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# KALINGA-LANKA

Reviving Old Linkages and  
Exploring New Opportunities



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## MESSAGE

I recall with great pleasure, the launch of the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation during my tenure as Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India. The initiative to set up the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation was inspired by the ancient links between Lanka which is present-day Sri Lanka, and the historical region of Kalinga, present-day Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. Details of the ancient links between Kalinga and Lanka are recorded in our historical chronicles. Kalinga has played a significant role in Sri Lanka's history, traces of which still resonate across time in the present day.

My several visits to Odisha during my tenure as High Commissioner to India made me feel very much at home on the basis of familiarity of traditions, dance forms, names, and even some of the words in Odia which are similar to my own mother-tongue, Sinhalese.

I am grateful to several eminent Indian personalities, in particular, Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Founder President of the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation, who hail from Odisha, who were instrumental in setting up this Foundation with a view to reviving and renewing our ancient links for the benefit of those in present-day Sri Lanka and what was Kalinga in India, so that these links can be carried forward into the future.

I am pleased to note that the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation is progressing well. However, it requires the support of all concerned in both countries to evolve through meaningful programmes and projects that will promote people-to-people contact and benefit the people of Odisha and Sri Lanka.

In this context, I look forward to continue supporting the work of the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation. May this Foundation lead the people of Odisha and Sri Lanka to grow ever closer through the discovery of their ancient links, and inspire them to forge partnerships that will engender greater cooperation and collaboration in creative and innovative ways that would benefit our peoples.

**Prasad Kariyawasam**



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## MESSAGE

At the onset I, wish to extend my sincere wishes to the Kalinga Lanka Foundation, which was established in the year 2014 as a socio-cultural organization on the initiative of the former Indian Foreign Secretary Lalit Mansingh and High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India Prasad Kariyawasam and a group of likeminded people from Odisha and Sri Lanka, to highlight the common heritage and strengthen the historical relationship between peoples of India with a particular reference to Odisha (erstwhile Kalinga) and peoples of Sri Lanka. I join hands with KLF at this special moment of the launch of this important publication that has been able to encapsulate the important milestones over the centuries.

I am happy to note that KLF has evolved with a distinguished life membership that would impact positively to the objective of the Foundation in the long-term. Through a multi dimensional approach KLF has taken initiatives in the fields of art & culture, education, skills development, science & technology, tourism, business and other areas. I observe that the last one year has been marked by interactions of KLF and Sri Lanka and I hope that KLF will continue to strive to preserve and revive the historic connections to strengthen the relations between India and Sri Lanka. .

Buddhism as a link played an important role and impact on the Odisha Sri Lanka relationship. This affinity that connected both communities still continue to be a source that attracts travelers from Sri Lanka, especially to the diamond triangle of Lalitgiri, Udaygiri and Ratnagiri and continues to fascinate visitors and scholars with archaeological findings.

Looking back at ancient historical times Odisha had maintained close connections. Kalinga had strong ties with Simhala (Sri Lanka). According to historical Chronicle Samanthaprasadika , when King Ashoka sent his son to Ceylon, he was accompanied by eight families from Kalinga. Equally, the Dathuwamsa Chronicle refers to the friendship between King Guhasiva of Kalinga and King Mahasen of Ceylon from 277-304 AD. History also highlights the King of Kalinga handing over the tooth relic of Gautama Buddha as a dowry to Prince Danthakumara on his marriage to the King's daughter Princess Hemamala .

These political relations further extended to trade relations. It is also important to mention that the trade linkages between Odisha and Sri Lanka also flourished in the years during 1st and 2nd Century BC Indian trade through Bay of Bengal was controlled by the Ports of Kalinga and Coromandal coast. The trade links that Sri Lanka Odisha maintained is testified through the Ceylon coins with legend Srimad Sahassamalla that has been discovered at Manikpatuna. In this manner Kalinga has laid a foundation to the evolving India-Sri Lanka relations in many spheres.

Looking at these multifaceted connections that both Sri Lanka and Odisha shared, I hope that the Kalinga Lanka Foundation will continue to contribute to the enhancing of India-Sri Lanka relations in the years ahead. I wish the KLF every success.

**Chitranganee Wagiswara**

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## INTRODUCTION BY PRESIDENT



**Mr D.P.Bagchi, IAS ( Retd)**  
President, Kalinga Lanka Foundation

Four years ago, the Kalinga Lanka Foundation(KLF) was founded as a result of an idea born out of intense interaction between two scholarly diplomats, the then High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in India, Ambassador Prasad Kariyawasam and Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India. These two stalwarts went into the two millennia of civilizational relationship between the peoples of the then Kalinga (modern Odisha and parts of States to the North and South) and Sri Lanka. The idea has appealed to many. Today it is developing deep roots.

We are grateful to the successive High Commissioners of Sri Lanka for giving solid support to the KLF. Govt of Odisha and Govt of India (particularly the Indian Council for Cultural Relations-ICCR) have been very supportive. We thank them. We also thank the Corporate Members, Institutional Members and Individual Members listed in this booklet, for being active supporters and participants. We now wish to induct young members. The process has just begun.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.P. Bagchi', written in a cursive style.

**D.P.Bagchi**

## CONCEPT & INCORPORATION

The Kalinga Lanka Foundation (hereinafter referred as KLF) is a socio-cultural organization founded by like-minded people from Odisha and Sri Lanka to celebrate the common heritage and strengthen the historical relationship between peoples of India with particular reference to Odisha (erstwhile Kalinga) and peoples of Sri Lanka through multi-dimensional initiatives in art & culture, education, skill development, science & technology, tourism, business and other areas.

KLF was launched at the High Commission of Sri Lanka, New Delhi on 29th May 2014 by Mr Prasad Kariyawasam, the then High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India and Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India, who is also the Founding President of the organization. The High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India is the ex-officio Patron-in Chief of KLF. Among the dignitaries who spoke on the occasion were Ambassador Prasad Kariyawasam, Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Shri K.P.Singhdeo, Former Union Minister, Shri Subas Pani, Former Chief Secretary of Odisha, Prof. G.K.Das, Former Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University, Shri Jatin Das, Renowned Painter and Smt Alpana Nayak, Odishi Guru & Dance Exponent.

Successive High Commissioners Prof. Sudharshan Seneviratne, Mr Esala Weerakoon and Mrs. Chitranganee Wagiswara have extended their kind support to the KLF. The premises of the Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi have become the cradle for the growth of the Foundation with continued involvement and cooperation from the senior diplomats and staff.

KLF was formally registered as a non-government, not-for-profit organisation on 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2014 under the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Societies Act 2012 having registered office at Y- 42/4, Shahtoot Marg, DLF Phase I, Gurgaon - 122002, Haryana, India. The registration number of the Foundation is 01590. The registered office is now shifted to Y-165, Regency Park-II, DLF Phase-4, Gurgaon-122009.

### **The Founding members of the Kalinga Lanka Foundation are:**

1. Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India
2. Mr Debi Prasad Bagchi, IAS (retd), Former Chief Secretary of Odisha
3. Mr. T. Banambar Patra, Businessman
4. Mr Jatin Das, Artist & Chairman, JD Centre of Art
5. Mr K.Madhusudana Choudary, Businessman
6. Mr Roshan Wijesekara, Aviation & Tourism Consultant
7. Ms Alpana Nayak, Odissi Dance Guru
8. Ven. R.Sumithananda Thero, Buddhist Monk & in-charge of Mahabodhi Temple, New Delhi
9. Mr Harihar Patra, Businessman
10. Mr Sameer Kumar Das, PR & Marketing Consultant

### **Aims and Objects of the Foundation :**

- (i) To celebrate the common heritage and strengthen the historical relationship between peoples of India with particular reference to Odisha (erstwhile Kalinga) and peoples of Sri Lanka through multi-dimensional initiatives in art & culture, education, skill development, science & technology, tourism, business and other areas.
- (ii) To promote the exploration, research and documentation of socio-cultural and economic relations between the two regions through multi-disciplinary studies in the field of anthropology, history, archaeology, maritime trade & commerce and Buddhism.

- (lii) To provide necessary institutional support to scholars, artists and others to effectively communicate, validate and facilitate international cooperation in different fields including archaeology, science and technology and Buddhist studies.
- (Iv) To open branches or chapters of the Foundation at different locations to promote its common objectives and mobilize resources to strengthen the organization.
- (V) To promote and facilitate the visit of tourists and pilgrims to the historical and religious sites in both the regions.
- (Vi) To encourage the expansion of trade and investment by taking advantage of the rich human and natural resources of the two regions.
- (Vii) To organize cultural exchange programmes, seminars, conferences, exhibitions and events to promote cooperation between two regions.
- (Viii) To develop interactive platforms (website, social networking channels, etc) publications and make documentary films for the promotion of our common objectives. The various media channels (print & online) may be used as a source for earning revenue through allotted advertisements.
- (Ix) To promote training & skill development initiatives in order to enhance the human resource potential of the people of the two regions.
- (X) To institute 'Awards and Certificates of Excellence' to honour distinguished persons for their significant contribution in different fields including science & technology, art & culture, tourism and commerce.
- (Xi) To support, financially or otherwise, other societies, agencies, associations or institutions which are working with similar objectives.
- (Xii) To receive any grant, donation, fee, support or assistance in any form for the furtherance of the objectives of the Foundation.
- (Xiii) To work closely with Government and non-Government bodies of both the regions to seek their cooperation in achieving the objectives of the Foundation.
- (Xiv) To purchase, lease, secure by exchange or license, hire or otherwise acquire any moveable or immovable property and any interest, easement, right and privilege necessary or alter any moveable and immovable property of the trust and undertake such other activities as may be necessary and incidental to the objects of the Foundation.
- (Xv) To frame by-laws and rules and regulations for the conduct of the business of the Foundation and of its officers and employees.
- (Xvi) To do all such other lawful acts, deeds and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.



## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIALS

To devise the policies related to administration, membership enrolment, fund raising and future activities, regular meetings of the Governing Body (GB) and General Body (AGM) of Kalinga Lanka Foundation were conducted since its registration on 1st December 2014. Till April 2018, the Foundation has conducted 8 GB meetings and 3 AGMs.

In the recently held AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, a new Governing Body was unanimously elected for next 2 years i.e. 2018-19 and 2019-20. The newly elected members of GB are:

1. Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Chairman
2. Mr. D.P Bagchi, IAS (Retd.), President
3. Mr. K. Madhusudana Choudary, Vice President
4. Mr. Sameer Kumar Das, Secretary
5. Mr. Roshan Wijesekera, Joint Secretary
6. Mr. Harihar Patra, Treasurer
7. Mr. Jatin Das, Member
8. Ven. Sumithananda Thero, Member
9. Mr. Shakti Kanta Pattanaik, Member
10. Mr. Nandanandan Mishra, IRS (Retd.), Member
11. Mr. Priyabrata Patnaik, IAS (Retd.), Member

The Governing Body is authorized to co-opt up to four more members.

The Governing Body of the Foundation is elected from the enrolled members for the tenure of 2 years.

The previously elected Governing Bodies of the Foundation are:

### **Governing Body for the years 2016-2018**

1. Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Chairman
2. Mr. D.P Bagchi, IAS (Retd.), President
3. Mr.K. Madhusudana Choudary, Vice President
4. Mr. Sameer Kumar Das, Secretary
5. Mr. Roshan Wijesekera, Joint Secretary
6. Mr. Harihar Patra, Treasurer
7. Mr. Jatin Das, Member
8. Ven. Sumithananda Thero, Member
9. Mrs. Alpana Nayak, Member
10. Mr. Nandanandan Mishra, IRS (Retd.), Member
11. Mr. Priyabrata Patnaik, IAS (Retd.), Member

### **Governing Body for the years 2014-2016**

1. Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, President
2. Mr. Roshan Wijesekera, Vice President
3. Mr. Sameer Kumar Das, Secretary
4. Mr. Harihar Patra, Treasurer
5. Mr. D.P Bagchi, IAS (Retd.), Member
6. Mr. K. Madhusudana Choudary, Member
7. Mr. Jatin Das, Member
8. Ven. Sumithananda Thero, Member

9. Mrs. Alpana Nayak, Member
10. Mr. T. Banambar Patra, Member

All the above members function in an honorary capacity.

## **Fund Raising & Financials**

The Foundation raises its funds for operational & future expenses through (1) Membership Fees, (2) Donations and (3) Event Sponsorship.

A savings bank account of the KLF was opened with the Axis Bank Ltd at DLF Gurgaon, Ground Floor, Cross Point, Phase-IV, DLF Qutab Enclave Complex, Gurgaon-122009 with the bank a/c number 915010010858305. The Permanent Account Number (PAN) and the Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN) of KLF are AACAK6448D and RTKK05088G respectively.

KLF has appointed M/s Ambeesh Marwah & Associates as Chartered Accountants for auditing of all the financial transactions.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

In this close-knit world of globalization, it is imperative for everybody to remain in touch with like-minded people for professional enrichment, simultaneously making significant contribution to the society. Kalinga Lanka Foundation offers a huge platform to all of its members from different walks of life to network with each other, share knowledge, cherish the Kalingan heritage of enterprise building and become a change agent for growth and prosperity of the society.

As a non-government and not-for-profit cultural organization, Kalinga Lanka Foundation intends to celebrate the common heritage and strengthen the historical relationship between peoples of India and peoples of Sri Lanka through multi-dimensional initiatives in art & culture, education, skill development, science & technology, tourism, business and other areas.

### **Benefits of Membership:**

1. The Foundation provides the opportunity for lifetime membership through one-time payment in three different categories -Single Individual, Corporate and Institutional.
2. A brief profile of all the members will be appropriately placed in every communiqué of the Foundation such as website, brochure etc. This will provide an opportunity to members to know and network with each other for personal and/or professional reasons.
3. In all the events & activities of the Foundation, the members will be given priority to participate.
4. The Foundation will organize several B2B events and exhibitions where members will be given preference for participation at discounted rates.
5. The Foundation will provide its organizational support to the cause of the members as per the objectives put forth in the memorandum of association.

## Membership Fees:

Membership Fees in different categories are:

Life Membership-----	INR 5,000 & above
Annual Membership-----	INR 1,000 & above
Institutions (Academic/ Cultural) -----	INR 1,00,000 & above
Corporate-----	INR 2,00,000 & above
University Students (Masters & above) -----	INR 500 & above

(Note: The extra amount paid above the minimum membership fees will be considered as donation by the concerned member.)

## Membership Admission Procedure:

1. For effective selection and enrolment of like-minded members, a referral system was developed where a prospective candidate has to be recommended by an existing life member in the membership form who has to provide his/her profile, copy of photo-id proof & payment cheque along with the application for the final approval and formal induction by the President.
2. Membership form is available in the official website [www.kalingalankaoundation.org](http://www.kalingalankaoundation.org) and also can be sought from the Secretary through email [kalingalankaoundation@gmail.com](mailto:kalingalankaoundation@gmail.com)

## THE KLF FAMILY

### Ex-Officio Patron-in-Chief

Mrs. Chitranganee Wagiswara, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India

### Patrons

Brig. K.P. Singh Deo (Retd), Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament of India

Mr Bhartruhari Mahtab, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

Mr Baijayant 'Jay' Panda, Former Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha)

### Chairman & Founding President

Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India

### President

Mr Debi Prasad Bagchi, IAS (Retd), Former Chief Secretary of Odisha & Former Secretary to Govt of India

### Members of Governing Body & Executive Committee

Mr.K. Madhusudana Choudary, Vice President

Mr. Harihar Patra, Treasurer

Mr. Sameer Kumar Das, Secretary  
Mr. Roshan Wijesekera, Joint Secretary  
Mr. Jatin Das, Member  
Ven. Sumithananda Thero, Member  
Mr. Shakti Kanta Pattanaik, Member  
Mr. Nandanandan Mishra, IRS (Retd.), Member  
Mr. Priyabrata Patnaik, IAS (Retd.), Member

**Corporate Members:**

Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Mumbai  
Indian Metal & Ferro Alloys Limited, Bhubaneswar  
Kajaria Ceramics Limited, New Delhi  
Toshali Resorts International (T.K. International Ltd), Bhubaneswar

**Institutional Members:**

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**Student Members**

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**Annual Members**

Ms Sakie Ariyawansa, Travel Writer & Sinhala Language Trainer

**Life Members**

Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India  
Mr Debi Prasad Bagchi, IAS (Retd), Former Chief Secretary of Odisha  
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Mr K. Madhusudana Choudary, Group Chairman, UTL Global Projects Pte Ltd  
Mr T.Banambar Patra, Managing Director, T.K.International Ltd (Toshali Resorts International)  
Mr Roshan Wijesekera, Aviation & Tourism Consultant  
Ms Alpana Nayak, Odissi Dance Guru  
Mr Harihar Patra, Director-Marketing, Toshali Resorts International  
Mr Jatin Das, Painter & Chairman, JD Centre for Art  
Ven. Sumiththananda Thero, Bhikkhu-in-Charge, New Delhi Centre of Mahabodhi Temple  
Mr Sameer Kumar Das, PR & Marketing Consultant  
Mr Biroja Shankar Singh Deo, Managing Director, Bell Helicopter India  
Mr Sandeep Singh Dingra, Businessman

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Mr Nandanandan Mishra, IRS (Retd), Former Chief Commissioner of Income Tax  
Dr Bimalendu Mohanty, Former Vice-Chancellor of the Utkal University of Culture, Odisha  
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Mr Biranchi Mishra, Former Joint Director-cum- Deputy Secretary, Odisha Tourism  
Ms Susmita Bagchi, Author  
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Ms Susmita Das, Professional Singer  
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Mr P. Babu Rao Patro, Businessman  
Prof. (Dr) Gyana Chandra Kar, Retired Professor & Academician  
Mr Nabin Charan Narayan Das, Advocate  
Ms Suvasini Mahakud, Advocate  
Mr Shailoja Shankar Singh Deo, Renowned Engineer & Academician  
Mr Sunil Kumar Dash, Advocate  
Ambassador Abasar Beuria, Retired Diplomat  
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Mr Yohan Wijesekera, Tourism Consultant



## MEMBER'S PROFILE



### **H.E. Mrs. Chitranganee Wagiswara**

High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India  
Ex-Officio Patron-in-Chief, Kalinga Lanka Foundation

High Commissioner Mrs. Chitranganee Wagiswara joined the Sri Lanka Foreign Service in 1981. After two decades of service in key missions of Italy, Canada, United Kingdom, she was appointed High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in Singapore in 1999 and served in that capacity until 2003. Between 2005-2008, she was the Ambassador to the Republic of France and Permanent Delegate to the UNESCO. In 2010, she was appointed as High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in Canada where she served up to 2014.

Mrs Wagiswara became the Foreign Secretary of Sri Lanka in January 2015 and held that post until July 2016 after which she was appointed as High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India. She has done Post Graduate Diploma in International Studies from the Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute (BIDTI), Colombo, Sri Lanka and also holds Diploma in International Relations from the Graduate Institute for International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland. (Email ID: lanka.hc@gmail.com)



### **Ambassador Lalit Mansingh**

Former Foreign Secretary of India  
Chairman and Founding President of Kalinga Lanka Foundation  
(Member Code:KLFD001)

Ambassador Lalit Mansingh joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1963. He has served as India's Foreign Secretary, Ambassador to the United States and High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. He has also been Ambassador in the United Arab Emirates and High Commissioner in Nigeria with concurrent accreditation to Benin, Chad and the Cameroon. At headquarters in Delhi, Ambassador Mansingh worked in a variety of assignments: as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Director General of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Dean of the Foreign Service Institute and Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

Ambassador Mansingh is associated with several international organizations such as Asia Pacific Leadership Network, Canberra; International Crisis Group, Brussels and International Advisory Committee, APCO Worldwide, Washington DC. At India, he is the President, Forum for Strategic Initiatives; Prof Emeritus of the Foreign Service Institute at New Delhi and the Global Envoy for International Buddhist Confederation, New Delhi. (Email ID: lalitmansingh@yahoo.com)



### **Brig. Kamakhya Prasad Singh Deo (Retd), AVSM**

Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament of India  
Patron & Life Member, Kalinga Lanka Foundation  
(Member Code: KLFDS029)

Brig. K.P. Singh Deo is a distinguished parliamentarian and former Union Minister. He was a member of the 4th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th and 13th Lok Sabha of the Parliament of India. He was first elected to Lok Sabha in 1967 representing Swatantra Party. He represented the Dhenkanal constituency of Orissa and is a member of the Indian National Congress. He was the president of the Orissa Pradesh Congress Committee. He served as Union Minister of State for Defence (1982-84), Food & Civil Supplies (1985-86), Information & Broadcasting (1993-95).

Brig. Singh Deo was the former ruler of the princely state of Dhenkanal in Odisha. He was commissioned into Territorial Army in 1971 and was awarded Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) in 1994. He has interest in travelling, sports, wildlife conservation & social work. In 1981, he was qualified as the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian as International Umpire in Rowing. He is the Founder President of the Asian Rowing Federation.  
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### **Mr Bhartruhari Mahtab**

Member of Parliament of India (Lok Sabha),  
Patron, Kalinga Lanka Foundation

Mr Bhartruhari Mahtab has been representing the Cuttack Constituency, Odisha in the House of the People (Lok Sabha) of Parliament since 1998. He is Leader of the Biju Janata Dal Parliamentary Party in the Lok Sabha since 2014. Presently, he is Chairperson of the Railway Convention Committee and Member of the Public Accounts Committee, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, Rules Committee, Committee on Ethics, Joint Committee on the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015 and Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.

Shri Mahtab is the Chairman of the Prajatantra Prachar Samiti and Swadhinata Sangrami Sadan Trust. He is also Managing Trustee of the Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab Foundation. He is a journalist and writer by profession. He is Editor of the 'The Prajatantra'. He has written Chalis Varsh Ganatantra, Dharma Darshan Drusticon, Diary-RU-Kiyadansa and Shesh-Prustha-Volume I, II and III to his credit.

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### **Mr Baijayant Panda**

Former Member of Parliament of India (Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha)  
Patron, Kalinga Lanka Foundation

Baijayant 'Jay' Panda is a Former Member of Parliament of India (Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha). He was elected to his second term (2014 - 2019) in the Lok Sabha (House of the People) from Kendrapara Constituency, Odisha. Earlier, Jay Panda had been elected to the Lok Sabha in May 2009 as well as twice earlier to the Rajya Sabha (parliament's other house, the Council of States) in 2000 and 2006, also from the State of Odisha.

Mr Panda is one of the founding members of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) party, whose Founder President is Naveen Patnaik, currently serving in his fourth term as Chief Minister of Odisha. He graduated from the Michigan

Technological University and, with a background in Engineering and Management, worked in the corporate sector before joining politics. He is the present Chairman of the India-USA Forum of Parliamentarians. In December 2017, he was felicitated with the "Parliamentarian of the Year" award by Skoch Foundation.

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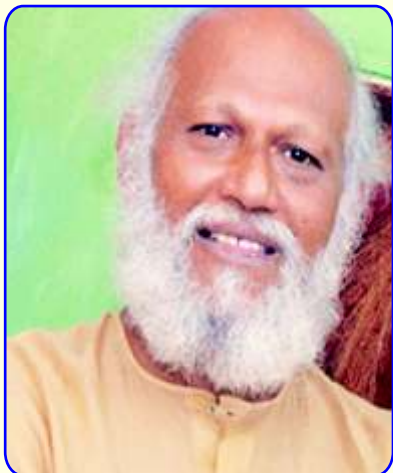


### **Mr Debi Prasad Bagchi, IAS ( Retd)**

Former Chief Secretary of Odisha & Former Secretary to Govt of India  
Co-founder & President, Kalinga Lanka Foundation  
(Member Code: KLFDS002)

Mr Debi Prasad Bagchi joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1966 for the Odisha cadre. He held prestigious positions such as Principal Advisor of Planning Commission; Secretary, Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries; Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministries of Commerce and Textiles, Government of India. For three and half years he has served as Secretary to Govt of Tripura for Agricultural and allied departments. He retired from civil service in October 2002 as the Chief Secretary-cum-Chief Development Commissioner of Odisha.

Mr. Bagchi has rich experience in general administration, management strategy, government industry relationship and Corporate Governance. Mr. Bagchi holds a Master's Degree in Economics from Utkal University and Master of Philosophy in Public Administration from Punjab University. He is actively associated with the Ramakrishna Mission. (Email ID: dpbagchi@gmail.com)

**Mr Jatin Das**

Artist & Chairman, JD Centre of Art, Bhubaneswar  
Co-founder & Member- Governing Body, Kalinga Lanka Foundation  
(Member Code: KLFDS003)

Mr Jatin Das is a world renowned contemporary artist and the Chairman, JD Centre for Art, Bhubaneswar. He was conferred the Padma Bhushan by the President of India on 22nd March, 2012 for his contribution in the field of art & culture. He has studied at the Sir JJ School of Art in Mumbai.

In a career spanning five decades, his works are part of several public and private collections in India and abroad. He has also done several murals and sculptures installations such as 'The Journey of India: Mohenjo-Daro to Mahatma Gandhi', Oil on Canvas, 7ft x 68ft, Indian Parliament, Delhi 2001 and Façade mural, Chelsea Arts Club, London, UK 2009. He has a 28 year old largest private collection of Pankha (hand fans) in the world, a majority of which are from the Indian subcontinent. Since May 2004, the collection has been on display at eminent museums in India and overseas. (Email ID: jatin@jatindas.com)

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Group Chairman of UTL Global Projects (P) Ltd  
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**Mr T. Banambar Patra**

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Mr T. Banambar Patra is one of the foremost entrepreneur from Odisha in India and a pioneer in the Odisha's hospitality Industry. With a Post Graduate degree in Hotel Management from Ecole Hotelier, Lausanne, Switzerland (World's oldest hospitality institution), he built Odisha's first 4-star beach property 'Toshali Sands Ethnic Village Resort' in 1982 to promote the vibrant cultural heritage and eco-diversity of Odisha across the world. He is the Founder and Managing Director of M/s T.K. International Ltd which runs chain of resorts across Odisha and India in the name of 'Toshali'.

After Graduating from the Ravenshaw College at Cuttack, he established family-owned Departmental Store in the name of M/s. T. Krishna Patra in 1969 at Bhubaneswar which soon became a house hold name in the district of Puri & Cuttack. He is also the Founder Chairman of 'Kalinga Vysya Samaj', a non-government voluntary organization involved in various charitable work. (Email ID: banambarpatra@gmail.com)



**Ms Alpana Nayak**

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Ms Alpana Nayak is an eminent Odissi Dance Guru and Founder President of Association for Learning Performing Arts and Normative Action (A.L.P.A.N.A.), a Delhi based voluntary organization promoting performing arts and facilitating holistic human development. She began her training in Odissi at the age of seven and gained her 'Nritya Shree' degree at the tender age of thirteen and 'Nritya Visharad' at nineteen. She has performed Odissi Dance Solo in almost all major cities and cultural festivals of India, England, Japan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Mongolia.

She is a graded artist of Doordarshan Kendra Central Unit, empanelled on ICCR and a recipient of Fellowship from Ministry of Culture, Government of India. She is also among the very few exponents of Odissi dance who can train children with disability (physically and mentally challenged) in Indian classical and folk dance forms for their holistic development in the society. (Email ID: alpanadel@gmail.com)

**Ven. Sumiththananda Thero**

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Born in Kurunegala, Sri Lanka, Ven. Sumiththananda Thero has spent a monastic life of over 21 years. On invitation of Mahabodhi Society of India, he came to India in 2005 and has spent 6 years at the Mahabodhi Temple in Varanasi as the Assistant Bhikkhu-in-Charge. Since 2011, he is the Bhikkhu-in-Charge of the New Delhi Centre of Mahabodhi Temple. He is also the Joint Secretary of Mahabodhi Society of India. He has studied at the Colombo University and at the Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi. (Email ID: sunarada@yahoo.com)

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Born in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Mr Roshan Wijesekera has a 26 years long association with the aviation and tourism industry in India. He has worked with Commercial and General Aviation industry - Malaysian Airlines, Airlanka, Srilankan Airlines, Gulf Air and Religare, in different capacity such as Finance, Admin, Sales & Marketing, PR, HR, Legal, Flight Planning, Ground Handling, aircraft sales, aircraft repair & management, aircraft spare parts supply and managing high profile delegation visit to India.

During his tenure as the Country Manager – India for Mihin Lanka Airline, he had made significant contribution in increasing the inbound traffic for the Buddhist Heritage tourism of India. Presently he is associated with Siddhartha International, an IATO approved tour operator and hotel group. He holds an MBA degree in Sales & Marketing. (Email ID: srpwiye@yahoo.co.in)



**Mr Harihar Patra**

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Mr Harihar Patra is one of country's leading hospitality and tourism professional with a career spanning over more than 30 years. With a post graduate degree from IIM Ahmedabad, he is trained extensively in Marketing, Sales, Finance and Cost Control. He is the Director (Sales & Marketing) of Toshali Resorts International which is known for promoting sustainable and eco tourism at off-beat destinations of India. Being an avid traveller, he has developed a vast experience of the changing business dynamics of the hotel industry worldwide and has been a prominent opinion leader in various industry forums.

He also spearheaded the company's CSR activities by adopting a weaver's village in Odisha thereby promoting the artisans and traditional Odishan design & handloom in overseas market.

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Mr Das studied B.E. (Electrical) from KIIT Bhubaneswar (Utkal University) and also holds a Diploma in Training & Development from ISTD, New Delhi which is approved by Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India. He has immense interest in poetry, cultural tourism and history. He expresses his views on contemporary issues through blog <http://abhivyakti-sameer.blogspot.in/>.

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### **Wg. Cdr. Biroja Shankar Singh Deo (Retd.)**

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For pioneering work in Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited, Wg.Cdr. Singh Deo was awarded the “Vayu Sena Medal” by the president of India in 1988. From 1992-95, he was a technical pilot in Malaysian Helicopter Services. He joined

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### **Dr Bimalendu Mohanty**

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Dr Mohanty served under Government of Odisha as Director, Sports and Youth Services and Director, Culture –both in the rank of Additional Secretary and the

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Dr Mohapatra is the Trustee and Governing Body Member of Maha Bodhi Society of India. He is the Secretary of the Kalinga Buddha Vihar (the Maha Bodhi Temple) as well as the Maha Bodhi Society Public School, at Bhubaneswar, both managed by the Odisha centre of the Maha Bodhi Society of India. (Email ID: sourendra1@yahoo.co.in)



### **Dr Sunil Kumar Patnaik**

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Dr Patnaik has authored & edited several research-based books on Buddhist heritage, maritime history and culture of Odisha such as Excavations at Radhanagar (Kankia): An Early Historical Buddhist Site published by OIMSEAS; Buddhism and Maritime Heritage of South East Asia: Odishan Perspective by Prativa Publications.  
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### **Mr Sandeep Singh Dingra**

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Mr Sandeep Dingra is a Delhi based businessman. He is a distributor for North & East India for world's no.1 Japanese company by brand "TAJIMA" manufacturing computerized embroidery machines for high end embellished garments manufactured by top export houses in India. He is also a fashion technologist who imparts training, lectures and conduct seminars on technical know-how on value addition like modern and traditional embroideries for the fashion industry.

Mr Singh was born in Sambalpur (Odisha). He did his schooling from DPS Mathura Road, New Delhi. After completing his graduation from G M College at Sambalpur, he studied MBA from Amity Business School, Noida. His father came to Odisha in 1957 to work as a mechanical contractor for the construction of Hirakud Dam and settled in Sambalpur. (Email ID: saandee007@gmail.com)



### **Mr Biranchi Mishra**

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Mr Biranchi Mishra had served the State Government of Odisha in different capacities as a member of the Odisha Tourism Service (OTS) and retired as Joint Director-cum- Deputy Secretary in 2007. With 34 years of professional experience in the Tourism Sector (involving Human Resource Development/Project Planning & Monitoring/Production & Publicity Campaign/Tourism Surveys), he was a Consultant to the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) and PriceWater House Coopers (PwC). He was also a Guest Faculty and a member of the Board of Studies & Conducting Examiners (in Tourism Studies) for over 30 years in the Utkal University, Utkal University of Culture, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional College of Management, Institute of Hotel Management and +2 Council.

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### **Mr Shakti Kanta Pattanaik**

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Mr Shakti Kanta Pattanaik is an alumnus of prestigious Ravenshaw College, Cuttack and Delhi School of Economics. He completed his LLB degree from Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi. He also received a Diploma in Corporate Law and Management from Indian Law Institute, Delhi. He is empaneled as a legal advisor and solicitor for number of reputed Indian and international companies.

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Corporate Executive

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Born at Rajahmundry (Rajamahendravaram) in Andhra Pradesh, Mr Pramod Kumar Rao has a graduate degree in Hospitality Management & Masters in HR & Marketing. He has a decade of experience in Aviation industry. Presently he is associated with country's largest Airline "IndiGo", guiding part of Flight Operations and Regulatory affairs of IndiGo. Earlier he was associated with Ligare Aviation (Religare Enterprises Aviation Division); Nirulas Corporate House, Deccan Chronicle, Dassault Aviation & TATA SIA Airlines Ltd. Core functional Strengths include Government relations, Corporate Affairs, Aviation Security & Aviation Management. He is an avid reader & a fitness enthusiast. He has deep interests in Indian Culture and its impacts on the world relations.

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Mr Asit Kumar Patnaik is a Gold Medalist in M.F.A. (Painting) from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. He completed his Bachelors in fine art from the Govt College of Art and Crafts at Khallikote, Odisha. A semi realistic painter his narratives revolve around human psyche and interpersonal relationship of people in society. He is a recipient of several awards including National Scholarship & Junior Fellowship from Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, in the field of fine arts.

He has exhibited in over 50 solo and group shows in India and abroad including the 10th annual harmony show, The Florence Biennale 2011, Sasaran International Art Festival, Malaysia -2014 & The Global art fair Dubai

2015. He is also a regular participant at Art camps and his work is part of the private collection of the President of India, India House Nepal and of several other public and private collections in India, USA, UK, South Korea, UAE, Australia, Bangladesh, South Africa and Switzerland. He is currently based in Delhi.

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**Ms Susmita Bagchi**

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Ms Susmita Bagchi is a Bangalore based author. She started writing fiction in Odia in 1982. Her short stories became immensely popular right away because of her unusual themes and simple story-telling style. Her first book, a collection of short stories, received the State Sahitya Akademi award. Though she started as a short story writer, later, around 1992, she stepped into the world of novels. Now she has to her credit seven collections of short stories, eight novels and a travelogue.

Many of Susmita's stories are translated and published in other languages like Hindi, Kannada, Telugu, Marathi and Malayalam. Her novel 'Deba Shishu' was translated into English and published by Penguin as 'Children of a Better God' in September 2010 to great critical acclaim. Apart from the Sahitya Akademi Award, Susmita has received many other prestigious awards like the Utkal Samman, the Prajatantra Award, the Gangadhar Rath Foundation Award among many others.  
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Mr Bagchi is also India's bestselling author of business books, with titles like The High Performance Entrepreneur, Go Kiss the World, The Professional and MBA at 16 to his credit. He studied Political Science at the Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. In 1975, he was adjudged the Best NCC Cadet of India at the Republic Day Parade in Delhi where he was awarded the Prime Minister's Cane Honor.  
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Mr. Patnaik had been President of the All India Food Processors' Association, Chairman of the National Council on Agriculture Marketing of CII and a member of the Governing Body of ICAR. Mr. Patnaik is a well-known authority on agribusiness and his views are frequently sought for by the Government as well as the private sector. (Email ID: gokul.patnaik@gmail.com)



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### **Ms Susmita Das**

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Ms Susmita Das is an eminent Odia singer and is one of the best known voices of eastern and central India. She is a regular artist with All India Radio, Doordarshan and many other private television and radio channels. She has more than 300 live performances. Her range of singing includes light musicals, semi-classical, devotional, folk and traditional.

Ms Das has created 12 original music albums in Odia and Hindi. Most of her songs are composed by Shri Om Prakash Mohanty, one of the leading Music Director from Odisha. The music albums are 'Maya Darpan', 'Hati Saja Kara', 'Nua Luha Puruna Luha', 'Raag-Bairag', 'Radio-Days', 'Rubai', 'Gotie Sari', 'Hrudaya Ballabha', 'Seasons', 'Deha Videha', 'Madhura e Chanda Rati' and 'Kuch Dil Ne Kaha'. She regularly performs in stage shows and cultural events and has been felicitated all over India and abroad, in the USA, Canada, Sri Lanka, and the Middle East. Many of her songs are available in the website [www.susmitadas.com](http://www.susmitadas.com). She is married to Mr Siddhant Das, Director General of Forests, Govt of India.  
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### **Mr Priyabrata Patnaik, IAS (Retd)**

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### **Ms Biyot Projna Tripathy**

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As a distinguished author and columnist, she has written poems, short stories and articles for leading Odia magazines and News Papers. She has authored 4 books. For her literary work and poetry, she has been awarded the 'Gyanada Akhil Sahitya Samman' and 'Megha Samman' respectively in 2009 at

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### **Mr Jayantha Seneviratne**

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He was actively involved in various social activities through the charitable organization Satyawadi Society which he founded in 1991 while at University of Delhi and for which he was honored by the then President of India, Shri Gyani Zail Singh. From 2001 to till date, he has been providing spiritual services to the society by conducting Vipassana Meditation Program at Maha Bodhi Temple (Buddha Vihar), Mandir Marg, New Delhi. (Email ID: jayantha.sene@yahoo.com)



### **Mr P. Babu Rao Patro**

Businessman  
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Mr Babu Rao Patro is a Bhubaneswar based second generation entrepreneur of a 35-year-old family-owned rice business Utkal Traders, which was founded by his father Late Shri P. Syama Murty Patro, a pioneer of the modern day rice industry in Odisha. Mr Patro's company is a major suppliers of rice to many wholesalers, institutions and traders.

Mr Patro has set up a rice processing unit at Chandaka Industrial Estate, Bhubaneswar that produces premium quality rice, which he supplies to all segments of the society under the brand name of Kasper. His future plans for business is to expand the presence of Kasper all across Odisha. Currently Kasper has a distribution coverage that spans across districts of Cuttack, Puri, Bhadrak, Jajpur Road and Dhenkanal. (Email ID : brpatro@yahoo.co.in)



**Prof. (Dr) Gyana Chandra Kar**

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Dr Kar studied M.A.(Economics) from the prestigious Ravenshaw College, Cuttack and done his Ph.D.(Economics) from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. He started career as Lecturer in Economics in 1963. He has successfully guided sixteen scholars for their Ph.D Degrees.  
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Renowned Engineer & Academician  
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Mr Singh Deo studied B.Tech in Metallurgical Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur in 1968 and thereafter completed M.S. in Material Engineering from University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. He was President of Rotary Club of Cuttack, President of Utkal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Honorary Secretary of Odisha Small Scale Industry Association, Honorary Secretary of Odisha Productivity Council. He is currently based at Cuttack in Odisha and pursuing a post retired life. (Email ID: [sssinghdeo@gmail.com](mailto:sssinghdeo@gmail.com))

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Mr Dash was actively involved in student political movement NSUI as General Secretary of the undivided Dhenkanal district. He was the former president of Dhenkanal College Union, Dhenkanal Law College and Dhenkanal Youth Congress. He studied Master in Commerce and LLB. He was a Senior Under Officer, National Cadet Corps. (Email: [sunildash0788@gmail.com](mailto:sunildash0788@gmail.com))





### **Ambassador Abasar Beuria**

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Ambassador Abasar Beuria had served in Indian diplomatic mission in Japan, Russia (formerly USSR), United States of America, United Arab Emirates, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Madagascar. He was critically involved as a member of the Indian delegation in bilateral and multilateral international talks including Non Alignment Summit, Commonwealth Heads of Governments Conference and G-77 Conventions etc.

Before joining the Indian Foreign Service, Mr Beuria worked as Bank officer and lecturer. He studied M.A. (Political Science) from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and Bachelor of Arts degree from the prestigious Ravenshaw College, Cuttack in Odisha. He is presently residing in Bhubaneswar after retirement from service and is closely associated with leading socio-cultural and philanthropic organizations.

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### **Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (Member Code: KLFBC002)**



Established in 1961 in the Eastern State of Odisha known for its rich natural resources, IMFA is India's largest, fully integrated producer of ferro alloys with 187 MVA installed furnace capacity backed up by 261 MW captive power generation and extensive chrome ore mining tracts.

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### **Kajaria Ceramics Ltd (Member Code: KLFDC003)**



Kajaria Ceramics, incorporated in 1985, Kajaria Ceramics is the largest manufacturer of ceramic/vitrified tiles in India. It has an annual aggregate capacity of 68.37 mn. sq. meters, distributed across eight plants - Sikandrabad in Uttar Pradesh, Gailpur & Malootana in

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## Indian Oil Corporation Limited (Member Code: KLFDC004)



Indian Oil is India's flagship Maharatna national oil company with business interests straddling the entire hydrocarbon value chain - from refining, pipeline transportation & marketing, to exploration & production of crude oil & gas, petrochemicals, gas marketing, alternative energy sources and globalisation of downstream operations. It also has global aspirations, fulfilled to an extent by the formation of subsidiaries in Sri Lanka, Mauritius, the UAE, Sweden, USA and The Netherlands. It is pursuing diverse business interests with the setting up of over 15 joint ventures with reputed business partners from India and abroad to explore global opportunities.

For more details, please log in to the company website [www.iocl.com](http://www.iocl.com)

## Odisha Institute of Maritime & South East Asian Studies (OIMSEAS), Bhubaneswar (Member Code: KLFBI001)



Department of Culture,  
Government of Odisha

With a view to establish the commercial, cultural and political linkage of ancient Odisha (Kalinga/Utkala) with the South East Asian Countries as also the Roman Empire, West Asia, Sri Lanka and Western Part of India, the Odisha Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies has been formed since 1986-87 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha to extricate the glorious maritime heritage from the darkness of the past.

The major aims and objectives of Odisha Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies are to study the past cultural links and maritime connection between Odisha (Ancient Utkala/Kalinga) and South East Asian countries; to take up archaeological survey and exploration of the important sites stretching from Tamralipti to Kalingapatanam (the then coastal line of Kalingan empire); to organize lectures, symposia, national and international seminars with wider participation of scholars particularly from the South East Asian countries and to publish reports, research papers and books based on primary sources. For more details, please log in to <http://odishaculture.gov.in/oimseas>

## Bhubaneswar Club, Bhubaneswar, Odisha (Member Code: KLFBI002)



From its humble beginnings in 1949, the Bhubaneswar Club has achieved the status of one of the finest clubs in the country, and is affiliated to more than 150 reputed clubs in India and abroad. With a constant line up of entertainment events and superb facilities, the Club is indeed a 'second home' for its more than 2500 members and their families.

Bhubaneswar Club is located at Rajpath, Unit-VI, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. For more details, please visit [www.bbsrclub.com](http://www.bbsrclub.com)



## EVENT & ACTIVITIES

### 1. LAUNCH OF KALINGA LANKA FOUNDATION:

Kalinga Lanka Foundation was launched at the High Commission of Sri Lanka, New Delhi on 29th May 2014 by H.E. Mr Prasad Kariyawasam, the then High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in India and Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India who was also the Founding President of the organization. Eminent personalities from Odisha and Sri Lanka were present at the event. Among the dignitaries who spoke on the occasion were H.E. Mr Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India, Mr Bhartruhari Mahtab, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Mr K.P. Singhdeo, Former Union Minister, Mr Jatin Das, Renowned Painter and Mrs Alpana Nayak, Odishi Dance Guru.



Visionaries of the Kalinga Lanka Foundation:  
Ambassador Prasad Kariyawasam,  
High Commissioner of Sri Lanka and Ambassador  
Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India



Ambassador Prasad Kariyawasam with Mr Bhartruhari  
Mahtab, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)



The Pioneers (L-R): Amb. Lalit Mansingh,  
Mr D P Bagchi, Amb. Prasad Kariyawasam



(L-R) Ven. Sumithananda Thero, Amb.  
Prasad Kariyawasam, Amb. Lalit Mansingh



Distinguished Guests



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Founding Members (L-R): Mr Jatin Das, Ven. Sumithananda Thero, Ms Alpana Nayak, Mr Sameer Kumar Das, Mr Harihar Patra,  
Ambassador Prasad Kariyawasam, Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Mr D P Bagchi, Mr K Madhusudana Choudary



Mr Jatin Das, Renowned Painter



Ms Alpana Nayak, Odissi Dance Guru



Shri K.P. Singh Deo,  
Former Parliamentarian and  
Union Minister of India

## 2. MEETINGS AT THE SRI LANKA HIGH COMMISSION, NEW DELHI

Over the last four years, every meeting of Kalinga Lanka Foundation, except two, was held at the premises of the Sri Lanka High Commission, New Delhi. The Foundation is grateful to the contribution of successive High Commissioners, diplomats and the staff of the mission.



(L-R) Ms Nirmala Paranavitana, Mr Shakti Kanta Pattanaik, Mr Abhishek Mohanty, Mr Sameer Kumar Das, Mr Harihar Patra, Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, H.E. Mrs. Chitrangene Wagiswara-High Commissioner, Mr D.P. Bagchi, Mr Nandanandan Mishra, Mr Roshan Wijesekera and Mr Ambeesh Marwah



(L-R) Mr Kapila Fonseka, Mr Roshan Wijesekera, Mr Harihar Patra, Ms Alpana Nayak, H.E. Prof. Sudharshan Seneviratne-High Commissioner, Mr D.P. Bagchi, Mr Jatin Das and Mr Sameer Kumar Das



Get-together of KLF Members at the High Commission



KLF Board Meeting in presence of Prof. Sudharshan Seneviratne, the then High Commissioner

## 3. SEMINAR ON KALINGA-LANKA: REVIVING OLD LINKAGES AND EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

In the auspicious month of Kartika, to commemorate Eastern India's rich maritime traditions with Sri Lanka and South East Asia, Kalinga Lanka Foundation organized an international seminar Kalinga-Lanka: Reviving Old Linkages and Exploring New Opportunities. The seminar was held at the Utkal University, Bhubaneswar on 6-7 November, 2015.

Mr S.C. Jamir, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha inaugurated the 2-days event as the Chief Guest. Mr Esala Weerakoon, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in India graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Shri Ashok Panda, Minister of Tourism & Culture, Govt of Odisha; Mr Debi Prasad Mishra, Minister for Industries,



Government of Odisha and Mr Baijayant Panda, Member of Parliament of India (Lok Sabha) were also present in the inaugural session as Guests of Honour.

The inaugural session was held at the auditorium of the Utkal University which was attended by leading scholars from Sri Lanka and India including eminent personalities from different walks of life.

You Tube link of the inaugural session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQngrPYjaMU>



Inaugural Ceremony:(L-R) Ms Namrata Kumar, Deputy Director General , ICCR;Mr G.C.Pati,Chief Secretary of Odisha; Mr Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister for Tourism & Culture, Govt of Odisha; Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, President, KLF; Mr S.C.Jamir, Governor of Odisha; Mr Esala Weerakoon, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka; Mr Debi Prasad Mishra, Minister for Industries, Govt of Odisha; Mr Baijayant Panda, Member of Parliament (Loksabha); Prof. A.K. Das, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University; Mr D.P. Bagchi, Former Chief Secretary of Odisha and Member-Governing Body, KLF

Sri Lanka, after the end of a three decade old civil war, was then ushering in a new era of growth and development. It is therefore strategically significant to explore and re-instate the thriving relationship of ancient India with Sri Lanka to pave way for the future engagements. The legacy of ancient Kalinga is deeply embedded in every aspect of the day-to-day lifestyle of the population in Sri Lanka be it Buddhism, art & culture, food orethnic linkages.

The deliberations, through an academic seminar, will bring light the contacts between the two regions which evolved for over 2000 years through socio-economic, spiritual, cultural and marital linkages. The relationship tapered off around the 16<sup>th</sup> century A.D. due to political developments and the advent of foreign rulers in both the countries.

Hence, the focus of the aforesaid academic-cum-business seminar was to develop awareness and activate an age-old relationship between Sri Lanka and India through fresh initiatives in the field of education, art, culture, Buddhist pilgrimage, tourism, skill developments, joint ventures and commerce. The 2-days long seminar comprised of six sessions of diversified subjects like (1) Retracing Shared history (2) Buddhism: Reviving a Common Heritage (3) Development of Tourism and the Buddhist Circuit (4) Joint Ventures and Economic Co-operation (5) Educational Opportunities & Collaborations (6) Cultural Exchanges.



Felicitation of Governor of Odisha by President of Kalinga Lanka Foundation



Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, President, Kalinga Lanka Foundation



Mr Esala Weerakoon, Hon'ble High Commissioner of Sri Lanka



Mr S.C.Jamir, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha

Scholars and representatives from prominent Universities and Institutions such as South Asian University, New Delhi; University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka; University of Colombo, Sri Lanka; Utkal University, Bhubaneswar; Ravenshaw University, Cuttack; Odisha Institute for Maritime and South East Asian Studies (OIMSEAS); Department of Tourism & Culture, Govt of Odisha; National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Department of Handicraft, Handloom & Textile, Govt of Odisha; Delhi Institute of Heritage Research and Management and National Institute of Oceanography, Goa enriched the sessions through their expertise.



Distinguished Audience of the Kalinga Lanka Seminar

The seminar was followed by a 3-days orientation of the Sri Lankan delegates with the heritage of ancient Kalinga. The scholars got a first-hand experience of the rich Maritime and Buddhist legacy of Eastern India when they visited the Odisha State Maritime Museum at Cuttack and the Buddhist circuit of Ratnagiri-Udayagiri-Lalitgiri (known as the Diamond Triangle). The delegates also visited the architectural marvels of ancient Kalinga like Konark Sun Temple, Mukteswar Temple and the Rajarani Temple.

### **Welcome Address by Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Founder President, Kalinga Lanka Foundation**

*"Your Excellency, Shri SC Jamir, the Honourable Governor of Odisha, distinguished personalities on the podium, our honoured guests from Sri Lanka, young friends from the University, member of the media, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Kalinga Lanka Foundation, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you and especially to His Excellency the Governor of Odisha, Shri SC Jamir, who, when we approached him, graciously and readily agreed to inaugurate this seminar. I am also pleased to welcome His Excellency the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, Mr. Esala Weerakoon, who is the patron-in-Chief of the Kalinga Lanka Foundation, the Hon Minister of Industries of Odisha, Shri. Debi Prasad Mishra, the Hon Minister for Culture and Tourism of Odisha, Shri Ashok Chandra Panda, our distinguished patron, Shri.B.J.Panda, Member of Parliament, Shri.Gokul Pati, Chief Secretary of Odisha and Ms.Namrata Kumar, Deputy Director General of the ICCR. Their presence at this first major event of the Kalinga Lanka Foundation gives us inspiration and encouragement.*

*The Kalinga Lanka project has been for me, personally and professionally, a lifelong mission. Some sixty years ago, I was studying History (Hons) in this University, though not on this campus. My Professors were among the best historians Odisha has produced: Dr.Ghanshyam Das, Dr.Navin Kumar Sahu, Dr. Manmath Nath Das, Dr.Prabhat Mukherjee, Dr.Bhawani Rai, Dr.Altaf Hussain and the two Dr.Rajendra Dases. It was Dr.Navin Sahu's pioneering research on Buddhism in Odisha which planted the desire in me to pursue the history of Kalinga's shadowy links to Sri Lanka. I shared my plan to work on a doctorate on Kalinga and Lanka with my friend and classmate Dr.K.S. Behera, a great historian himself, and he painstakingly wrote out a bibliography for me, which I still preserve.*

*Twenty years after I joined the Foreign Service, I had my first opportunity to visit Sri Lanka. I looked around. Yes, the Sri Lankans did look like distant cousins. I could even follow their language on Roopa Vahini, their television. A shop keeper in Colombo asked me what I thought was an absurd question. Sir, your name is Lalith Manasingha; Why are you carrying an Indian Passport? It struck me that my name had been pronounced in the Oriya way for the first time outside Odisha!*

*Kalinga has played a large role in Sri Lanka's history. The Sinhala trace their ancestry to the Kalinga prince Vijaya who landed on their shores with seven hundred men in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century BCE. Three centuries later Emperor Ashoka came to Kalinga as a blood thirsty conqueror but returned to his capital Pataliputra as a remorseful, peace loving follower of the Buddha.*

*Sri Lanka was the collateral beneficiary of the Kalinga war. Ashoka sent his daughter and son Sanghamitra and Mahendra to plant a sapling of the sacred Bodhi tree and to spread the message of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. The two nations maintained close dynastic, political, commercial, cultural and religious contacts for close to a fifteen hundred years.*

*The sacred tooth relic of the Buddha was taken to Sri Lanka from the Kalinga capital of Dantapura, identified by Dr.Navin Kumar Sahu as Palur on the Chilika Lake.*

*Some of the most famous kings in Sri Lanka's history were connected to Kalinga, by blood or by marriage. Mention may be made of, King Vijaya Bahu, perhaps also known as 'Kalinga Magha' and King Nissanka Malla. Incidentally, the queen of King Vijay Bahu was Trilokasundari, a princess from Kalinga.*

*The Sinhala language still retains remarkable similarities with the languages of Eastern India. It is interesting in Odiya the chilly is called 'Lanka Maricha' and the cashew fruit is called 'Lanka Amba'.*

*We are honoured to have with us HE the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, Mr.Esala Weerakoon, who is here on his very first visit outside Delhi. He is joined by a galaxy of leading scholars and experts from Sri Lanka. Among them are (1) Prof.B Nandadeva (University of Kelaniya), (2) Prof.S Coperhewa (University of Colombo), (3) Prof.Asanga Thilakaratne (University of Colombo (to join later), (4) Prof.Anura Manatunga (University of Kelaniya), (5) Mr.R.Vijesekhara (based in Delhi), and (6) Prof.Anoma Abhayaratne (South Asia University, Delhi). They will have an opportunity to exchange views with the best experts we have within Odisha and outside.*

*To all our distinguished Sri Lankan friends in this gathering, I am pleased to greet you with 'Ayu Bhowan' and welcome you to the land of your ancestors!*

*This seminar is not entirely an exercise in historical nostalgia. Even as we seek greater clarity through the fog of our historical past, we need to look ahead and assess the potential benefits of a renewed partnership.*

*India is Sri Lanka's largest trading partner, globally, while Sri Lanka is India's second largest trading partner in*



SAARC. Our mutual trade and investments have taken a leap forward after the signing of the India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement in 2000. One of the objectives of this seminar is to bring up new ideas on how to promote joint ventures in mutually beneficial areas like textiles, gems and jewellery, trade and tourism.

Sri Lanka has recently completed a new port in Hambantota. Odisha has similarly built Paradip and Dhamra, as modern versions of the ancient Kalinga ports of Tampralipta, Dantapura and Kalingapattanam. Sri Lanka and the Eastern region of India enjoy a strategic advantage for exploring the economic potential of the vast markets of ASEAN and beyond that, of the giant economies of China, Japan and Australia.

The Kalinga Lanka Foundation's resources are modest, but its aspirations are unlimited. This seminar is just the first step in what we foresee is a long and rewarding journey. The Odisha chapter of the KLF will be inaugurated today by the His Excellency the Governor of Odisha. The next move will be to establish a chapter of KLF in Colombo. Our forthcoming venture in India will be a Kalinga-Lanka exhibition of textiles early next year, which will coincide with Sri Lanka's National Day.

We have been overwhelmed by the generous support this seminar has received from many benefactors. I will however mention two institutions without whom this event would not have taken place: The ICCR, who readily agreed to sponsor the project, and the Utkal University, who most willingly took on the academic co-ordination and the local arrangements. I will be failing in my duty if I did not also acknowledge our team in the Kalinga Lanka foundation: in particular, my good friend and colleague Shri.D.P. Bagchi, former Chief Secretary of Odisha and the Secretary of the KLF, Shri Sameer Das, A big round of applause please, for all our benefactors.

Let me conclude by quoting a few lines from the poem 'Sadhaba Jhia' (which means the 'the Merchant's Daughter') by Odisha's celebrated poet and my late father, Dr. Mayadhar Mansingh:

*“Bijana Bela, Bijana Bela,  
Kahu Nahin Kahin Boita gala, Boita gala”*

The poet laments: Why is our sea shore empty? Where have the boats disappeared?

We would like the shores of Kalinga to be crowded by visitors and boats from Sri Lanka and South East Asia, as it used to be centuries ago. And for the people of Kalinga and Lanka to become, once again, the friendly cousins across the seas.

*Jai Hind and Namō Namō Lanka”*

### **Welcome Address by Mr Esala Weerakoon, the then High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India**

*“Your Excellency Shri S.C Jamir, Governor of Odisha, The Guest of Honour; the Hon'ble Shri Debi Prasad Mishra, Minister of Industries; the Hon'ble Ashok Chandra Panda, Minister of Tourism; Hon'ble Shri Baijayant Panda, Member of the Lok Sabha; Shri Gokul Chandra Pati, Chief Secretary Government of Odisha, Smt. Namrata Kumar, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Cultural Relations; distinguished academics and panellists from Sri Lanka and India, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.*

*It is an honour and a privilege to attend the international seminar organised by Kalinga-Lanka Foundation on Kalinga-Lanka: Reviving Old Linkages and Exploring New Opportunities. I bring greetings and felicitations from the government and the people of Sri Lanka on this important occasion. At the outset, I wish to express my deep and sincere appreciation to the organizers of this important initiative, namely, Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India and President of the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation, Professor A.K Das, Vice-*



Chancellor of the Utkal University, Shri D.P Bagchi, Former Chief Secretary of Odisha, and member of the governing board of Kalinga-Lanka Foundation. I also wish to recognize the role of my predecessors Ambassador Prasad Kariyawasam, and Professor Sudarshan Seneviratne in the founding and establishment of the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation. I will be remising my duty if I fail to acknowledge the indefatigable Secretary of Kalinga-Lanka Foundation Mr. Sameer Das.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is very propitious and timely that the international seminar on Kalinga-Lanka is taking place this year that is November 2015. This has been a momentous year for Sri-Lanka India relations as was very ably and articulately explained to you by the past distinguished speakers. There were many high level visits from Sri Lanka to India and from India to Sri Lanka this year. In February 2015, President Maithripala Sirisena made a State visit to India. In March of 2015, Prime Minister Hon'ble Narendra Modi made an official visit to Sri Lanka and in September 2015, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe from Sri Lanka made an official visit to India.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, the early Kalinga-Lanka relations show a different kind of relationship between a powerful continental power and a neighbouring island kingdom. The historical relationship was based on values such as righteousness, truth, restraint, duty, ethics and reverence for life. I will not go to deep into the historical links because I want to recognize distinguished academics who have also travelled all the way from Sri Lanka to participate in this important occasion. I recognize Professor Nanda Deva, Professor Aruna Manatunga, Professor Sandogami Cooperahewa, and Professor Anoma Abhayaratne. Sadly this morning Professor Asanga Tilakaratne, could not be with us but I am sure he will be joining us in the academic sessions tomorrow.

The Kalinga-Lanka Foundation is an idea whose time has come. As one writer recently suggested in book titled "To Uphold the World: A Call for a New Global Ethic from Ancient India". The author is Bruce Rich as you may know. And to quote him, he said, "We live in a couth Indian world, but more than ever we need an Ashokan ethic". Kalinga-Lanka relations constitute a narrative of timeless relevance. These are the conduits between the Ashokan Empire at its heights of splendour and a neighbouring island nation. The idea of today's discussion is reviving old linkages exploring new opportunities. In it, we can identify two propositions. One, the old linkages need revival. There lies opportunities that call to be assist, identify, and exploited. The mission of Arahant Mahinda of Sri Lanka was the first diplomatic encounter between India and Sri Lanka and the mission of Thirani Sanghamitra who carried the sapling of the Jayashree Mahabodhi is the first recorded bilateral technology transfer between the two nations. The advent of Buddhism, the planting of south sapling of the Jayashree Mahabodhi, the transfer of the custody of the sacred tooth relic are the most inviolate moments of the Lankan history. The stories of Arahant Mahinda, Thirani Sanghamitra, Prince Danta, and Princess Hema Mala evoke sentiments from the deepest recesses of the Sri Lankan subconscious. In other words, it constitutes the living history of bilateral relations between India and Sri Lanka. What of the future? The eastern littoral of India and Sri Lanka offer great opportunities in the Bay of Bengal economic zone. History offers enough evidence to support this hypothesis. The flourishing ports on the Indian eastern shore line were Tamralipti, Palur, Kalingapatnam, Dharanikota, Arikamedu, and Poompuhar. From these ports, ships sailed to the northern coast of Sri Lanka and the principality of Gokanna which is presently at Trincomalee. The Sri Lankan ports of Trincomalee and Lankapatna were used from 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD in international trade in the Bay of Bengal. The modern day Bay of Bengal was once known as the Kalinga Sea. Today the Bay of Bengal has emerged as a pivotal area of economic activity in the Indo-Pacific area. It is also a part of the Indian Ocean that connects India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka. It offers access to one of the world's vital trading routes. The challenge and promise of the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation is to reignite the spirit.

To conclude, I mentioned the high level visits that have taken place between the leaders of Sri Lanka and India. One of the important factors we are working on at the moment is to sign as early as possible the India-Sri Lanka Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement. The two Prime Ministers agreed during the official visit of

my Prime Minister to India in September, that the first draft of the India-Sri Lanka Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement will be submitted to the government of India by the end of this year. We don't have much time but I can assure you and all the distinguished members here that Sri Lanka is working very hard to make this timeline and once the draft is approved by the government of India, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka will invite the Prime Minister of India to visit Sri Lanka in 2016 either in the month of April or May to sign this agreement. On connectivity, once again I wish to reiterate how timely it is that we are having this important international seminar to discuss rebuilding and as the Hon'ble Member of Parliament said revitalizing the linkages between Sri Lanka and India. Some thoughts for the future and I will conclude, as the Hon'ble Minister also mentioned in his statement, perhaps some of the things that we could deliberate at the seminar and take forward is that an international seminar of this magnitude should be held in Sri Lanka next time. We have to establish air connectivity between Bhubaneswar and Colombo. As many of you are aware, Sri Lankan Airlines has daily flights from Colombo to Delhi and Air India has a daily flight from Colombo to Delhi. We also have another airline which is called Mihin Lanka, which flies to various destinations in India and also flies to Dhaka, Bangladesh. So we have to seriously work and think of how we get Sri Lankan Airlines and Mihin Lanka to fly to Bhubaneswar as well. If it has not happened already since we have distinguished academics from Sri Lanka, University of Colombo, from the University of Kelaniya. We have to think of a MoU between Utkal University and a similar university of high standing in Sri Lanka because that could lead to academic mobility and student exchanges between the two institutions and the two countries. I will not take much time as there is a long program and seminar to be attended but once again it is my honour and privilege to be here. I wish the seminar all success. And once again my grateful thanks to the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation and the Utkal University for hosting this international seminar. Thank you very much!"

### **Welcome Address by Mr S C Jamir, the then Governor of Odisha**

"Dignitaries on the dais, ladies and gentlemen. Let me thank Kalinga-Lanka Foundation for extending this invitation to inaugurate the Odisha chapter of the Kalinga-Lanka Foundation today. I take this opportunity to share a few thoughts with the distinguished audience present here. The seminar held in the backdrop of Hon'ble Prime Minister's stress on forging a new partnership with one of our most important neighbours which has great significance. Again the recent state visit by Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka to India promises a strong foundation for consolidating and strengthening the bilateral partnership by harnessing the innermost potentials.

First let me appreciate the efforts of Kalinga-Lanka Foundation in organizing this seminar as part of their endeavour to reset the close relationship that existed between Kalinga, the present day Odisha and Lanka, present day Sri Lanka. The Foundation was established by some likeminded intellectuals of Odisha with active support from the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka aims at reinvigorating the relations by exploring new means of linkages in a number of key sectors like education, art and culture, tourism and investments. Sri Lanka's relations with Kalinga are immersed in the history. The ancient chronicles of Lanka and Kalinga and the archaeological evidences tells us how the ancient people of these two regions enjoyed a strong sense of connectivity. The two regions also enjoyed common Buddhist heritage and it was another key means of strong connectivity. In a wider influence of Kalinga's emperor Ashoka led to the spread of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. The ancient kingdom of Anuradhapura, where Buddhism came from Emperor Ashoka's son Mahinda saw the development of monasteries, which developed into prime seats of learning and were visited by scholars and pilgrims from many parts of Asia. The transfer of Lord Buddha's tooth relic to Lanka, by Kalingan King Guhaseeva, through his daughter Hemamala and son-in-law Dantha, still venerated by the Buddhists in Sri Lanka is a manifestation of this strong bond. The tooth relic is considered as the national symbol of Sri Lanka. Apart from the common Buddhist heritage, history says that the founder of Sinhala race was Kalinga's prince

*Vijaya. The trace of Buddhism in Odisha takes one to the ancient period when two merchant brothers Tapusa and Bhalluka from Utkal, now Odisha became Lord Buddha's first disciples. Buddhism became a world religion only after the Kalinga war. For the first time in world history, a conqueror embraced non-violence. Buddhist emperor Ashoka became the patron of the tenets of Buddhism across the world. It is here, where the foundation of great religion and culture was laid. This is the major contribution of Odisha which shaped the social, cultural map of several countries in Southeast Asia, Far East and also in Sri Lanka. In spreading Buddhism throughout the world, Odisha held a torch of peace and non-violence. I think this message of tolerance has a great relevance today as we see the dirty results of intolerance, hatred leading to large-scale violence, destruction and great loss of human lives. This message of peace, non-violence and tolerance is often equally important. In the present world, it is our duty to spread this message further and deeper, both in the region and the larger world. When the world faces the threats of the climate change due to polluted environment, the Buddhist code of environmental protection prescribe both followers and monks should promote symbiotic relationship between the humans and the environment. I expect Kalinga-Lanka Foundation to put a special thrust in this regard.*

*Buddhism had a great impact in Odisha's history and geography. It has greatly impacted Odisha's life and culture. The flourishing era of Buddhism could be felt and experienced with all walks through the vistas of Buddhism in Odisha which included a number of Buddhist centres of learning, art and establishment of several places. Ratnagiri is believed to be a source of destination for learning Buddhism. This process of Buddhism has been a great source of attraction to outside visitors including the famous Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang. In fact the diamond triangle of Lalitgiri, Udaygiri and Ratnagiri continues to fascinate visitors and scholars with archaeological findings. These three have produced various masterpieces of Buddhist art which are said to have influenced contemporary schools of Buddhist art in Southeast Asia. Like Buddhism, Kalinga's contribution to maritime trade and commerce is highly significant. Ancient Kalinga due to its proximity with Bay of Bengal had a very long coastline. Kalinga's importance for trans-Asian maritime trade seems to happen to strengthened by its location. It was not just a zest for commerce that the traditional merchants of Kalinga go far off islands. It had its impact on art, culture and tradition as well. Even the folklores of Odisha spread all these regions and the island nation of Sri Lanka is no exception to it. It is heartening to find that what they have built several centuries ago is still prevailing. However, it is an irony of the history that the great maritime tradition has been dwindled and it is high time to revive the traditions for the upliftment of the two regions.*

*Today, with new horizons of hope rising in Sri Lanka and the rise of India at the world stage offering immense possibilities. We have a historical opportunity to once again renew our historical links and restore our age old ties. Both regions, island nation and Odisha have vast natural resources and human capital. Both are strategically located in the Indian Ocean with easy access to the expanding market of Southeast Asia and East Asia. Promoting joint ventures and facilitating tourism, religious pilgrimage has rich potential benefits for both regions. The future lies in the past which has to be intertwined and the two regions should march in tandem with clear objectives of promoting peace and prosperity. It is time to rediscover and reinvigorate the rich historic connect by way of multifaceted initiative for promotion of modern day people-to-people contact, re-establishment of links, art and culture, education, skill development, science and technology, tourism and business. With Odisha, Sri Lanka should encourage to go for joint ventures.*

*I hope the foundation will encourage investments to exploit human and mineral resources of the two regions. Sri Lanka is a multi-ethnic, multicultural nation, just like India. Island nation was known for many things including precious stones, ivory and spices. Sri Lanka's social indicators are among the best in Asia. It enjoys near universally gender ratio with a very narrow gender gap. Cooperation will be very vital for improving social indicators. When Odisha is emerging as an education hub in the entire India, networking with leading educational institutions will give students a great exposure. I am told that the foundation would promote studies of Kalinga-Lanka shared history and culture as well as academic cooperation between the institutions of the two*

*regions. It would also promote research, social, cultural and academic ties and give institutional support for scholars and artists. It is heartening that the foundation will be promoting and facilitating the connectivity between Sri Lanka and Odisha. We have a university especially for cultural subjects and linking the university with institutions of island nation will promote studies as well as research to explore new information. I will confine my words to very few thoughts especially the value of ancient linkages and Buddhist heritage as it is the tip of the iceberg. I leave the rest to participants, academicians, and scholars of this seminar. I urge you to focus in your dedication, deliberation not only on sharing your knowledge among yourself but to seek ways and means to protect historical, cultural and intellectual values. More importantly, you can seek ways and means on how historical relations could be used as a tool for creating prosperity in both the regions. With these words I would like to wish the seminar and the initiative by Kalinga-Lanka Foundation all success.*

*Thank you!"*

Broad contours of the Kalinga Lanka Seminar over the six sessions were:

### **Session 1: Retracing Shared history**

The technical sessions of the Kalinga Lanka Seminar were held at the PG Council Hall of the Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. Prof. K.K. Basa of the Utkal University initiated the deliberations by presenting the broad overview of the Seminar and the expected outcome.

Kalinga's historical, cultural and commercial exchanges with Sri Lanka date back to the 6<sup>th</sup> Century BCE. The historical evidence has been better preserved in Sri Lanka than in India. More research is required on both sides in the following areas:

Sequence of historical events following the voyage of Prince Vijaya to Kalinga.

The Kalinga War and its impact on political, religious and trade relations between the two regions.

The story of Kalinga-Lanka trade and commerce; the linkages of Kalinga and Sri Lanka with South East Asia.

Comparative study of boat building and maritime practices in both regions.

Reasons for Kalinga and Sri Lanka drifting apart after the 11-12<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **Chairman:**

Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India & President of Kalinga Lanka Foundation

### **Speakers:**

Prof. B.D. Nandadeva, Department of Fine Arts, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Prof. Sandagomi Coperahewa, Director, Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies (CCIS), University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Dr. Lalatendu Das Mahapatra, Asst. Director, National Archives of India, Bhubaneswar

Dr. Benudhar Patra, Department of History, PG Govt. College, Chandigarh, India

Prof. R K Mohanty, Former Head of Archaeology Department, Deccan College, Pune

Dr Sila Tripathi, Marine Archaeology Centre, CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography, Goa

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Professor Kishor Kumar Basa, Department of Anthropology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar initiating the academic deliberations of the Kalinga Lanka Seminar



Session 1- Retracing Shared history: Panelists ( L-R) Dr. Benudhar Patra, Prof. R K Mohanty, Prof. Sandagomi Coperahewa, Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Prof. B.D. Nandadeva, Dr Lalatendu Das Mahapatra, Dr Sila Tripathi



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## Session 2: Buddhism: Reviving a Common Heritage

Buddhism formed one of the most powerful links between Kalinga and Sri Lanka in the early centuries. While it established itself as the dominant religion in Sri Lanka, it virtually disappeared from Odisha, as in the rest of India. And yet, the spirit of Buddhism prevails everywhere in Odisha. Not only does Odisha have a wealth of Buddhist archaeological heritage, Buddhism seems to have permeated Odisha's cultural environment. Kalinga was a major centre for Buddhist theological and monastic studies. From Kalinga, Buddhism travelled south to Sri Lanka, east to South East Asia and north to Nepal and Tibet.

### Areas of Discussion:

- Comparative evaluation of Buddhist theology in Kalinga and Sri Lanka.
- Kalinga's contributions to Mahayana and Vajrayana/Tantrayana schools of Buddhism.
- Buddhism in Odisha's art and architecture; Speculation about Buddhist linkages with Jagannatha worship; representation of the Buddha in Odisha's art and architecture; transformation of Buddhist temples into Hindu shrines (eg. the Tara Tarini and Marichi temples).
- Revival of the Buddhist connection; promoting pilgrimage and tourism between Odisha and Sri Lanka.

### Chairman:

Prof. Sadasiba Pradhan, Former Head of the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.

### Speakers:

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Dr. Umakanta Mishra, Department of History, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, India.

Dr. Sunil Kumar Patnaik, Secretary, Odisha Institute of Maritime & South-East Asian Studies (OIMSEAS), Bhubaneswar, India.

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### Session 3: Development Tourism and the Buddhist Circuit

Considering the wealth of tourist attractions in both regions, the current exchange of tourists is insignificant. Sri Lanka has a highly developed infrastructure for tourism. Since Odisha and Sri Lanka share similar eco-systems for tourism, Odisha will benefit greatly from joint ventures which will bring in the best-practices in tourism from Sri Lanka to India. Connectivity with Sri Lanka needs to be improved in order to attract Buddhist pilgrims and tourists to Odisha.

#### Areas of discussion:

- Tourist-friendly development of historical and archeological sites in Odisha and Sri Lanka.
- Deficiencies in the tourism infrastructure in Odisha; Plans to promote increased tourism between Odisha and Sri Lanka.

#### Chairman:

Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary of India & President of Kalinga Lanka Foundation

#### Speakers:

Prof. Asanga Tilakaratne, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Mr Roshan Wijesekera, Aviation & Tourism Consultant, Sri Lanka.

Mr T. Banambar Patra, Managing Director, Toshali Resorts International, Bhubaneswar, India.

Mr Biranchi Mishra, Former Joint Director-cum- Deputy Secretary, Department of Tourism, Govt of Odisha, India.

Mr Debasish Patnaik, Director, Hotel Crown, Bhubaneswar, India.

Concluding remarks were made by Mr B.B.Mukherjee, Asst. Director, India Tourism-Bhubaneswar, Ministry of Tourism, Govt of India and Dr. S. K. Lenka, Associate Professor -Tourism & Nodal Officer, Indian Institute of Travel & Tourism Management (IITTM), Bhubaneswar

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#### **Session 4: Joint Ventures, Business Enterprise and Economic Co-operation**

Odisha is richly endowed with minerals like iron ore, bauxite, coal, manganese, chrome and precious stones. Sri Lanka is famous for its precious stones.

Both regions have a wide range of handicrafts and textiles.

The most obvious areas of co-operation are textiles; gems and jewellery and tourism. There is also a possibility of collaboration in areas like manufacturing and IT services. Both regions are strategically located to increase their commercial exchanges with the ASEAN and East Asian markets.

##### **Chairman:**

Mr. Debi Prasad Bagchi, IAS (Retd), Former Chief Secretary of Odisha & Member-Governing Body, Kalinga Lanka Foundation.

##### **Speakers:**

Prof. Anoma Abhayaratne, Department of Economics, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka & Visiting Faculty, South Asian University, New Delhi.

Ms. Chitra Arumugam, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Handicraft, Handloom & Textile, Govt of Odisha.

Dr. K.C.S. Ray, Director, National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Bhubaneswar, India.

Concluding remarks were made by Ambassador Abasara Beuria and Ambassador Lalit Mansingh.

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## Session 5: Educational Opportunities & Collaborations

Odisha is developing as a hub for technical education and industrial development. Iconic Indian institutions like IIT and AIIMS have recently opened their campuses on Odisha, adding to an existing network of institutions of higher learning.

Considering their cultural affinities, students from Sri Lanka may find Odisha an attractive place for pursuing higher education and training at affordable rates.

### Chairman:

Prof. A.K.Das, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar

### Speakers:

Prof. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Retired Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and the Founder Chairman, National Multilingual Education Resource Centre (NMRC)

Dr Tushar Kumar Nath, Chairman, Odisha -Joint Entrance Examination

Dr Binod Dash, Secretary, Odisha Association of Private Engineering College

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## Session 6: Cultural Exchanges and the Valedictory Session: “Taking Stock & Moving Forward”

The sixth & the last technical session on Cultural Exchanges was deliberated upon following areas:

- Comparative studies of Pali, Sinhala and Odiya languages.
- Comparative studies of art, architecture and archaeology.
- Comparative studies of intangible heritage: music, dance, theatre, festivals and folk traditions.
- Promotion of cultural exchanges between Odisha and Sri Lanka

### Chairman of the Session:.

Shri K.P. Singh Deo, Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) in India.

### Speakers:

Prof. B.D. Nandadeva, Department of Fine Arts, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

Prof. Sandagomi Coperahewa, Department of Sinhala Language, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Shri Jatin Das, eminent painter & Chairman, JD Centre for Art, Bhubaneswar.

Dr Debi Prasanna Pattanayak, Chairman of Institute of Odia Studies and Research, Bhubaneswar and Founder Director of the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore.

Prof. Jatin Nayak and Dr Bimalendu Mohanty made the concluding remarks.

The valedictory session “Taking Stock & Moving Forward” was co-chaired by Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, President, Kalinga Lanka Foundation and Mr. Esala Weerakoon, Hon'ble High Commissioner of Sri Lanka and Patron-in-Chief, of Kalinga Lanka Foundation. Other distinguished panellists in the valedictory session were Mr D.P.Bagchi, Former Chief Secretary of Odisha and Prof. A.K.Das, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University.

You Tube link of the Session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dscoclg1Rd0>





Session 6: Cultural Exchanges: Panelists (L-R) Prof. Sandagomi Coperahewa, Dr Debi Prasanna Pattanayak, Shri K.P. Singh Deo, Prof. B.D. Nandadeva, Shri Jatin Das



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Valedictory Session- Taking Stock & Moving Forward: (L-R) Prof. A.K. Das, Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, Ambassador Esala Weerakoon, Mr D.P. Bagchi



The Kalinga Lanka Connect: Final photo-frame of the Seminar –Promoting people to people contact

## Delegation Visit to Odisha State Maritime Museum, Jobra, Cuttack

Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, Hon'ble Member of Parliament of India (Lok Sabha-Cuttack) welcomed the Sri Lankan delegates to the Odisha State Maritime Museum at Jobra, Cuttack on 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2015. He personally explained many facets of the Museum as well as its historical aspect.

Set up on the banks of river Mahanadi over four acres of land, the museum stands on the site of the ancient Maritime Engineering Workshop that was established by the British in 1869. Apparently, this workshop was set up for building, repair and maintenance of vessels from the provinces of Bihar, Bengal and Odisha under the Bengal Presidency of British India.

The workshop was set up by the then PWD department of British administration through the efforts of a Scottish Engineer GH Faulkner immediately after the 1866 famine in Odisha. The museum has 13 galleries showcasing maritime traditions, vessels, boats and other related artefacts from the ancient age to the colonial era. A library with more than 1000 books and journals has been included for researchers in the museum. Except Monday, the museum remains open for the visitors on all working days from 10 am to 4 pm.





## Visit to Odisha's Buddhist Heritage Site of Ratnagiri-Udayagiri-Lalitgiri (the Diamond Triangle)

Monastery at **Ratnagiri** or the “hill of jewels” situated atop the flat hillock was established in the first half of the fifth century CE, and flourished until the twelfth century CE.

The finest relic of Buddhist art at Ratnagiri is a magnificent doorjamb adorning Monastery 1, one of the two monasteries here. The exquisitely carved chlorite doorframe with gaja-lakshmi on the lintel and the bands of floral, creepers and Gelabai motifs is unique of its kind and marks the highest watermark of decorative art of India.



Scholars of Sri Lanka and Odisha at the entrance of 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D. Ratnagiri Mahavihara, the prominent Buddhist heritage site of ancient Kalinga

Ratnagiri comprises two magnificent monasteries, one of them was double-storied and had an extensive stone paved central courtyard with two-sides of it having a number of cells for habitation of monks. The sanctum enshrines a massive seated Buddha in bhumisparsa-mudra flanked by the standing figures of Padmapani and Vajrapani holding chamaras on each side.



Delegates at the Sanctum of Ratnagiri Buddhist Heritage site

**Udayagiri** or the “Sun rise Hill”, the most picturesque among the three is situated on the slope of a crescent shaped low hill. Located at the base of verdant rolling hills forming a semi circle, this site exemplifies the blissful and tranquil natural surroundings selected for the construction of Buddhist monasteries in ancient India.

This site, a Mahayana-Vajrayana site was a vibrant center of Buddhist learning and worship between 8th to 13th centuries AD. It has two magnificent Buddhist monastic complexes namely, Madhavapura Mahavihara (Udayagiri-1) and Simhaprasta Mahavihara(Udayagiri-2).

The Mahastupa of a total height of 7m from the ground and 4.8m from pradakshinapatha has niches in each cardinal direction which enshrines seated images of Dhyan Buddhas-Akshobhya (E), Amitabha (W), Amoghasiddhi (N) and Ratnasambhava (S); all inscribed with Buddhist creeds.



**Lalitgiri**, locally known as *Naltigiri* is couched between Parabhadi and Landa hills of the isolated Assia range. Iconographic analysis indicates that Lalitgiri had already been established during the Sunga period of the 2nd century BC, making it one of the oldest Buddhist establishment in the world.

The excavations revealed the remains of a massive stupa on hilltop with two reliquaries made of khondalite stone. Within one of these caskets was found a steatite container with a silver casket enclosing a gold casket which contained the relic or dhatu in the form of a small fragment of bone. The hilltop Mahastupa at Lalitgiri is 15 meter in diameter, and is constructed in Sanchi style which is visible from afar.



Another important discovery at the site is the structural remains of an east facing large brick built apsidal chaityagriha (33x11m) with a circular stupa in the centre of the apsidal end of the chaityagraha







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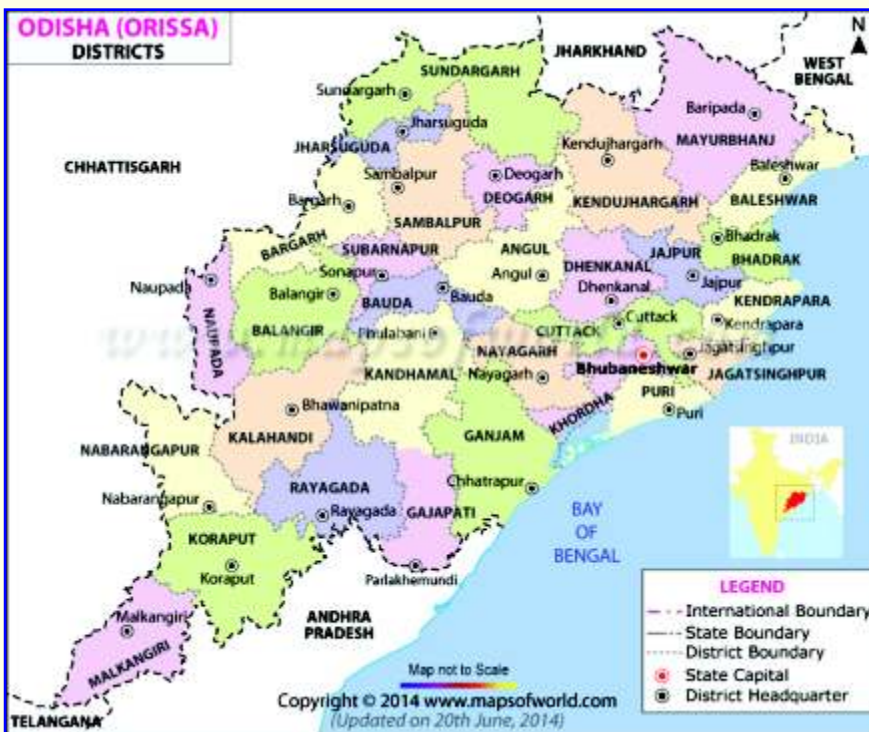
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## INTRODUCTION TO ODISHA:

Odisha, one of the 29<sup>th</sup> states of India, located at the country's eastern coast was constituted on April 1, 1936 as the first Indian state (pre-independence) on linguistic basis constituting predominantly of Odia-speaking regions. It is the 9th largest state by area, and the 11th largest by population. It is also the 3rd most populous state of India in terms of tribal population with 62 culturally vibrant tribes including 13 primitive tribal groups.

In terms of history, Odisha is the heartland of ancient and powerful kingdoms as Kalinga, Utkal, Odra & Kosala.. It is here only Emperor Ashoka renounced violence, embraced Buddhism and became Dharmasoka from Chandasoka after the Kalinga war. Through vast maritime trade route of Kalinga, Emperor Ashoka propagated Buddhism and made it a world religion.

Odisha, known as the Soul of India, has always enthralled its lovers with its eternal mystical charm, a beautiful poetic cocktail of history, culture and nature, so serene, so pristine, yet scintillating and intoxicating. With the vanishing sea of Chandipur in the North, the architectural marvel of Ratnagiri, the mysticism of Lord Jagannath, the majestic Konark Sun Temple, the dazzling Chilika Lake and the freezing Daringbadi in the tribal hills of the South, Odisha has always been a connoisseur's delight.





Odisha is surrounded by West-Bengal on the north-east, Jharkhand on the north, Chhatisgarh on the west and Andhra Pradesh on the south-west while the Bay of Bengal washes its shores on the south east. The state of Odisha extends from 17.49N latitude to 22.34N latitude and from 81.27E longitude to 87.29E longitude. The state has an area of 155,707 km<sup>2</sup> and extends for 1030 km from north to south and 500 km from east to west. Its coastline is 485 km long. The state is divided into 30 districts which are further subdivided into 314 blocks.

Owing to its peculiar geographical location and wide range of physical features, Odisha embraces a diversified floristic composition. The extensive ranges of hilly forests, several lofty peaks, long stretches of coastline, excellent riverine system and coastal plains altogether have endowed the state with a wide range of ecological habitats for a diverse and broad spectrum of vegetation. Chilika Lake being Asia's largest brackish water lagoon, covering an area of over 1,100 sq. km, has been the winter haven of migratory birds and is also the sanctuary for the endangered Irrawady Dolphins. The rare species of giant Olive Redley turtles swim for several thousand miles to their ecologically favoured nestling haven of Gahirmatha and Rushikulya in the Odishan coast. Bhitarkanika National Park, located in Kendrapara district of Odisha, is India's second largest mangrove ecosystem. Spread over 672 sq.km. Bhitarkanika is the largest shelter of the endangered saltwater crocodile in India and one of the important Ramsar Wetlands in India.

Through centuries Odisha has retained its cultural identity within the mainstream of pan-Indian culture. It has a distinct tradition of painting, architecture, sculptures, handicrafts, music and dance.

Architecture in Odisha has found its supreme expression in the form of temples, some of which are among the finest in the world. Of these three are most famous: the Lingaraj Temple at Bhubaneswar (11<sup>th</sup> century), the Jagannath Temple at Puri (12<sup>th</sup> century) and the great Sun Temple at Konark (13<sup>th</sup> century). This style of architecture is called as the Kalinga style which consists of a structural duo, the main temple or shrine and the frontal porch. And also the recent discovery of the Buddhist establishments of Ratnagiri, Udayagiri and Lalitgiri by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), abandoned around 1,000 years ago, is reframing the legacy and grandeur of Kalingan architecture.

Odisha was known as 'Utkal' for its excellence of arts and crafts. The stone and wood carving, silver filigree, applique works, traditional patta painting, palmleaf etching, brass work, dhokra work, tribal jewellery, terracotta, lacquer craft, golden grass craft, horn craft etc are popular crafts of Odisha and offer wide range of artistic as well as utility products.

Odisha has a glorious tradition of handloom weaving since 600 B.C. And today more than 400,000 handloom weavers are enriching this ancient heritage. Odisha is widely known for its Bandha design, which is a unique tie and dye technique (known by the Indonesian name *ikat*). Among the most notable Bandhas of Odisha are the Nuapatna tie-dye (also known as Khandua) and traditional Sambalpuri tie-dye. Nowadays, the Bandha forms range from simple fabrics with basic patterns to sophisticated cotton and silk sarees with intricate design in the weft or warp or both. An indigenous mingling of silk and cotton, the Bapta, is also very much prevalent and widely appreciated.

Today Odisha is one of the fastest growing States in India.

## ODISHA FACT FILE

Official Name	Odisha, one of the state of the Republic of India
Capital	Bhubaneswar
Location	Extends from 17.49N latitude to 22.34N latitude and from 81.27E longitude to 87.29E longitude.
Geographical Area	1,55,707 sq.km
Coastline	485 kms
Population	41,947,358 (as per 2011 census)
Religions	Hindus (94.35%), Muslims(2.07%),Christians(2.44%), Buddhists(0.027%), Sikhs(0.047%),Jains(0.025%) and others (0.983%)
Language	Odia (84%) ; other spoken languages- Hindi, Urdu, Bengali and Telugu
Terrain Types	Fertile plains along the coast and forested highlands towards the interior. Highest mountain peak : Deomali (1672 m)
Climate/ Best time to travel	Tropical climate with major rainfall from south west monsoon; high temperature from March to May varying between 40-46 degree Celsius; high rainfall from June to September (average annual rainfall-1482mm); Best period to visit Odisha is from October to March.
Literacy Rate	73.45% (as per 2011 census)
Airport	Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar

## INTRODUCTION TO SRI LANKA

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, is an island country in South Asia, located in the Indian Ocean to the southwest of the Bay of Bengal and to the southeast of the Arabian Sea. It is separated from the Indian subcontinent by the Gulf of Mannar and the Palk Strait. The legislative capital, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte, is a suburb of the commercial capital and largest city, Colombo. Sri Lanka is a member of the SAARC Committee as well.

The beautiful island country is home to a rich history, culture and traditions. Sri Lanka's documented history goes to 3,000 years, with evidence of pre-historic human settlements dating back to at least 125,000 years. Its geographic location and deep harbours made it of great strategic significance from the period of the ancient Silk Road through to the modern Maritime Silk Road.

Sri Lanka was known to the world in many names such as Tambapanni, Taprobana, Serendib, Ceylon and so on. Different ancient travelers had given these names to Sri Lanka which is giving evidence to its important historic presence. It was ruled by Portuguese, Dutch and the British bringing in variance of language, living styles and architecture. Sri Lanka achieved independence in the year of 1948, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February from the British.



The island nation comprises of various natural attractions including golden beaches, blue seawater, rain forests, endemic animals and plants as well as breath taking mountain views. It has attracted travelers from different parts of the world as

mentioned in historical records as well as in the current scenario. Spread in a small area in land it still holds many UNESCO World Heritage sites that have amazed its visitors. Buddhism is the most followed religion, nourishing the country's culture and traditions not to forget its literature. Anuradapura the country's first kingdom, Sigiriya, known as one of the world wonders, Sinharaja Rain Forest, Galle Fort, The Temple of Tooth in Kandy, Adam's Peak are some of the prominent tourist destinations inside Sri Lanka. The country also boasts for the world's first female Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, Sri Lanka became a plantation economy, famous for its production and export of cinnamon, rubber and Ceylon tea, which remains a trademark national export. While the production and export of tea, rubber, coffee, sugar and other commodities remain important, industrialization has increased the importance of food processing, textiles, telecommunications and finance. The country's main economic sectors are tourism, tea export, clothing, rice production and other agricultural products. In addition to these economic sectors, overseas employment, especially in the Middle East, contributes substantially in foreign exchange.

The Sri Lankan culture is mainly influenced by Buddhism and Hinduism. The cuisines are subject to same. Being an island nation the consumption of sea food is a very popular segment in the Sri Lankan food practices. The coconut consumption in the food is also common as the soil of a coastal land is the best for the coconut cultivation. Traditionally food is served on a plantain leaf or lotus leaf.

The Sinhala and Tamil New Year which is celebrated annually in the month of April, The Vesak festival in May (birth, enlightenment and the parinirvana of Lord Buddha), Poson festival (the start of Buddhism in Sri Lanka by King Ashoka's son, Mahinda Thero), Deepavali, Eid, and Christmas are a few major festivals celebrated in Sri Lanka. During such seasons, the cities dress up in color and almsgiving and religious offering activities take place all over the country.

Even though the national sport of the country is Volley Ball, cricket has reached the hearts of people and keeps everyone together as a uniting sport. Sri Lanka was also the Cricket World Cup winners in the year of 1996.

Having suffered from a civil war for almost three decades, Sri Lanka has been able to come back strongly to accelerate its economic growth through rehabilitation, infrastructure development and providing job opportunities to its people while promoting and uplifting local industries. The Sri Lankan people are known for their great hospitality and heart-felt smile they offer to their guests.

## SRI LANKA FACT FILE

Official Name	SRI LANKA
Capital	Sri Jayawardanapura Kotte (Administrative) Colombo (Commercial)
Location	6°56'N 79°52'E
Geographical Area	65,610 sq km
Coastline	1,340 km
Population	22,409,381 ( 2017 census)
Religions	Buddhism (70.2%), Islam (9.7%), Hinduism(12.6%), Christianity(7.4%), Other 0.1%
Language	Sinhala & Tamil (national language)
Terrain Types	Mostly low, flat to rolling plain; mountains in south-central interior; Highest point: Pidurutalagala (2,524m)
Climate/ Best time to travel	Tropical island with monsoon rain fall; north east monsoon ( Dec to March); southwest monsoon ( June to Oct)
Literacy Rate	96.3%
Airport	Bandaranaike International Airport, Colombo

## HISTORICAL ANECDOTES & SIGNIFICANCE

From the Ceylonese Chronicles, the Mahavamsa, Dipavamsa, Dathavamsa and others, it is known that the people from ancient Kalinga used to travel to Sri Lanka to establish political, religious and social linkages with the Sinhala people.

### **Kalinga Origin of King Vijaya**

According to Ceylonese Pali chronicles Dipavamsa (Island chronicles) and Mahavamsa (Great Dynasty) - it was Vijaya, a prince from Kalinga who founded the Sinhala race in Sri Lanka. The prince along with his 700 followers exiled from their kingdom sailed to Tamraparni and established a new civilization in the island. He belonged to the Kalingan royal lineage. The very name "Sinhala" was the title bestowed to Vijaya's father (in Kalinga) which he inherited. Having founded the kingdom in the name of Sinhala, Vijaya ruled for 32 years. Around 2,500 families of Kalingan origin migrated to Sri Lanka during his rule.

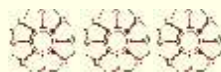
### **Lord Buddha's Tooth Relic was brought to Annuradhapura from Kalinga**

According to Dathavamsa, the King of Kalinga, Guhasiva, who was worshipping the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha was threatened by invasion from Pandu, the King of Magadha. Guhasiva secretly sent the Relic to Sri Lanka through his daughter Hemamala and son-in-law Dantakumara from his capital city "Dantapura", to be delivered to his friend Mahasena, the ruler of the Buddhist kingdom of Lanka. They reached Annuradhapura in 310 A.D. and handed over the Tooth Relic to King Meghavanna, the son of Mahasena. The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, Sri Dalada Maligawa, situated in the city of Kandy, is one of the most sacred places of worship in Sri Lanka.

### **Nissanka Malla of Kalinga lineage becomes a Sinhala King**

In the succeeding centuries, Kalinga and Lanka continued their close ties through political, commercial and religious exchanges. It was common practice for the rulers of Lanka to form dynastic alliances with the Kings of Kalinga. One of the greatest monarchs of Sri Lanka, King Vijayabahu-I (1055-1110 A.D.) was married to the Kalinga princess Triloka Sundari (Beauty of the Three Worlds).

It was also not uncommon for Kalinga princes to be anointed as King of Lanka. Nissanka Malla, known as Kirti Nissanka and Kalinga Lokesvara was the son of King Jayagopa of Kalinga who married the daughter of King Parakramabahu. He was said to have established a Kalinga Udyana (Park) and Kalinga Vana (Forest) to commemorate his birth place. A rock inscription of Nissanka Malla at Dambulla mentions that he was of the Kalinga dynasty and a descendant from the race of King Vijaya. Another inscription at Ruwanwelisaya describes him as a member of a royal family of Kalinga. By claiming to be descended from Vijaya, the first king of Sri Lanka, Nissanka Malla justified his right to the throne. He consolidated his position further by declaring that the rulers of Sri Lanka should adhere to Buddhism.





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Princess Hemamala of Kalinga secretly carrying the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha in her hairdo to Sri Lanka along with her husband Dantakumara. Both were in disguise.

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