, different production units have prepared the same as per assignment given to them. Now the aforesaid production has been kept in the Directorate of Culture for necessary telecast of the same through Doordarshan. Details are at **Annexure-E**.

7. State Awards for Oriya T.V. Serial and Oriya Jatra

Like State Film Awards, Govt. in Culture Department has decided to confer the State Awards to the Artists personalities involved with Oriya T.V. Serial and Oriya Jatra. In this connection, Rules have been prepared and are under kind consideration of the Government of Orissa.

8. Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar

Rabindra Mandap is one of the Prestigious Auditoriums in the state, managed under Culture Department. Recently, it has been renovated with ultra modern equipments/articles of light and sound system. A sum of Rs. 4.00 crore has been spent for the purpose with a view to promoting the theatre movement as well as other aspects of cultural activities of the State.

9. Bhanja Kala Mandap, Bhubaneswar:

The Bhanja Kala Mandap is going to be renovated. This is a medium category auditorium ideal for dance, drama, meetings and seminars etc.