

ORISSA ASSOCIATION MYSORE

The Orissa Association Mysore celebrated Utkal Divas (Orissa Day) on Sunday 1st April 2007 in the Auditorium of Rotary West Association, Saraswathipuram.

Utkal is one among many ancient names of modern Orissa. This day in the year 1936, Orissa State was formed. To remember the contributions and sacrifices made by the people of Orissa in those olden days, Utkal Divas or Orissa Day is celebrated on 1st April every year all over Orissa and in many cities and towns in India and abroad where people from Orissa live. Orissa Association Mysore, a non-commercial, non-profit making socio-cultural organization established in Mysore in the year 1993, celebrates this event every year in Mysore with symposium and cultural programmes.

This year many eminent personalities of Mysore participated in the symposium. Dr. M.S. Nagaraja Rao, Former Director General, Archaeological Survey of India graced the function as the Chief Guest. Dr. M.S. Krishna Murthy, Former Professor and Chairman, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore was the Chief Speaker and talked on the age-old relations between Karnataka and Orissa.

The programme followed by a Musical Extravaganza by the renowned artists of Karnataka and Orissa.

Dr. Mysore Manjunatha, the renowned violinists of the country along with his family performed a musical concert for the amusement of the audience in the packed hall.

A troupe of 15 famous Odissi dancers and artists from Nrutyashree, Bhubaneswar, Orissa mesmerized and spellbound the mixed audience of Kanadigas and Oriyas for two hours with their performance of Odissi dance and Orissa Folk dance under the able direction of Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera, a well-known researcher of Odissi dance. The Government of Orissa sponsored this dance troupe.

The programme started at 5.30 PM and continued till 10.00 PM. A fabulous and sumptuous dinner with Oriya and Karnataka cuisines was served to the delight of all.

The President of Orissa Association Mysore, Sri D.K. Misra made an appeal to all Oriyas living in Mysore and many who have worked in Orissa and now in Mysore to become members of Orissa Association and actively participate in its' social and cultural activities.

For information of all, Orissa Association Mysore has presently taken up a noble task of renovation, restoration and conservation of an ancient 11th century dilapidated temple of Sri Venkateswara and Bhoga Narasimha on the banks of Holy river Kaveri near Mysore. The work is progressing fast. The details about Orissa Association Mysore may be seen from its' website: www.mysoreoriva.org

D.K.Misra
President
Orissa Association Mysore

i) Utkal Divas 2007 - Symposium



ii) Odissi dance by Nrutyashree Bhubaneswar



iii) Violin Concert by Dr. Mysore Manjunath and Family

