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Editor's Note

Dear Members,

Let the Chapter activities increase to create awareness among the young children of our State in 2020. These children will be the savior of the Heritage and Culture of our Society in future. I would like to share with all of you that the Best Team of Odisha for the India Heritage Quiz-2019 has become the National Champion. This proves if we strive, we succeed.

In this quarter some Chapters could not arrange any programme or activity may be due to their preoccupation. Let us at least visit a School/Society/Club and meet the students/members and share our feelings for the protection of our Heritage.

Best of Luck.

B. Panigrahi
Editor

Message

Hearty greetings for the New year 2020 and welcome to the third decade of the century which is likely to witness significant changes in the ecosystem, politics and economy impacting our lives. We have to tune ourselves to the changes particularly in the ecosystem which are affecting our precious heritage, architectural, natural and intangible. Unusual rains and cyclones have washed away heritage sites. Restoring and rebuilding will be a challenge like never before.

As members of INTACH we are aware and conscious of all this. What is needed is to have a vision, a perspective as to what we were a decade back, what we are now and what we will and should be during the decade. Heritage is not only a state of consciousness but also a mission with resolution.

Let us contribute our mite to make it a meaningful decade of heritage preservation.

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Carefully watch your thoughts, for they become your words. Manage and watch your words, for they will become your actions. Consider and judge your actions, for they have become your habits. Acknowledge and watch your habits, for they shall become your values. Understand and embrace your values, for they become your destiny.

— Mahatma Gandhi —

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Manas National Park

Assam is one of the 8th North-Eastern states of India known for rich wildlife sanctuary and abundant of natural settings. There are five National Parks and eighteen Wildlife Sanctuaries along with several Forest Reserves. These vast jungles of the state are abode of some of the beautiful flora and fauna. Moreover, Assam is home to two important and world famous UNESCO World Heritage Sites - Manas National Park and most popular Kaziranga National Park. Manas National Park has drawn the attention of nature enthusiasts in recent years and has left its presence in the tourist map of the globe with thousands of tourists visiting the park every year.



(An Asiatic Elephant plucking leaves from a tree at the Park)

Manas National Park or Manas Wildlife Sanctuary located in Assam is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a Project Tiger Reserve, An Elephant Reserve as well as Biosphere Reserve. Unique in all respects, this legendary park is an abode of numerous species of fauna like Asiatic Elephant, Tiger, Indian One Horned Rhinoceros, Leopards, Barking Deers, Hoolock Gibbons and many more to list. Manas National Park have an unique identity that makes it very different from the other wildlife sanctuaries of the world that it is a home to some of highly rare and endangered wildlife species such as **Red Panda, Pygmy Hog, Golden Langur, the Hispid Hare and the Assam Roofed Top Turtle. Indian tigers and Asiatic Water Buffalo are also found here.** Situated 180 kilometer away from Guwahati, the area of Manas National Park is near Manas River which is one of the major tributaries of River Brahmaputra.

Chapter Activities

Balangir Chapter

On 16th December, the Chapter visited Sikhya Soudha Anusthan, Gaintala of Balangir District. Nearly 40 Students have been included in their Heritage Club. Prof. Madhusudan Pati, Life Members Dharmendra Nanda and Prabhas Panigrahi along with the Convener Dr. S.P.Nanda shared their views with the students and teachers of the School.



(The participating School children)



(The meeting in progress)

Bhadrak Chapter

The Essay writing and Painting Competition was held by the Chapter on "Gandhi at 150" at Nityananda Bhawan of Bhadrak District Govt. Employees Association, Kuansh on 15th December, 2019. Thirty eight students in Painting Competition and thirty seven students in essay writing competition of 11 Schools participated. Adviser of the Chapter Prof. Sanatana Mohanty, Convenor Shri Digambar Mohanty, Co-Convenor S.M Farouque, Addl. Co-Convenor, Shri Pravakar Mallick and other members



of the Chapter were present at the Competition. Adviser of the Chapter spoke about Heritage of India, Gandhiji's philosophy and Culture and his visit and stay at Bhadrak. Media coverage was given to the Competition.

Convenor of the Chapter and Mr. Prasanta Kumar Rout as the Joint Co-Convenor.

The meeting was attended by almost all the members of the Chapter. Mr. A.B.Tripathy, Convenor, State Chapter was the Chief Guest. All members spoke very high of Mr. Pradyumna Misra's contribution towards the Chapter for almost a decade. The new Convenor promised to take the Chapter forward with the guidance and cooperation of all the members. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Kunja Bihari Jena, Retd Principal and History Professor.



(The meeting in progress)



(The State Convenor addressing the members of the Chapter)



(The participating School children)

Jajpur Chapter

On 2nd October, 2019, the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the chapter organized a programme in the premises of A.B.Women's Higher Secondary School, Alakund. A Rally on "Swachhata Abhiyan". From the College campus the participants walked around the village and local Bazar. More than two hundred Girl students along with staffs participated in the Rally.



(The essay writing competition in progress)



(The girl participants in the rally)

Cuttack Chapter

A meeting of the Chapter was held at Cuttack Club Board Room on 20th December, 2019 to bid farewell to Mr.Pradyumna Kumar Misra, Convenor who resigned and to welcome Mr. Gopal Krushna Behera, as the new

The College campus was cleaned by the participants. Essay and Painting competition and oath taking for not to use plastic as well and to create awareness among people was held on the next day. A function was held in the School campus in this connections with Prof. Balaram Mohanty, the Principal in-charge and Convenor who presided over the meeting.



(The meeting in progress)



(The participants of the meeting)

Shri Kishore Chandra Nayak, a member of the Chapter was the chief guest and Shri Ratanlal Bhuyan, Journalist was the Chief Speaker. Prof. Satyanarayan Patnaik, Department of Political Science and Prof Anil Kumar Sahu, HOD, Department of English, Prof. Mamatamayi Samal, Department of Botany and Co-coordinator, N.S.S. spoke on the occasion as guests of honour. They urged to keep environment clean and pollution free.

On the occasion of the 11th State Level Book Fair at Jajpur from 23rd to 30th December, 2019, the Chapter organized an awareness programme on the preservation and conservation of the Cultural Heritage of Jajpur among the public. On the 25th December, 2019 a symposium was held with guests from Jajpur area. Prof. Udaya Narayana parida presided over the function. Speakers like Dr. Dusmanta Kumar Nayak, Prof. Prasanna Kumar Rout and Dr. Ekadashi Padhi, Advisor of the Chapter spoke on the importance of our ancient Cultural Heritage. They also stressed upon the work of INTACH for documentation and conservation of our Heritage. Prof. Balaram Mohanty, the Convener of the Chapter discussed about the continuity of Listing and Documentation of ancient buildings, temples, tanks and wells around the district funded by the Head Quarter. He sought co-operation of the public in this noble venture. All the members of the Chapter were present and almost five hundred people from all over the district also participated in the symposium.



(Meeting at the Book Fair)

An open Quiz contest was conducted by the Chapter from the 24th to 30th December 2019 from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm. Students of different Schools and Colleges were taking part in the contest. The participants were awarded with prizes everyday and the winners were awarded cash prizes and certificates on the last day i.e. 30th December 2019. Sri Baidyanath Biswal stood first, Sri Debiprasad samal stood 2nd and Sri Amulya kumara mallik stood 3rd in the Quiz competition.



(The winners with the members and Guests of the function)

Mayurbhanja Chapter

The Chapter has taken up a step to do Videography on Cultural Heritage of Adibasies (Santhali) in order to revive the ancient, 'DASAIN DANCE' which was the source of enjoyment of the Santhalies at the time of their leisure i.e. during Durga puja. This dance is based on a story. "The Adibasies were living in remote corner of forest & hilly side at the time of Mugol's Rule. The Mugal people crooked by nature saw two beautiful young adibasi girls - Inom & Kajal. For the daily work the two girls were going to nearby river. One day the Mugals kidnapped those two girls by the help of a naughty man of that village. The news was spread throughout the village. The villagers congregated in an open place and took the advice of a Guru (Learned man). After offering



Puja to their Deity the villagers started in disguise of women to search the two girls through dancing and singing & were begging from door to door to find out the girls. They were using Bhuyang, Flute, Bell etc as their orchestra. They had kept their weapons inside their costumes. They could not find those girls". Till date this typical dance has been continuing during Durgapuja. This story and dance depict the tradition of Guru puja and Unity of adibasies especially Santali community of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar & other Tribal District of Odisha.



(Members of Santhali Community offering Puja)



(The Dancing members of the Community)

Bhubaneswar Chapter

On 2nd October, 2019 on the occasion of 150th year of Gandhi Jayanti, a seminar on " Life and Philosophy of Gandhi ji " was held by the Chapter at the Pantha Niwas, Bhubaneswar at 6.30 p.m. In the beginning of the programme Gandhi Bhajans were rendered by Smt Anima Panigrahi spouse of Sri Debabrata Panigrahi, a member of the Chapter after offering flowers at the portrait of Gandhiji by the guests and the State Convenor and the Chief Guest.



(Offering flowers to Mahatma Gandhi ji)



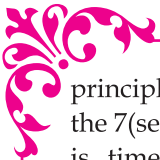
(Smt Anima Panigrahi rendering Gandhi Bhajans)

The Chief Guest of the evening was Sri Narasingha Mishra, former Minister and Opposition Leader of the Odisha Legislative Assembly and the Guest speaker was Smt.(Dr.) Priyambada Hezmadi Mohanty an academican and former Vice- Chancellor of Sambalpur University.



(Chief Guest and the Guest Speaker on the dycce)

Shri Mishra lamented that even today after 72 years of Independence the principles and philosophies of Gandhiji is so relevant. It is time to follow his



principles for world peace, he said. He also spoke about the 7(seven) sins Gandhi ji highlighted to be aware of. It is time to introspect ourselves and remember the teachings of Gandhi ji on topics like non-violence, truth and helping others. Today we can adopt the Gandhian economy to generate employment for the youth of the Country. Shri Mishra opined that the gap between the rich and the poor should be minimal which was professed by Dr. Ambedkar also, as Gandhi was always concerned that nobody should be hungry in our society.

Smt Mohanty recollected incidents when Gandhiji visited their house for a meeting of leaders during his visit to Odisha and how her father was financing the freedom fighters for their movement. Her mother had donated all her ornaments to Gandhi ji on that occasion. She narrated how they were all influenced by Gandhi ji's associates whom they met while visiting Sabarmati Ashram. She also highlighted Gandhiji's love for music and truthfulness.

Shri A.B.Tripathy, the State Convenor spoke how relevant the life and philosophies of Gandhi ji is today. He appealed all the participants to follow these for a better society and understanding. He also narrated all the visits of Gandhiji to Odisha and its impact on the people of Odisha. A Book entitled " Jagarana " in Odiya language by the State Convenor Sri A.B.Tripathy was also released on that day which has articles written by Sri Tripathy on various issues of the Society including Heritage its conservation and preservation.

On 30th November an awareness and Quiz programme was organised at the Buxi Jagabandhu English Medium High School-2, Satyabhamapur, Bhubaneswar. The State Convenor Shri A.B.Tripathy, the State Co-Convenor Sri S.K.B.N.Japani, adviser Shri Ananta Mohapatra, Chapter Convenor Shri Baikuntha Panigrahi and Co-Convenor Dr.Debasis Mohapatra took part in the Programme.



(State Convenor addressing the participants)

Around 50 students of Class X participated in the programme. In the beginning the State Convenor spoke about INTACH and its activities. Shri Ananta Mohapatra advised the students to be Heritage conscious. The Chapter Co-Convenor Shri Debasis Mohapatra conducted the Quiz Programme. The Questions were from Natural, Material and Built heritages. Fifteen questions were asked and the prizes were given to the winners.



(Book releasing by the Chief Guest)



(The Chairman of the School and the State Convenor giving away prizes)



(The advisor and State Co-Convenor giving away the prizes)

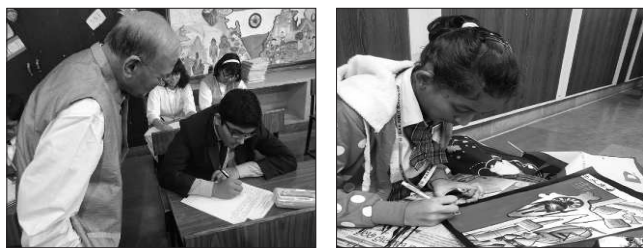
Dr. Debasis Mohapatra offered a vote of thanks to the School and all. The Chairman of the School Shri Raghunath Mishra, Principal of the School Smt. Khyanika Das, and other staff extended their helping hands to make the programme a grand success. Participation Certificates were given to all the participating students. Prizes were given to students who ever was giving the correct answers.

National Essay writing and Painting Competition on the topics given by HQ observing Gandhi at 150 for the students of class 6 to 9 of different Schools of Bhubaneswar was conducted. 50 students participated in the Essay writing Competition and 39 students participated in the Painting Competition which was conducted at DAV Public School, Campus-II Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar between 9.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.. Shri A.B.Tripathy, State Convener, INTACH addressed the students on this occasion and spoke about Gandhi ji , his life and contribution to the Society with reference to the freedom struggle. He also narrated how and why we should follow his teachings.



(State Convener addressing the participating students)

Shri Baikuntha Panigrahi, Convener kept the students busy by narrating the visit of Gandhiji to Odisha. Dr. Debasis Mohapatra, Co-convenor offered a vote of thanks.



(The State Convener going round the Halls)

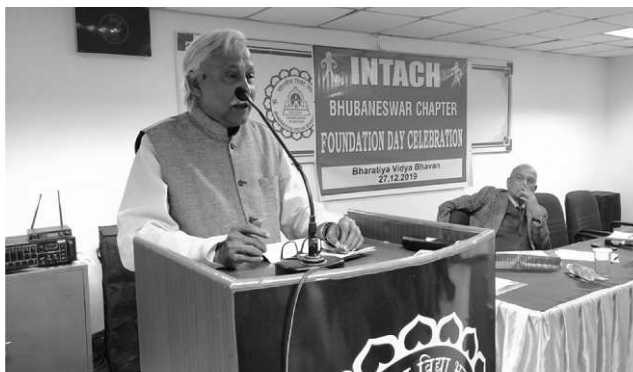
Teachers, some parents and the School staff also attended the programme. Dr. Sarbadaman Singh, teacher DAV School , Chandrasekharpur co-ordinated and cooperated the most to make this programme successful.

Foundation Day of Odisha/ Bhubaneswar Chapter was observed on 27th December, 2019 at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. Shri Panchanan Kanungo, former Minister, Govt. of Odisha was the chief Guest of the evening. Convener of the Chapter Shri B.Panigrahi conducted the meeting by introducing the programme and welcoming the Chief Guest. The State Convener Shri A.B. Tripathy spoke about the works done so far by the Odisha/Bhubaneswar Chapter. He also narrated the activities of INTACH at the National Level with specific reference to Odisha Chapter.



(The State Convener addressing the members)

The Chief Guest Shri Kanungo in his speech appreciated the works done by the Chapter so far. He urged upon the members to carry on the mission of protecting and conserving the Heritage sites of the State for future generation. He also requested the members to work for preserving the culture and language of Odisha since they are the experts in this matter.



(The Chief Guest addressing the audience)



A Book on the works done by the INTACH Conservation Institute, Bhubaneswar was presented to the Chief Guest Shri Panchanan Kanungo.



(The Book being presented to the Chief Guest)

Shri N.C.Padhi, former DG, Police and Shri Ramnarayan Pujari were inducted to the Chapter as members on this occasion by Shri D.K. Roy and Shri Nihar Ranjan Hota senior members of the Chapter respectively. Booklets containing the Mission and Goals of INTACH along with the Magazine-Virasat and Young Heritage were handed over to them after the Batch of INTACH was fixed on their pockets.



(Shri N.C.Padhi being inducted to the Chapter by Shri D.K. Roy)



(Shri R. N Pujari being inducted to the Chapter by Shri Nihar Ranjan Hota)

The team of Shri Amritansu Rath and Shri Rohit Kumar Mishra of Class-IX of DAV Public School, Chandrasekharapur was selected as the best team of Odisha and sent for the National Competition. They performed very well and became the National Champions. Bhubaneswar Chapter felicitated them on the Foundation Day. Shri Sanjiv Chandra Hota and Shri Abasara Beuria senior members felicitated both students for their outstanding performance by presenting them Books on Mahatma Gandhi and flower bouquets.



(The National Champions being felicitated)

*Wishing a very happy and Prosperous New Year - 2020
to all the members of all the Chapters of INTACH, Odisha*

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