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## Oriya diaspora writes on urgent issues

Sun, 07 Oct 2007 17:28:00 We request your attention on four related issues with respect to the 11th Plan and Orissa's attempt to modernize and bring long-overdue prosperity to its people, nay to the nation, as a whole.

By A Correspondent

Oriya diaspora writes on urgent issues

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New York, October 7 (odisha.in) The following letter the OSA led by its president Pratap Das has been sent to the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and Planning Commission

**Dear Esteemed Prime Minister and the esteemed Planning Commission:**

On behalf of the Orissa Society of the Americas (OSA), the main organization of Oriyas in North America, we would like to bring to your attention the following urgent issues related to Orissa's growth and progress and the 11th Plan.

But first we would like to convey our heartfelt thanks for your recent higher education initiatives which you outlined in the last Independence Day speech; in particular, the announcement regarding 8 new IITs, 7 new IIMs, and 30 new central Universities with 16 of them going to states that do not have any central university.

We sincerely hope that in picking the locations for these institutions you will keep in mind that although 60 years have passed since independence, none of the current 7 IITs, 6 IIMs or 23 central universities were established in Orissa, the 11th largest state of India in terms of population, the 9th largest in terms of area, and one of the most impoverished states of India.



West Bengal and 19.11 km. at all-India level."

The Railway ministry has grand plans for the 11th Plan period that includes two freight corridors, high speed rail, and metro rail in several areas and it has a budget of Rs 251,000 crores.

While none of these high flying plans (2 freight corridors, high speed rail segments and metro rails) are in Orissa, we are not in a position to rue over that; rather we request that while the rest of India marches forward with 2 freight corridors, high speed rail segments and metro rails during the 11th Plan, KBK and other adivasi areas of Orissa and India be not left behind. The particular lines we are referring to are:

(a) Khurda – Balangir, (b) Gunupur--Theruvalli, (c) Lanjigarh Rd – Bhawanipatna – Junagarh – Nabarangpur- Jeypore – Malkangiri – Bhadrachalam Rd (Andhra Pradesh) (d) Talcher – Bimlagarh ... etc.

We understand that Railways is already considering lines related to connectivity to ports and mineral transportation such as Talcher-Sukinda Rd and Bhadrakh-Dhamara; we are also mindful that better access to KBK area may potentially be used for undue exploitation of the KBK region, but we will all remain vigilant.

Nevertheless, following the previous planning commission's observations, to uplift KBK and the other backward areas of Orissa and India out of the morass they are in, we fervently appeal and request you that rail connectivity to these areas are completed during the 11th Plan.

To you, Mr. Prime Minister, an economist and planner of development at the highest level, we do not have to point out that Rail connectivity is a core issue of development for backward areas like KBK. Without Rail connectivity, KBK will remain, well, as is.

Yes, KBK will remain its backward self for decades to come, unless rail connectivity is promptly ensured, to spur economic activity through better freight and faster passenger transport.

Finally, we request that the Railway ministry establish a production unit in the KBK area of Orissa near by the various proposed steel and aluminium plants. (Currently the major production units are in Kapurthala - Punjab, Perambur - Tamil Nadu, Varanasi - Uttar Pradesh, Chittaranjan - West Bengal, Patiala - Punjab and Bangalore - Karnataka; and new ones have been announced in RaeBareilly - UP, Saran district of Bihar, Chhapra - Bihar and Alappuzha district of Kerala.)

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Pratap Das, President  
Asutosh Dutta, Vice-President  
Priyadarsan Patra, General Secretary  
Sandip K. Dasverma, Treasurer  
(The Orissa Society of the Americas, [www.orissasociety.org](http://www.orissasociety.org))

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January 3rd, 2008 It has



[Moon's craze for VCD album forced Avinash to pay huge amount \(EXCLUSIVE\)](#)

December 14th, 2007 Odisha.in is also in possession of a number of EXCLUSIVE photographs of Moon and Avinash in intimate postures at Restaurants, hotels, swimming pools, sea shore and shore of Chilika Lake where they had spent their time together.



[Photograph establishes Moon was married to Avinash in temple](#)

December 11th, 2007 She was also wearing a wedding ring in the ring finger of her left hand. Avinash had also put vermilion on his forehead and had put an uttariya over his shoulder, as is done during performing rituals.



[Avinash had](#)

also transferred two Orissa cadre IAS officers. It appointed Subas Chandra Pani, an Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer of Orissa cadre 1972 batch, as Secretary in the Planning Commission.



[Avinash's father, friends claim he was murdered in Mumbai](#)  
December 16th, 2007

According a ballistic expert, when a person attacks some body from behind, he would shoot at the right temple.

[4th Pravasi Oriya Divas on Dec 23 at Bhubaneswar](#)  
December 14th, 2007 We follow the pattern of the Prabasi Bharatiya Diwas the Government of India every year promotes (it is usually held on Jan. 9 the date on which Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa), the centre president Sahadev Sahu said.



[New twist to Moon Das-Avinash episode : Bhupen files F.I.R.](#)  
December 11th, 2007

Though the Mumbai police and Moon Das have said that Avinash had committed suicide after killing Moon's mother and uncle, neither Bhupen Patnaik, father of Avinash nor his friends are prepared to buy the idea.

[married Moon in temple, wanted to make it legal](#)

December 2nd, 2007 Babita wanted Avinash to write down the details about him and Mousumi (Moon) in her diary so that there would be no ambiguity in the application for registration of marriage.



[Avinash's mysterious pistol holds clue to Mumbai tripple murder ?](#)  
November 30th, 2007

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