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Press Release

“AAROHAN” the Australian National Odia Sammilani celebrated in style

Bhubaneswar, 6th May 2016: AAROHAN, the biennial Australian National Odia Sammilani, was recently celebrated in grand style in the Sunshine Coast of Queensland state in Australia during the Easter break recently. This Sammilani is organised by ORIOZ Inc, the Odia community of Australia every second year. People with connection to Odisha from across the whole nation come together to celebrate the unique culture of Odisha. This Sammilani was the 8th gathering since its inception in 2003. The Queensland State chapter of ORIOZ Inc had the opportunity to host the Sammilani again after 10 years and they named it AAROHANA, symbolizing the upward journey and resilience of the Odia community down under. The goal of this event was to bring together all Odias residing in Australia and to create a ‘home away from home’ feeling for their children. The Sammilani also acknowledges the positive contribution of the young generation living and growing up in Australia whilst still proudly embracing their Odia culture. Hosted by the Queensland Odia community, this convention was held at the Maroochy Waterfront Camp & Conference Centre, Maroochydhore; on the banks of the Maroochy River in the picturesque Sunshine Coast, located in the north eastern coastal state of Australia. Approximately 200 delegates were in attendance from Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia. The waterfront holiday resort on the picturesque Maroochy River provided for the perfect venue. This event had seen the best combination of Odia culture in the form of wonderful authentic Odia food, diverse range of cultural programmes performed by the talented artists of all genres from the Odia community of Australia. The event started off on Friday afternoon with a river cruise and a musical night, followed by a full day of cultural activities on Saturday and finished off with water sports (dragon boat racing and kayaking). In between, long awaited ‘Odia Khatti’ provided much opportunity to reinforce the continuing bond and complimented the flavor of the event wonderfully. Alongside enjoyable cultural programs, were power-packed health awareness talks and an opportunity to join a yoga session.

The event showcased the best of Odia culture, which was well reflected by a series of beautiful Odia Jagannath devotional songs, Odissi dances, Odia themed dances, Odia dramas, a ‘Palla on Pakhala’, melodious old Odia songs and some Bollywood performances. It was great to see the next generation Odias in Australia and the youth group immersing themselves in cultural activities and taking the centre stage with their vibrant leadership skills with a promise to keep the culture alive. No doubt the event has left lasting memory in the mind of next generation Odias down under. Anshuman, a university student who had travelled more than 4500km with his parents from Perth, Western Australia said “the Sammilani was a great experience and I preferred to spend 2 days at the Sammilani than going around the famous SeaWorld theme park at Gold Coast”. Arsh, a year six student who had travelled with his

parents from South Australia, had never attended an Odia cultural event before and was heard saying before leaving the venue, “when is the next Sammilani, I want to perform in an ‘Odia Palla’!”

The event also witnessed a formal handover from the outgoing Executive Committee to the newly elected Executive Committee of ORIOZ Inc. The Odia community in Australia has a unique structure among all other Indian communities in Australia. Unlike other Indian communities, the Odia community has only one Executive Committee for the whole of Australia and its office bearers are elected from across the nation. This single platform of the association keeps the entire Odia community of Australia together, meaning there is only one point of contact for all its members, and for the world to reach the Odias down under. Alongside the wonderful entertainment, the attendees took time to remember the contribution of legendary Late Shri Biju Pattanaik for Odisha and Odias in his birth Centenary. The event concluded with promises to keep Odia culture alive and to maintain a functioning and caring Odia community, for new Odia migrants to Australia.

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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୬ ମେ’ ୨୦୧୬: ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆରେ ବସବାସ କରୁଥିବା ପ୍ରବାସୀ ଓଡ଼ିଆମାନଙ୍କୁ ଏକତ୍ରିତ କରିବା, ନୂତନ ପିଢ଼ୀଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ପରମ୍ପରାକୁ ସୁଦୃଢ଼ ତଥା ବଜାୟ ରଖିବା ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟରେ ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆ ସ୍ଥିତ କୁଇନ୍ସଲ୍ୟାଣ୍ଡ ସନ୍ସାଇନ୍ କୋଷ୍ଟରେ ପ୍ରବାସୀ ଓଡ଼ିଆମାନଙ୍କ ସଂଗଠନ ‘ଓରିଓଜ ଇଙ୍କ୍’ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆୟୋଜିତ ହୋଇଯାଇଛି ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ “ଆରୋହଣ-୨୦୧୬” ।

କୁଇନ୍ସଲ୍ୟାଣ୍ଡ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମ୍ପ୍ରଦାୟ ଦ୍ୱାରା ପରିଚାଳିତ ଏହି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ମାରୁଚି ଡ୍ୱାଟରପ୍ଟ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପ ଏବଂ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ କକ୍ଷ (ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆର ଉତ୍ତର ପୂର୍ବ ଉପକୂଳରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ମାରୁଚି ନଦୀ କୂଳରେ ଥିବା ମାରୁଚିଡୋର)ରେ ଆୟୋଜିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆ, ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆ, ଭିକ୍ଟୋରିଆ, କାନବେରା, ନୂତନ ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ଡ୍ୱାଲେ ଏବଂ କୁଇନ୍ସଲ୍ୟାଣ୍ଡରୁ ପ୍ରାୟ ୨୦୦ରୁ ଊର୍ଦ୍ଧ୍ୱ ମାନ୍ୟଗଣ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ଏହି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ଯୋଗ ଦେଇଥିଲେ । ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ପ୍ରଭୁ “ଶ୍ରୀ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥ” ଙ୍କ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଭଜନ ପରିବେଷଣ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା । ଏହା ସହ ଓଡ଼ିଶୀ ନୃତ୍ୟ, ଓଡ଼ିଆ ନାଟକ, ଓଡ଼ିଆଙ୍କ ପ୍ରିୟ ଖାଦ୍ୟ “ପଖାଳ” ଉପରେ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟବେଷିତ ପାଲା, ପୁରୁଣା ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଗୀତ ଆଦି ପରିବେଷଣ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା । ଏଥିରେ ଅତିଥିଗଣଙ୍କୁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଖାଦ୍ୟ ପରଷା ଯିବା ସହ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରର ସଂସ୍କୃତି ଓ ପରମ୍ପରାକୁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମ୍ପ୍ରଦାୟର କଳାକାରମାନେ ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶିତ କରିଥିଲେ । ସୂଚନା ଯୋଗ୍ୟ ଯେ, ‘ଓରିଓଜ ଇଙ୍କ୍’ ପ୍ରତି ଦୁଇ ବର୍ଷରେ ଥରେ ଏହିପରି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ଆୟୋଜନ କରିଥାଏ ।

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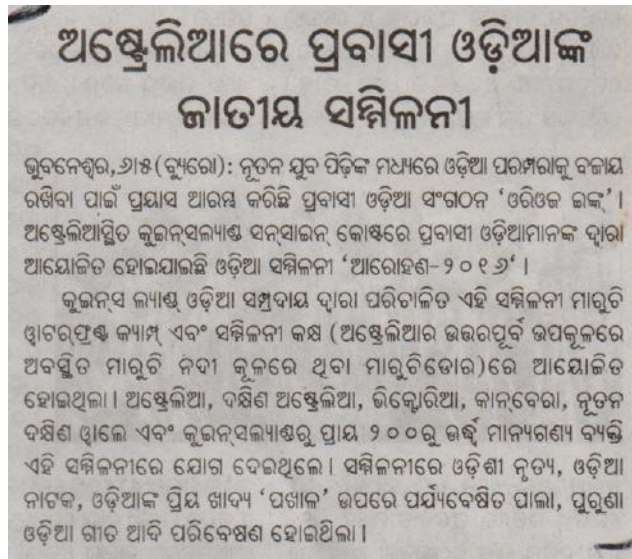
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ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ : ବୁଦ୍ଧଦେବଶରଣ, ୨୧୫

ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆରେ ବସବାସ କରୁଥିବା ପ୍ରବାସୀ ଓଡ଼ିଆମାନଙ୍କୁ ଏକତ୍ରିତ କରିବା, ନୂତନ ପିଢ଼ିଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ପରମ୍ପରାକୁ ସୁରୁତ ରଖି ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ଭାରତୀୟ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟରେ ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆସ୍ଥିତ ବୁଦ୍ଧଦେବଶରଣ ସମ୍ପାଦକ କୋଷରେ ପ୍ରବାସୀ ଓଡ଼ିଆମାନଙ୍କ ଆଗଠନ 'ଓରିଓନ ଇଙ୍କ' ଦ୍ଵାରା ଆୟୋଜିତ ହୋଇଯାଇଛି ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ 'ଆରୋହଣ-୨୦୧୬'।

ବୁଦ୍ଧଦେବ ଇ୍ୟାଣ୍ଟ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମ୍ପ୍ରଦାୟ ଦ୍ଵାରା ପରିଚାଳିତ ଏହି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ମାଲ୍ଡିବ୍ ସ୍ଵାଗତପୁତ୍ର କ୍ୟାମ୍ପ ଏବଂ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ କକ୍ଷ (ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆର ଉତ୍ତର-ପୂର୍ବ ଇପସ୍ତୁଲରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ମାଲ୍ଡିବ୍ ନଦୀ କୂଳରେ ଥିବା ମାଲ୍ଡିବୋର)ରେ ଆୟୋଜିତ ହୋଇଥିଲା। ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆ, ଦକ୍ଷିଣ

ଅଷ୍ଟ୍ରେଲିଆ, ଭିକ୍ଟୋରିଆ, କାନବେରା, ନୂତନ ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ୱାଲେ ଏବଂ ବୁଇନ୍-ସଲ୍ୟାଣ୍ଡରୁ ପ୍ରାୟ ୨୦୦ରୁ ଊର୍ଦ୍ଧ୍ଵ ମାନ୍ୟରଣ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ଏହି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ଯୋଗ ଦେଇଥିଲେ। ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ପ୍ରଚ୍ଛୁ 'ଶ୍ରୀ କରମୁଥ' କ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଭାବନ ପରିବେଷଣ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା। ଏହା ସହ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ନୃତ୍ୟ, ଓଡ଼ିଆ ନାଟକ, ଓଡ଼ିଆଙ୍କ ପ୍ରିୟ ଖାଦ୍ୟ 'ପଖାବ' ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ପର୍ଯ୍ୟବେଷିତ ପାଲା, ପୁରୁଣା ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଗୀତ ଆଦି ପରିବେଷଣ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା। ଏଥିରେ ଅତିଥିଗଣଙ୍କୁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଖାଦ୍ୟ ପରଷା ଯିବା ସହ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଗାୟନ ଫାଲ୍ଗୁଡ଼ି ଓ ପରମ୍ପରାକୁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମ୍ପ୍ରଦାୟର କବୀକାରମାନେ ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶିତ କରିଥିଲେ। ନୂତନା ଯୋଗ୍ୟ ଯେ, 'ଓରିଓନ ଇଙ୍କ' ପ୍ରତି ଦୂର ଦର୍ଶରେ ଥରେ ଏହିପରି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ଆୟୋଜନ କରିଥାଏ।