

People's movement to
establish a BHU Type

Central University in Puri, Odisha

(a chronicle of this movement till July 8th 2017) – v1

Why in Puri: Puri, the abode of Lord Jagannath, is a special place in India and has a history of being a center of knowledge. (See Section 3 for details.) Moreover, Puri has fallen behind Varanasi (which has the central university BHU, an IIT and much more) and Tirupati (which has an IIT, an IISER and much more). Also, no government can ignore a genuine demand by the people for a knowledge institution in the land of Lord Jagannath.

Why BHU type Central University: BHU with a student body of 20,000 has a wide array of disciplines such as various languages, social sciences, philosophy, mathematics, sciences, law, medicine, engineering (IT-BHU became an IIT), education, commerce, visual arts, performing arts, Sanskrit, agriculture and management. Such a university does not exist in Odisha.

But Odisha has been already given a central university in Koraput!

Since 2009, when CUO Koraput was established, Bihar has been given **SIX** centrally funded universities in Gaya, Motihari, Kishanganj (a center of Aligarh Muslim University), Nalanda, Pusa and Vikramshila.

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ବିହାରରେ ୫ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଗୋଟିଏରେ ସବୁକୁ

ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୧୭/୬ (କମିଆ): ଗତ ୧୦ ବର୍ଷରୁ କମ୍ ସମୟ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ବିହାରରେ ସ୍ଥାପିତ ହୋଇଛି ୫ଟି କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ। ମାତ୍ର କୋରାପୁଟରେ ଗୋଟିଏ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପାଇ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସବୁକୁ। ୨୦୧୨ରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନବୀନ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ଚିଠି ଲେଖିଦେଇ ହାତ ବାନ୍ଧି ବସିଯାଇଛନ୍ତି। ଅନ୍ୟପକ୍ଷରେ ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ୩ଟି କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ପାଇଁ ସମ୍ଭାବନା ରହିଛି ବୋଲି ସୁଜ୍ଞାନୀ ଆମେରିକାରୁ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଦିନ ବରାକ ଓବାଲେଇଙ୍କୁ ଏ ନେଇ ଆଜି ସନ୍ଧ୍ୟାରେ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଦିନ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ, ଭବନ ବିଜେଡ଼ି ଓ ବିଜେପି ସାଂସଦ ତଥା କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଭୁଏଲ୍ ଓରାମ ଓ ଧର୍ମେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପ୍ରଧାନଙ୍କୁ ଇ-ମେଲ୍ ଯୋଗେ ସମ୍ଭାଷଣ କରିଛନ୍ତି।

ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବ ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି। ସେହିପ୍ରସ୍ତାବ ଅନୁସାରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ବାଞ୍ଛା ଓ ଅର୍ଥରେ ସ୍ଥାପିତ ବିହାରରେ ହୋଇଥିବା ନୀଳଦା ଓ ବିଜୁମାଟିର ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଭଳି ରତ୍ନଗିରି-ଲଳିତଗିରି-ଉଦୟଗିରି ମହାବିହାରକୁ ପୁନରୁଦ୍ଧ କରି ସେଠାରେ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରିଦେବା। ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାର ଏହି ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଧର୍ମୀୟ ତ୍ରିକୋଣୀୟ ରତ୍ନଗିରି-ଲଳିତଗିରି-ଉଦୟଗିରି ବିକାଶ ଦିଗରେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରୁଛନ୍ତି। ସେଠାରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଓ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମାନବ ସମ୍ବଳ ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ଆମରୁଣା

କରିବାକୁ ସେ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବ ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି। ସେହିପରି ପୁରୀରେ ବନାରସ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ବାଞ୍ଛାରେ ଏକ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସ୍ଥାପନ ପାଇଁ ଅନୁରୁଦ୍ଧ ପରିବେଶ ରହିଛି। ଏହାସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ଓଡ଼ିଶାରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ କୃଷି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ରହିଛି। ଏ ନେଇ ୨୦୧୨ ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ୧୪ ତାରିଖରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଶ୍ରୀ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ମଧ୍ୟ ଚିଠି ଲେଖିଥିଲେ। ରାଜ୍ୟରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ କୃଷି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସ୍ଥାପନ କରାଯାଉ। ନ ହେଲେ ଓଡ଼ିଶା କୃଷି ଓ ବୈଷୟିକ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ଉନ୍ନୀତ କରି କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ପରିଣତ କରାଯାଉ। ଏସବୁ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକୁ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ପାଇଁ ଆବଶ୍ୟକ ଉଦ୍ୟମ କରିବାକୁ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଦିନ ଅନୁରୋଧ କରିଛନ୍ତି।

Surely, Odisha's desire for a BHU type central university in the abode of Lord Jagannath is reasonable and appropriate.

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2. Our main approach:

A little more than 100 years ago, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya went around the country collecting funds to establish a university in Banaras and that led to the establishment of BHU in 1916.

We propose the approach of collecting pledges all across Odisha, among visitors to Puri and other well-wishers to contribute towards the establishment and subsequent growth of a BHU type central university in Puri.

We have printed pledge books to make such pledges. Following is the text of pledge in the pledge books.

I request the honorable President, Prime Minister and Human Resource Development minister of India to establish a central university along the lines of BHU (Banaras Hindu University) in the Purushottam Kshetra, Govardhan Pitha and Jagannath dham Puri. The initial pages of this pledge book give the detailed reasoning behind this request. To make this happen I pledge the following amount for a corpus fund of this university to be paid after the university is established.

Sincerely,

Signature:

Name:

Address:

Email/Phone:

Pledge amount:

3. A Letter to the PM laying out the case for Central University in Puri

To

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Government of India, New Delhi-110011

Sub: To set up a Central University in Puri Dham on the line of BHU

Dear Esteemed Prime Minister:

We would like to humbly request that the Government of India establish a central university in Puri (Odisha) on the line of BHU (Banaras Hindu University) with all the modern disciplines as well as cross-cutting disciplines that interface with traditional Indian knowledge, arts, culture and heritage.

Sir: Puri is the abode of Lord Jagannath. It is one of the four dhams revered by Hindus (and Indians in general), and considered the meeting ground of all branches of Indian philosophy and all kinds of sects and religions from time immemorial. Famous sages visited (and some stayed over) Puri and left their imprint on Puri. This includes, Adi Shankaracharya, Narahari Tirtha, Nimbarka Acharya, Jayadeva, Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, and Vishnuswami, Madhvacharya.

In ancient times, Puri was known as Purusottam Kshetra and its greatness at that time was covered in various Sanskrit works such as Skanda Purana, Padma Purana, Narada Purana, Niladrimahodaya, Matsya Purana, Brahma Purana, Kapila Samhita, Niladri Mahadaya and Bamadeva Samhita. In Skanda Purana (Vaishnav Khanda), sage Jamini explained the location of Purusottam Kshetra to an assembly of sages by the sloka: *Odra desha Iti Khyate Barshe Bharatsanjnake Dakhinasyodadhestire kshetram Sripurusottamam* (Sloka 23 Ch. 7 Skanda Purana).

Puri is also known as Shrikshetra (Land of prosperity), Sankha Kshetra, Bhouma Kshetra, Purusottam Kshetra (land of the supreme being), Neelachal (blue hill), Jamanika Kshetra, Uddiyana Kshetra, Martya Baikunth (Paradise on earth), Caritrapura, Dasavatarakshetra, Dibyakshetra, Jagannathkshetra, Jagannath Puri, Neeladri, Nilagiri, Nilakandara, etc.

Puri is one of the Char Dhams (Four pilgrimage centers) institutionalized by Adi Sankara and revered by Hindus. A Hindu is enjoined to visit these places at least once in a lifetime. Situated across the length and breadth of the country these are, Badrinath in the North, Dwarka in the West, Puri in the East and Rameshwaram in the South. The four kshetras of the Char Dham represent each of the four Yugas (Satya Yuga, Treta Yuga, Dwapara Yuga and Kali Yuga or the present age). Badrinath is related to the first Yuga, the Satya Yuga, Rameshwaram is related to Treta Yuga, Dwarka is related to Dwapara Yuga and Puri is related to the present Yuga, the Kali Yuga. Adi Shankara (788-820 A.D) selected Purusottam Kshetra (Puri) and established his monastery Bhogabardhana (Gobardhan) pitha to preach the doctrine of Adwaita vedanta (monism) to people.

Puri is the abode of Lord Jagannath. The PIB article [1] mentions Raja Jai Singh saying the following about Puri in 1580: “*The pious land of Lord Jagannath, Orissa is not a land to be conquered but to be worshipped because it is above the aspirations of human being it is the land of Gods*”.

There are several copper plate inscriptions, which established the idea of Lord Jagannath as a paramount deity of the entire country. The concept of Lord Jagannath is not only confined to Hinduism but also extends to both Jainism and Buddhism. Lord Jagannath is the Kalpa Bruksha (boon giving tree), Yogamurti of the Siddhas, Bishnu for the Vaishnavites, Shiva for the Shaivites, Mahabhairab for the Tantrics, Buddha and Anupurusha (void) for Boudhas and Ganesh for the Ganapatya. Maa Subhadra, Shri Jagannath and Shri Balabhadra represent the Trinity of Hinduism, i.e., Brahma, Vishnu and Maheswar.

Lord Jagannath and his philosophy have left deep imprint on other cultures of the world. One of the significant manifestations of Lord Jagannath is the human culture. Jagannath-consciousness is so all pervading that it has the capacity to provide nurture to all levels of human existence—rich or poor, learned or ignorant, sinner or virtuous, male or female, well bred or ill bred, foreigner or a native. Thus, besides Hindus, Jains, Budhists, Christians, Sikhs and other minor religious groups by different means have justified their association. Jagannath consciousness has been presented in visual art, painting, architecture, sculpture, performing and in other different art forms like dance, music, specialization in food habits, uniqueness in dress material, and varied and colorful celebration of festivals. In 2015, a national conference on Jagannath Chetna (consciousness) in the art and culture of India was held in Puri with themes such as: *Philosophical interpretation of Jagannath consciousness; Jagannath consciousness in Sanskrit language and literature; Presentation of Jagannath in art, architecture and other art forms; Diffusion of Jagannath consciousness in other religious practices; and Jagannath consciousness as vehicle of world peace*. Temples of Lord Jagannath are present in all parts of the world and the Chariot Festival (Ratha Yatra) of Lord Jagannath at Puri has smaller versions in all parts of the world. The Puri Ratha Yatra of Lord Jagannath gave the word “Juggernaut” to the English language.

Puri has been a center of knowledge formation, agglomeration and dissemination from its ancient days. There are records of 752 mathas (monasteries), and many Kotas, Jagas, Akhadas and ashrams (hermitages) in Puri. Various priests, preachers, tourists, poets, saints, seers, teachers, devotees and thinkers of the world visited Puri and many established their knowledge centers at Puri. It was universally believed that the Jagannath cult is the confluence of all religious faiths. The precepts of different sects paid visit to the holy land of Puri and disseminated their philosophical doctrines. They preached their philosophy, got themselves involved in the ritual services of Jagannath temple and established their monasteries (mathas). The Mathas were originally founded with the purpose of imparting education to disciples and give shelter to pilgrims, and feeding travelers. Gobardhan matha is one of the oldest Mathas in Puri founded by Adi Sankaracharya in the 9th century A.D. Tradition assigns some mathas like the Vrugu Ashram and the Angira Ashram to earlier dates. The Vaishnava Mathas belonging to

different Sampradayas or sub-sects of the cult are numerous at Puri. Prominent among the Goudyamathas are Radhakanta, Gangamata and Kathabhogo, whereas the Oriya, Sisu and few other mathas belong to the local sect of Utkaliya Vaisnavas. The Gobaradhana and the Sankarananda mathas are saiva, and the Kabir chaura matha located in their vicinity belong to the followers of Kabir. The Bauli and Mangu mathas belong to the followers of Nanak. Jaga, Akhada, Kota, and Goda are the other traditional institutions of Puri whose core principles are that gymnastics for the body and music for the soul are to be nourished.

Puri has made and continues to make major contributions in the field of art (various forms: dance, music, painting, sculpture making etc.), architecture, literature, science (especially, astronomy), religion and tradition. Gitagovinda by Sri Jayadev was composed in Puri. The classical dance form of Odissi as well as the classical music form (also called) Odissi was nourished in Puri. The patta painting form evolved, nourished and flourished under the cult of Lord Jagannath. The Kalinga style of architecture has its origin in Puri. Pathani Samanta, an astronomer of the rank of Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Brahmagupta and Bhaskaracharya was from Khandpada, in the greater Puri district (now in the recently carved out Nayagarh district). He fabricated ingenious instruments out of wooden sticks and bamboo chips and attained great accuracy in measurement. His scientific investigations are recorded in his astronomical treatise “The Siddhanta Darpana” composed in Sanskrit Verse, in Odia script, and on palm leaves. Konark, also in Puri district, is an UNESCO world heritage site and is known for its art and architecture. Puri continues to churn out knowledge in all these fields. Recently, Mataji Parama Karuna Devi, founder and director of the Jagannatha Vallabha Vedic Research Center, has written a multi volume book titled Introduction to Vedic knowledge.

During pre-independence era Jayee Rajaguru of Birharekrushnapur (a village situated in the vicinity of Puri town), and Chandan Hazuree of Puri town fought against the Britishers to upkeep the sovereignty of the soil. An unique experiment in the field of education was made at Satyabadi, Puri with the establishment of Satyabadi bana vidyalaya (on 12th Agust 1909) in the midst of mango and bakul groves by the great freedom fighter, social worker and poet Pt. Gopabandhu Das and his followers Pt. Nilakantha Das, Pt. Krupasindhu Mishra, Pt. Godabarish Mishra and Pt. Acharya Harihara Dash; together called as “Pancha sakha”. Later the school became an active center of the non Co-operation movement.

Puri also has an important maritime tradition. The Archaeological excavation at Manikapatna (in Puri district) provides a running chronology of historical habitation as a port or trade center from 1st century A.D. to 18th century A.D. It serves as a benchmark to study the settlement pattern and trade route of Puri. Abul Fazal described Manikapatna as a seaport where taxes were collected. Manikpatna is the only site along the sea coast of India from where varieties of ceramics including Chinese Celadonware have been reported. The presence of pottery, artifacts and coins indicates the impact of early sea trade between Odisha and the Mediterranean world. The existing temple of Lord Jagannath was known to international sailing community as an important landmark while moving in the Bay of Bengal.

In conclusion, Puri has been and is a special and revered place in India with global recognition. It continues to be a knowledge center of classical art, culture, language (Sanskrit) and Vedic knowledge. Considering the importance of cross-pollination of these Indian knowledge forms with modern knowledge and its impact on “Brand India” and “Make in India”, it is imperative that *a Central University along the lines of BHU be urgently established in Puri. It is our humble prayer to the honorable Prime Minister that he establishes such a Central University in Puri.*

Sincerely,

Various Signatories.

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4. Chronicle of our activity for a BHU type central university in Puri

4.1 Early activity – Effort for a BHU campus in Puri

During 2010-2014, the UPA government in the center went about establishing campuses of Aligarh Muslim University in various places in India. See some news items on them.

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NEW DELHI: The Centre is mulling setting up five universities with 50% seats reserved for religious minorities, a "Muslim outreach" by Congress ahead of the 2014 elections. The universities will come up in the hubs of Muslim and Christian population in five states.

"These universities will have 50% reservation for minorities with socio-economic backwardness as key determinant. Minorities are not just religious groups but also social groups as mentioned in Article 15 and 16 of the Constitution (for affirmative action)," minority affairs minister KRahman Khan told TOI.

The Sukhdeo Thorat committee has given the opinion that central universities for religious minorities can be set up through an act of Parliament, dispelling concerns about legal

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ନୂଆଦିଲ୍ଲୀ, ୧।୬: କଂଗ୍ରେସ ନେତୃତ୍ୱଧାରୀ ଯୁପିଏ ସରକାର ୨୦୧୪ ସାଧାରଣ ନିର୍ବାଚନ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଝଟି ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ସଂଖ୍ୟାଲଘୁଙ୍କ ଲାଗି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଖୋଲିବା ଯୋଜନା ରଖିଛନ୍ତି । ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଗୁଡ଼ିକରେ ସଂଖ୍ୟାଲଘୁ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ଲାଗି ୫୦ ପ୍ରତିଶତ ସ୍ଥାନ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ ରହିବ । ସଂଖ୍ୟାଲଘୁ ବ୍ୟାପାର ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ କେ ରଘୁମନ ଖାନ କହିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ ଏଭଳି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଲାଗି ସାମାଜିକ-ଆର୍ଥିକ ପଛଆବରଣକୁ ବିଶେଷ ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ

ଦିଆଯାଇଛି । ସଂଖ୍ୟାଲଘୁ କେବଳ ଧାର୍ମିକ ସଂଖ୍ୟାଲଘୁ ନୁହଁନ୍ତି; ବରଂ ସମ୍ବିଧାନର ଧାରା ୧୫ ଓ ୧୬ରେ ଯେଉଁମାନଙ୍କୁ ଏହି ଶ୍ରେଣୀରେ ନିଆଯାଇଛି, ସେମାନେ ମଧ୍ୟ ସଂରକ୍ଷଣ ସୁବିଧା ପାଇବେ । ତେବେ ଯେଉଁ ଝଟି ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ଏହି ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଖୋଲିବାର ଯୋଜନା ରହିଛି ସେଥିମଧ୍ୟରୁ ଉତ୍ତରପ୍ରଦେଶ, କର୍ଣ୍ଣାଟକ, ବିହାର, ପଶ୍ଚିମବଙ୍ଗ ଓ ମହାରାଷ୍ଟ୍ର ଆଦି ରହିଛନ୍ତି ।

While reading about those the idea of having BHU (Banaras Hindu University) campuses in the 4 dhams came to some people's mind. This was first articulated in facebook in an article at <http://bit.ly/bhu-puri> . Following is a screen copy of that facebook page.



<https://www.facebook.com/notes/odishalinks-odishagrowth/aligarh-muslim-univ-campuses-operational-in-kerala-and->

Type to search for people, places and things

 **Aligarh Muslim Univ Campuses operational in Kerala and West Bengal and more are planned; Need BHU campuses in 4 dhams (Puri ...)** Edit

by Odishalinks Odishagrowth (Notes) on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 1:39pm

In the last couple of years the Congress led Central government has established couple of campuses of Aligarh Muslim University in Malappuram (Kerala) and Murshidabad (West Bengal). See <http://www.amu.ac.in/centres/amucentres.htm> . Also in http://mp.amu.ac.in/Information%20Bulletin_malapuram.pdf there is mention of more such centers; but none in Odisha.

Yesterday, I read a news item in Times of India. <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Ahead-of-2014-polls-govt-plans-universities-for-minorities/articleshow/20375216.cms> about establishing 5 new minority universities. Following is a quote from it.

While a university in Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh, the constituency of Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, is being considered, one in Srirangapatna in Karnataka seems a certainty. Bihar and Bengal will also get one each while one in Buddhist centre of Nagpur is still to be decided.

The article went on to suggest the following:

I think it is fine for the central government to establish AMU campuses as well as new minority universities. But at the same vein they should establish BHU campuses or similar universities in the 4 dhams: Puri, Dwaraka, Rameswaram and Badrinath.

Note that the initial budget for the AMU campus in Kerala (see http://mp.amu.ac.in/Information%20Bulletin_malapuram.pdf) is mentioned as 400 crores.

So this is not small change.

We are starting a movement on "BHU campuses or similar universities in the four dhams". If you can help, reply to this note. Keep watching this space for updates.

One of the reason BHU was chosen as the model is that BHU is one of the best universities in India. Below is a 2013 article on that. BHU is also the third best university in India as per the NIRF 2017 ranking.

indiatoday.intoday.in/story/banaras-hindu-university-india-today-best-universities-2013/1/272858.html

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Lalji Singh, Vice-Chancellor, BHU

Green boulevards, a hospital, a museum, the country's largest library, a 500-strong private security force, a temple, a 100-acre agricultural farm, 72 hostels, four post offices, a petrol pump, a shopping centre, a swimming pool, an airstrip, four helipads and even an IIT-all on the campus. Sprawled over 1,350 acres, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) is a well-planned township within the ancient city of Varanasi. Established in 1916 by freedom fighter and educationist Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, the university isn't letting tradition come in the way of exploring newer frontiers in disciplines such as management, medicine, agriculture and engineering.



The university, consistently ranked among the top five in the india today-Nielsen Best Universities Survey, is all set to further its legacy of knowledge. To arm its students with the

In September 2013 when the President Honorable Pranab Mukherjee was visiting Odisha, several people wrote to the President to establish a BHU campus in Puri. Following are two news items on that.

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BHU Puri Memo To Prez

Bhubaneswar : 7/September/2013



People of various walks of life in Puri and Bhubaneswar as well as Odias from all over the world are demanding that the central government establish a Benaras Hindu University (BHU) Puri campus, and perhaps similar campuses in the other three Dhams of Hindus in India.

They have written to the President of India on the demand and have presented a Memorandum during his visit to Odisha, said sources.

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Demand for BHU campus in Puri

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bhubaneswar, Sept. 9: A group of educationists have urged the Centre for setting up of a campus of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Puri.

The group also handed over a memorandum to the President during his recent visit to the city.

They reasoned that the Centre has established new campuses of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) in Malappuram (Kerala) and Murshidabad (Bengal) with a proposed budget of Rs 400 crore each.

It is also considering on proposals to set up multiple minority universities.

"However, one of the four main *dhams* of Hinduism in the east — Puri — should not be neglected and its potential should be maximised through establishment of a premiere university campus, such as that of BHU," said educationist Chitta Baral, who is heading the campaign.

4.2 Contacting the BJP Manifesto Committee – February 2014

Since the UPA government did not listen to the people's request, prior to the Lok Sabha elections 2014 many contacted the BJP to include establishing BHU type central universities in Puri and the other dhams in their manifesto. Following is an email reply received from the BJP manifesto committee in February 2014.

Thank you for your suggestion - BJP Manifesto 2014  Inbox x   

 **Noreply** <noreply@bjpelectionmanifesto.com> 2/24/14 ☆  

to me ▾

Dear **Chitta Baral**,

Thanks for providing your valuable suggestion to help BJP, to prepare a Manifesto which is made for our country's citizens.

You have submitted the following details:

Category: Education - Higher

Suggestion: Ten Higher Education ideas for the BJP Manifesto: (1) BHU type university or BHU campuses at the FOUR dhams of India (2) Reviving ancient Universities (4) Central Sports and Physical Education Universities (5) Upgrading the current 5 Regional Institutes of Education (RIEs) to National Institutes of Education (NIEs) and making them National Institutes of Importance: (6) Cultural Centers and Central Culture Universities in each state:

I can assure you that your suggestion will be considered for the Manifesto 2014.

Thanking you,
Murli Manohar Joshi

A detailed letter that was sent to the BJP manifesto committee was as follows:

To: The BJP Manifesto Committee

Dear Committee:

We wish BJP the best in the upcoming national elections and look forward to BJP securing the majority and forming the government at the center.

In that regard, we propose the following be included in the BJP manifesto.

We request that your party promise the establishment of universities in the mold of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) (or at least campuses of BHU) in/near the FOUR dhams (Puri, Dwaraka, Rameswaram and Badrinath) of India.

Rationale: Recently the UPA government has established a new campus of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) [1] in Malappuram (Kerala). Mrs. Sonia Gandhi laid the foundation stone of another campus of AMU in Kishanganj [2], Bihar in January 2014 and last week the President Mr. Mukherjee laid the foundation stone of another center of AMU in Jangipur, Murshidabad (West Bengal) [3]. There is mention of [4] plans for more such campuses of AMU. The report at [4] mentions the proposed budget for each of the AMU center to be 400 crores. There are also various news reports [5] about proposals to establish several minority universities across the country.

Similar to the new campuses of Aligarh Muslim University across the country, we request that knowledge support systems be established at least at each of the four main dhams of Hinduism – Puri (in the east), Dwaraka (in the west), Rameswaram (in the south) and Badrinath (in the north) - and their potential be maximized through the establishment of a premiere university (called Puri Hindi University, Dwaraka Hindu University, etc.) in the mold of BHU and mentored by BHU or at least a BHU campus in each of these places. A recent news item [6] suggests that the BHU VC is open to additional centers of BHU.

The families that serve these temples as well as the surrounding communities are poor and academically backward with very low GER. Each of these areas also has issues that need the urgent help of scientists and researchers. The last year flooding at Badrinath and the coastal erosion and management issues in Puri are stark reminders of this.

On the other hand like Banaras, Puri and the other dhams have many scholars and persons with deep knowledge of various subjects, including ancient shastras. They also have nearby villages and communities teeming with traditions, energy and talent of various kinds. For example, the Raghurajpur village near Puri is abounding with artists and artisans of various forms such as master painters and dancers. Similarly, Puri has now become a world center for Sand Art.

We sincerely request that such Hindu Universities in the 4 dhams be modeled after BHU and if BHU campuses are made then they should have units focused on modern subjects such as Business Administration and Law (the subjects that are being taught at the new AMU campus in Malappuram) as well as on subjects related to Culture, Fine Arts, Performance Arts and Spiritualism.

We made a similar request to the current President and Prime Minister and as expected of the UPA they did not respond to us. We sincerely hope that BJP will include this in its manifesto.

Sincerely,

[1] <http://www.amu.ac.in/centres/amucentres.htm>

[2] http://www.abplive.in/video/video_india/2014/01/30/article255763.ece/Sonia-Gandhi-to-inaugurate-AMU-centre-in-Bihar-today-Nitish-also-scheduled-to-attend#.UwYv10JdURU

[3] <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=104022>

4.3 Mumbai Odisha Samaja's media blitz for Puri Hindu University – July 2014

Odia film maker Santosh Gour from Mumbai then suggested that instead of just a BHU campus we should aim for a similar full-fledged university. He led a campaign among Mumbai Odias towards and they did a press conference in Bhubaneswar and had a media blitz on this topic. Following is some of the media coverage on this.

Centre urged to set up varsities in BHU mold

Minati Singha | TNN

Bhubaneswar: Mumbai Odia Samaj and several other socio-cultural organizations of the state have proposed to the Centre that it set up four universities on the lines of Banaras Hindu University at the four dhams in the country — Puri, Dwarka, Rameswaram and Badrinath.

To garner public support for the university, the organizations have started awareness campaigns across the state during Rath Yatra.

"The Centre has considered opening branches of premier educational institutes like IITs, IIMs, AIIMs and Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). But there is also a need to set up branches of Banaras Hindu University (BHU)," said Mumbai-based Odia filmmaker and member of Mumbai Odia Samaj, Santosh Gour.

"These institutes will teach ancient philosophies, Satras, Vedas, Upanishadas along with modern sciences, engineering, medicine and humanities as well as on subjects related to culture, fine arts, performance arts and spiritualism," Gour added.

The four dhams are not only centres of religious activity



ON THE SAME LINES

but also treasure troves of history, culture and tradition. "There are huge untapped resources in the form of manuscripts, scriptures and traditional practices. In these institutes, there can be convergence of modern science, technology, medicine and theory with the ancient Indian practices that could be highly beneficial for today's world," Gour added.

The universities will be central institutes with focus on research activities as well. "We have decided to conduct meetings with intellectuals of the state, socio-cultural organizations to set in motion a mass movement for setting up the universities. We have also sought support from political parties and the general public to make it a success," said Sitaballav Mohapatra, secretary of Purnanga Utkal Unnayan Nyas Mandal, a socio-cultural organization.

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Mumbai Odia Samaj bats for Hindu varsities

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Mumbai Odia Samaj on Saturday urged the Union Government to set up four Hindu universities at the four dhams of Puri, Dwaraka, Rameswaram and Badrinath for promotion of Hindu theology and spiritualism.

"We urge the Union Human Resources Development Ministry to establish at least four Hindu Universities at four main dhams of Hinduism, Puri (in the east), Dwaraka (in the west), Rameswaram (in the south) and Badrinath (in the north) on line of Banaras Hindu University (BHU)," said Samaj president Bipin Mishra to mediapersons here.

"While foundation stones are laid for three more campuses of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) in Malappuram in Kerala, Kishanganj in Bihar and Jangipur, Murshidabad in West Bengal, then why the Union Government will not set up Hindu Universities at

four places," asked Mishra.

"Like in Banaras, many scholars with deep knowledge on various subjects, including ancient Shastras, Darshana, Aesthetics, Astronimics, Literatures are staying in Puri and other dhams. For example, Raghurajpur village near Puri is abounding with artists and artisans of various forms such as master painters and classical dancers, classical musicians. Similarly, Puri has now become a world center for Sand Art. Hence, we sincerely urged the Government to ensure establishment of a Hindu University at Puri along with three other dhams with subjects like Hindu theology, spiritualism as well as modern subjects such as Business Administration, Law, Medical and subjects related to Culture, Fine Arts, Performance Arts," said member of the Samaj and noted film maker Santosh Gour.

He also urged the State Government to take up the issue with the Union Government for the purpose.

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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ଚାଷାଃ (ପିଏନ୍‌ଏସ୍) : ବନାରସ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଯେଉଁ ଅନ୍ୟ ଚିନ୍ତାଧାରା ଧାରଣା, ରାଜନୀତି ଓ ବ୍ୟବସାୟରେ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ପାଇଁ ମୁହାଁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମାଜ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଦାବି ହୋଇଛି । ଶନିଦିନ ଏଠାରେ ଆୟୋଜିତ ଏକ ସାମ୍ବାଦିକ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ଏହି ଚାରିଧାମ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ସମାଜର ଚଳୁଥିବା ବିପିନ ମିଶ୍ର କହିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ହିନ୍ଦୁ ଧର୍ମର ୪ଟି ପୁରୁଣା ଧାମ ପୂର୍ବରେ ପୂବା, ପଶ୍ଚିମରେ ଦ୍ୱାରକା, ଦକ୍ଷିଣରେ ରାମେଶ୍ୱରୀ ଓ ଉତ୍ତରରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ବୃହତ୍‌ପ୍ରାୟ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଦ୍ୟୁତ୍ୟୁ ଅନାଲୁପିତଭାବେ ଏପ୍ରସାରିତ ହୋଇପାରିନାହିଁ । ଧର୍ମ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ମାନବ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ନିର୍ମୋଚକ ଥିବା ଯେତେକ ଓ ଯୋଗ୍ୟ ପରିବାର ଗଣିତ ଓ ଶିକ୍ଷାରେ ପଢ଼ିଆ ହୋଇନାହିଁ । ଏଥିପ୍ରତି ଧର୍ମ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଅଧିକ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ପାଇଁ ଲୋକନିତ ଓ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ରହିଛି । ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସ୍ଥାପନ ହେଲେ ଏହାକୁ ଅଭାବ, ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ପୂରଣ ହୋଇପାରିବ । ସେହିପରି ଧାର୍ମିକତାରେ ପୁରାଣ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ର, ଧର୍ମାଧିକାରୀ ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟର ବିକାଶରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସହାୟକ ହେବ ବୋଲି ଚଳୁଥିବା ମିଶ୍ର କହିଥିଲେ । ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ମୁହାଁ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମାଜର ବିନିବନ୍ଧୁ ଗଣନା, ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ଗୈର, ଚଳୁଥିବା ବିଦେଶୀ, ନୀତିମତ ଉପ ପ୍ରାୟ ସାମ୍ବାଦିକ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଥିଲେ ।

ପୁରୀରେ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ପାଇଁ ଦାବି

କୁବନେଶ୍ୱର,(ବୁଧବେଳା)-ଦେଶର ୪ ଧାମରେ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରିବାକୁ ଦାବି କରିଛନ୍ତି ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମାଜ । ଶନିବାର ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ନେତୃତ୍ୱରୁ ଯୁବ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନ ପରିସରରେ ଆୟୋଜିତ ଏକ ଖବରଦାତା ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ସମାଜର ସଭାପତି ବିପିନ୍ ମିଶ୍ର କହିଲେ, ବନାରସ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପରି ଦେଶର ୪ ଧାମରେ ଗୋଟିଏ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟାତ୍ମକ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରାଯାଉ । ଦ୍ୱାରିକା, ରାମେଶ୍ୱରମ୍, ବଦ୍ରିନାଥ ସମେତ ପୁରୀରେ ଏଭଳି

ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ହେବା ଦ୍ୱାରା ହିନ୍ଦୀ ଭାଷାର ମାନ ବୃଦ୍ଧି ପାଇବା ସହ ଛାତ୍ରୀଛାତ୍ରଙ୍କୁ ଗୁଣାତ୍ମକ ଶିକ୍ଷା ମିଳିପାରିବ । ଏନେଇ ଗତ କୁନ୍ତଳାସରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସରକାରଙ୍କୁ ଦାବିପତ୍ର ଦିଆଯାଇଛି । କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସରକାର ଯଦି ଏହାକୁ ଅନୁମୋଦନ କରନ୍ତି ତେବେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାର ଏଥିପାଇଁ ସବୁପ୍ରକାର ସହାୟତା ଯୋଗାଇଦେବା ଆବଶ୍ୟକ ବୋଲି ସେ କହିଥିଲେ । ଦୀନବନ୍ଧୁ ଷଡ଼ଙ୍ଗୀ, ବିପିନ୍ ନାୟକ, ସତ୍ୟେଶ କୁମାର ଗୌର ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଥିଲେ ।

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ପୁରୀରେ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ହେଉ

କୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, (ସ.ବୁଧ.): ହିନ୍ଦୁ ଧର୍ମ ଓ ସଂସ୍କୃତିର ପ୍ରଚାର ପ୍ରସାର ତଥା ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ପାଇଁ ତାରି ଧାମରେ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ହେଉ । ବନାରସ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ତାହାରେ ପୁରୀ ସହ ଅନ୍ୟ କୁଲଟି ଧାମରେ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଖୋଲିବା ଦାବି କରିଛି ମୁମ୍ବାଇ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମାଜ ।

ଏନେଇ ନେହେରୁ ଯୁବ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନଠାରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ସାମାଜିକ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠାନର ସଭାପତି ଡ. ବିପିନ ମିଶ୍ର କହିଛନ୍ତି, ହିନ୍ଦୁ ଧର୍ମର ପ୍ରଚାର ପ୍ରସାର ପାଇଁ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ରହିଛି । ତେବେ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଦେଶରେ ଦେବଦ ଗୋଟିଏ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ରହିଛି । ତାହା ହିନ୍ଦୁ ସଂସ୍କୃତିର ପ୍ରସାର ଓ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ପାଇଁ ଯଥେଷ୍ଟ ହୋଇପାରୁନି । ଅନ୍ୟ



ଓ ଅନ୍ୟ ଆଧ୍ୟାତ୍ମିକ ବିଷୟ ସହ ସଂସ୍କୃତି, କଳା ଆଦି ଆଧାରିତ ଅନ୍ୟ ପାଠ୍ୟପୁସ୍ତକ ପାଠିକ କରିବା କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ଯଥାଯାଚି ଉପଯୋଗ କରି ଏବିଭଳେ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନେବା କରୁରା ଦୋଇ ସେ ମତଦାତା ଏବିଭଳେ ଉକ୍ତ ସଭାରେ କୁଳର ଦୁଷ୍ଟି ଦେଇ ଏହାକୁ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସହଯୋଗ କରନ୍ତୁ

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ବନାରସ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ନୂଆ ଶାଖା ଖୋଲିବାକୁ ଦାବି

ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୫।୭(ନି.ପ୍ର)- କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଶ୍ରୀଜଗନ୍ନାଥ ଧାମ ପୁରୀରେ ଏକ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ହେଉ । ଏହାସହିତ ଦ୍ୱାରକା, ରାମେଶ୍ୱରମ୍ ଓ ବଦ୍ରିନାଥରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ହେଉ । ବନାରସ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଢାଞ୍ଚାରେ ଏହାର ନୂଆ ଶାଖା ଖୋଲାଯାଇ ଉଚ୍ଚ ଚାରୋଟି ଚାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରାଯାଉ । ତେବେ ପୁରୀରେ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ପାଇଁ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମାନବ ସମ୍ବଳ ବିକାଶ ମନ୍ତ୍ରାଳୟକୁ ଅନୁରୋଧ କରାଯାଇଛି ବୋଲି ମୁମ୍ବଇ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମାଜ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ନେହେରୁ ଯୁବ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନରେ ଆୟୋଜିତ ଏକ ସାମ୍ବାଦିକ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ସଭାପତି ଡ. ବିପିନ ମିଶ୍ର କହିଛନ୍ତି ।

ଯୁସିଏ ସରକାର ସମୟରେ ଆଲିଗଡ଼ ମୁସ୍ଲିମ୍ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟାୟରେ ଏକ ନୂଆ ଶାଖା କେରଳର ମାଲାପୁରମଠାରେ ଖୋଲା ଯାଇଥିଲା । ଏହାପରେ ବିହାରର କିଷ୍ଟନଗଞ୍ଜ ଓ ପଶ୍ଚିମବଙ୍ଗର ମୁର୍ସିଦାବାଦ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ଜାଙ୍ଗିପୁରଠାରେ ଅଲିଗଡ଼ ମୁସ୍ଲିମ୍ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ନୂଆ ଶାଖା ଖୋଲିଥିଲା । ତା’ପରେ ଦେଶର ଅନ୍ୟ ଏକ ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ଏହାର ନୂଆ ଶାଖା ଖୋଲିବା ପାଇଁ ଯୋଜନା ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ଅଲିଗଡ଼ ମୁସ୍ଲିମ୍ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ୪ଟି ନୂଆ ଶାଖା ପାଇଁ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର



ସାମ୍ବାଦିକ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ମୁମ୍ବଇ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସମାଜର କର୍ମକର୍ତ୍ତା ବିଭିନ୍ନ ସୂତ୍ରୀ ଦେଉଛନ୍ତି ।

ସରକାର ୪୦୦କୋଟି ଖର୍ଚ୍ଚ କରିବାକୁ ଯୋଜନା ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରିଥିଲେ । ଅପରପକ୍ଷରେ ଦେଶର ବିଭିନ୍ନ ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ସଂଖ୍ୟାଲଘୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଖୋଲାଯିବା ନେଇ ଯୋଜନା ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ ହୋଇଥିବା ଜଣାଯାଇଛି । ଏହି ପରିପ୍ରେକ୍ଷାରେ ଦେଶରେ ଥିବା ଚାରୋଟି ଧାମରେ ବନାରସ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଶାଖା ଖୋଲାଯିବା ଆବଶ୍ୟକ । ଦେଶର ଏହି ଚାରୋଟି ଧାମରେ ବନାରସ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର କୁଳପତି ଏହାର ନୂଆ ଶାଖା ଖୋଲିବାକୁ ସବୁଜ ସଙ୍କେତ ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି ବୋଲି ଶ୍ରୀ ମିଶ୍ର କହିଥିଲେ । କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସରକାର ଦେଶରେ ଆଇଆଇଟି, ଆଇଆଇଏମ୍,

ଆଇଆଇଏସ୍‌ଏଆର୍, ଏଆଇଆଇଏମ୍‌ଏସ୍‌ଏ, ଆଇଆଇଏମ୍‌ଏସ୍‌ସି, ନାଇଜର ଭଳି ଜାତୀୟସ୍ତରୀୟ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ସମେତ ଅଲିଗଡ଼ ମୁସ୍ଲିମ୍ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ନୂଆ ଶାଖା ଖୋଲୁଥିବାବେଳେ ବନାରସ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଢାଞ୍ଚାରେ ଚାରୋଟି ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରିବାରେ ଅସୁବିଧା ହେବ ନାହିଁ ବୋଲି ସେ କହିଥିଲେ । ଅନ୍ୟମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ନାଳାୟର ରଥ, ସତ୍ୟେଶ ଗୌର, ବିପିନ୍ ନାୟକ, ଡ. ଶିବ ବେହେରା ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଏହି ସାମ୍ବାଦିକ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ଦେଶରେ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ଓ ଏହାର ଆଭିମୁଖ୍ୟ ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ଆଲୋଚନା କରିଥିଲେ ।



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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, (ପ୍ରାଣେ)-ବେଞ୍ଚର ୪ ଧାମରେ ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରିବାକୁ ଦାବି କରିଛନ୍ତି ପୁରୀର ଶ୍ରୀମତୀ ସମାଜ । ଶ୍ରୀମତୀର ସମାଜର ନେତୃତ୍ୱରୁ ପୁରୀ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାପନ ପରିଷଦର ଆୟୋଜିତ ଏକ ଉପରାଜ୍ୟ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀରେ ସମାଜର ସଭାପତି ବିପିନ୍ ମିଶ୍ର କହିଲେ, ସମାଜର ହିନ୍ଦୁ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପାଇଁ ବେଞ୍ଚର ୪ ଧାମରେ ରୋଡିଏ ଲେଖାଏ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା କରାଯାଉ । ଦୁର୍ଭିକ୍ଷ, ଭାଗ୍ୟଶୂନ୍ୟତା, ବ୍ୟବସାୟ ଉପେକ୍ଷା ପୂରୀରେ ଏକ

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4.4 Letters sent by various organizations to PM in 2014-15

During 2014-15 letters were sent from abroad (mainly US), from Puri and from Mumbai to the Prime Minister on this. In Puri, Senior High Court Advocate Umaballav Mohapatra brought this idea to various Puri organizations and they wrote letters to the Prime Minister on this; and in Mumbai, Santosh Gour took the lead. We first give the letter sent from US, and then the letters sent from Puri and Mumbai.

To: Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Dear Shri Modiji:

We request that your government establish BHU type university or campuses of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Puri (Odisha), and other three dhams of India.

Rationale: Recently the UPA government has established a new campus of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) [1] in Malappuram (Kerala). Mrs. Sonia Gandhi laid the foundation stone of another campus of AMU in Kishanganj, Bihar in January 2014 and few days back the President Mr. Mukherjee laid the foundation stone of yet another center of AMU in Jangipur, Murshidabad (West Bengal) [3]. There is mention of [4] plans for more such campuses of AMU. The report at [4] mentions the proposed budget for each of the AMU center to be 400 crores. There are also various news reports [5] about proposals to establish several minority universities across the country.

Mahashay ji: Similar to the new campuses of Aligarh Muslim University across the country, we request that knowledge support systems be established at least at each of the four main dhams of Hinduism – Puri (in the east), Dwaraka (in the west), Rameswaram (in the south) and Badrinath (in the north) - and their potential be maximized through the establishment of BHU type university or a BHU campus. A recent news item [6] suggests that the BHU VC is open to additional centers of BHU.

The families that serve these temples as well as the surrounding communities are poor and academically backward with very low GER. Each of these areas also has issues that need the urgent help of scientists and researchers. The last year flooding at Badrinath and the coastal erosion and management issues in Puri are stark reminders of this.

On the other hand like Banaras, Puri and the other dhams have many scholars and persons with deep knowledge of various subjects, including ancient shastras. They also have nearby villages and communities teeming with traditions, energy and talent of various kinds. For example, the Raghurajpur village near Puri is abounding with artists and artisans of various forms such as master painters and dancers. Similarly, Puri has now become a world center for Sand Art.

Mahashay ji: We sincerely request that a BHU type Puri Hindu university or BHU Puri campus be established in Puri with units focused on modern subjects such as Business Administration and Law (the subjects that are being taught at the new AMU campus in Malappuram) as well as on subjects related to Culture, Fine Arts, Performance Arts and Spiritualism.

Mahashay ji: We had made a similar request to the current President and the last Prime Minister and they did not respond to us. We sincerely hope that you and the current government will not disappoint us.

Sincerely,

[1] <http://www.amu.ac.in/centres/amucentres.htm>

[2] http://www.abplive.in/video/video_india/2014/01/30/article255763.ece/Sonia-Gandhi-to-inaugurate-AMU-centre-in-Bihar-today-Nitish-also-scheduled-to-attend#.UwYv10jdURU

[3] <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=104022>

[4] http://mp.amu.ac.in/Information%20Bulletin_malapuram.pdf

[5] <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Ahead-of-2014-polls-govt-plans-universities-for-minorities/articleshow/20375216.cms>

[6] <http://indiatoday.intoday.in/education/story/bhu-to-open-branch-in-bihar/1/341277.html>



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To

The Honorable Prime Minister, India

New Delhi

Sub- Establishment of Hindu University at the holy Jagannath Dham, Puri in Odisha

Most Revered Sir,

I take this privilege of inculcating your kind attention and be such upon your precious time arising out of a heart full issue regarding establishment of one Hindu University in the city of Puri where cores of Indians offer their utmost prayer and complete-surrender to the Almighty Bhagwan Lord Jagannath since time immorial.

To make it more clear & in broader sense we want 4(four) Hindu Universities in 4 holy Dhams viz. Puri, Dwaraka, Badrinath & Rameswara. In these 4 places holy Sri Shankaracharyas, (Adi Shankaracharyas) the theologians are representing Hindu there who have been upholding & preserving the sound practice of Indian Culture. It is needless to state that Jagannath Dham, Puri is usually a holy place but a place of divinity.

Sri Sri Jagannath Dham, Puri has witnessed thousands of Sadhusanthas, Rishis & Godmen like- Jesus Chrish, Adi Shankar Charya, Guru Nanak, Ramkrishna Parmhansa & closed devotee Gouranga in different time to offer their devotion & prayer. The existence of hundreds of "Mathas" Architecture & Monuments corroborate the Godmen. It is also a matter of pride that govt. of India under the hegemony of the Hon'ble Prime minister have been pleased to declare Puri a National Heritage and augmentation of Heritage in Puri. To our mind, Hindu Universities would impart Indian Architecture, Indian Culture, International relation with help of exchange of culture, study of international language, including advance science & technologies. This would also help in maintenance of peaceful Co-existence & understanding in international space, a part of "The whole world is a family".

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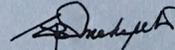
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Under the facts stated above we would therefore pray your benevolence that step may kindly be taken for establishment of four Hindu Universities in Four Dhamas as mentioned above & specifically in Jagannath Dham, Puri as a mark of respect & honors for Bhagwan lord Jagannath on the eve of sacred "Nabakalebar of Chatuwardha Murties" to be held in the month of June-July 2015. This would certainly help in implementation and Augmentation of rising Culture of rich Indian heritage. Not only in Puri but also in all over India.

With this humble prayer

With regards

Yours sincerely


Sitaballav Mahapatra

President

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Date: 28th Oct 2014

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Of India,
Rajghat Block, Raisina Hill
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New Delhi - 110011

Subject: To Set up 'Puri Hindu University' at Puri Dham on the line of BHU

Respected Prime Minister,

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Along the lines of the new campuses of Aligarh Muslim University across the country, we request that knowledge support systems be established at Puri, the main Dham of Hinduism and their potential be maximized through the establishment of a premiere university.

The families that serve these temples as well as the surrounding communities are poor and academically backward with very low G.E.R. Each of these areas also has issues that need the urgent help of scientists and researchers.

On the other hand like Banaras, Puri Dham has many scholars and persons with deep knowledge of various subjects, including ancient shastras. They also have nearby villages and communities teeming with traditions, energy and talent of various kinds. For example, the Raghurajpur village near Puri is abounding with artists and artisans of various forms such as master painters and dancers. Similarly, Puri has now become a world center for Sand Art.

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It's our pleasure to know that our beloved Prime Mintster Hon'ble Narendra Modi ji is in a mindset to establish 'Hindu University' in Parts of India. In view of the importance of puri, we humbly request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to establish one such Hindu University in Puri, the land of Lord Jagannath.

Jai Jagannath, Jai Hind

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दिनाङ्क 09-12-2018

To,

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
7 Race Course Road
New Delhi.

Sub. : Establishment of Hindu University at jagannath Puri of Odisha.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the Mukti Mandap Pandit Sabha of Sri Jagannath Temple of Puri (Odisha) I request you for establishment of a Hindu University at Puri in the light of Banaras Hindu University.

Puri, being the place of centre at Hindu Religion and Sanskrit Pandits of Puri and Banaras interacted amongst them on different topic on Religion, Veda, Puranas etc. during the period Rules of Rajas at Puri and Banaras and other princely states.

Sanskrit being the only language, at old age, for expression and the other languages having being derived from it, it is needed that there should be religious university for study and research on Sanskrit and its relation with other indian & foreign languages. Similarly the vedic Mathematics is the mother of all Mathematics. The Sculptures and temples and other manuments construction as well as astrological science, space science etc. are there in sanskrit scripts which were taught by our old sages.

Hence we feel a Hindu University be established at Puri for ancient and modern Science, Arts, Engineering, Religion, Dharma, Nyaya etc.

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I am behalf of the people of Puri especially the Mukti Mandap Pandit,
Sabha of Puri Jagannath Temple request you for establishment of a Hindu
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Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Vice-President
Mukti Mandap Pandit Sabha
Mukti Mandap Pandit Sabha
Sri Jagannath Temple, Puri

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To

Date: 26/Nov 2014

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,
South Block, Raisina Hill
Govt. Of India,
New Delhi -110011

Sub: To set up 'Puri Hindu University' at Puri Dham on the line of BHU

Dear Esteemed Prime Minister,

Puri is the place of Lord Jagannath. Out of four Dhams it's the 1st and foremost in this age. Since "Brahma" remains inside the body of the deity Lord Jagannath, Many persons from different Religions come for darshan as well as to gain knowledge. Hindus from all over the world try to see & pay their homage to the deity Lord Jagannath at least once in a life. Hindu pandits came to Puri during the time when Odisha was ruled by the kings who patronized their study of the religion and Shastra, Purana etc. And to take part in competition to show their knowledge. For this purpose there's a Mukti Mandap Pandit Sabha in the Jagannath Temple headed by his holiness Shankaracharya of Govardhan Puri. Thus Puri is the place of learning for the ages of past.

It's said Jesus Christ, Guru Nanak, Sri Chaitanya came to Puri to learn about the "Brahma" and vedas, Purans etc. Pandits from different parts of India especially from Banaras came here every year for discussion with the Pandits of Puri.

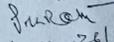
When the world didn't know astronomy, the one Odia astrologer Samant Chandrashekhar could count stars and planets with the help of two bamboo sticks. There was no telescope at that time to count stars. It's also that his holiness Shankaracharya of Govardhan Puri, Puri sri sri Bharati Krishna Tirtha Maharaj, who could control most of Indian languages and about 14 foreign languages, taught the world the Vedic Mathematics. Now a day it's said that Vedic Mathematics is the mother of all Mathematics. The science, mathematics, culture all are available in old Sanskrit pothis. But in this modern world we are following the western culture. Time has come now the entire world is looking at us and wants to study our years old rich culture and to follow our traditions. There's something in this land which could turn the Chandashok to Dharmashok. From conquering the world by sword the great king Ashok turned to Buddhism and spread Ahimsa (Non-violence).

Now time has come for us to establish a Hindu university in Puri, the land of Lord Jagannath. This will be a centre of all Religion and Culture, who wants to know about the glorious part of our Science, Religion, Culture and our ancient way of life along with all other modern subjects like Medicine, Law, Engineering, Fine arts, Film studies etc which can make student self sufficient.

It's our pleasure tom that our beloved Prime Minister Hon'ble Narendra Modi Ji is in a mindset to establish ' Hindu University ' in Puri of India. In view of the importance of Puri, we humbly request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to establish one of such Hindu University in Puri the land of Lord Jagannath.

Jai Jagannath, Jai Hind

Sincerely,


(president) 26/11/14

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Sub- Establishment of Hindu University at the holy Jagannath Dham, Puri in Odisha

Most Revered Sir,

I take this privilege of inculcating your kind attention and be such upon your precious time arising out of a heart full issue regarding establishment of one Hindu University in the city of Puri where cores of Indians offer their utmost prayer and complete surrender to the Almighty Bhagwan Lord Jagannath since time immorial.

To make it more clear & in broader sense we want 4(four) Hindu Universities in 4 holy Dhams viz- Puri, Dwaraka, Badrinath & Rameswara. In these 4 places holy Sri Shankaracharyas, (Adi Shankaracharyas) the theologians are representing Hindu there who have been upholding & preserving the sound practice of Indian Culture. It is needless to state that Jagannath Dham, Puri is usually a holy place but a place of divinity.

Sri Sri Jagannath Dham, Puri has witnessed thousands of Sadhusanthas, Rishis & Godmen like- Jesus Christ, Adi Shankar Charya, Guru Nanak, Ramkrishna Parmhansa & closed devotee Gouranga in different time to offer their devotion & prayer. The existence of hundreds of "Mathas" Architecture & Monuments corroborate the Godmen. It is also a matter of pride that govt. of India under the hegemony of the Hon'ble Prime minister have been pleased to declare Puri a National Heritage and augmentation of Heritage in Puri. To our mind, Hindu Universities would impart Indian Architecture, Indian Culture, International relation with help of exchange of culture, study of International language, including advance science & technologies. This would also help in maintenance of peaceful Co-existence & understanding in international space, a part of "The whole world is a family".

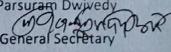
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Under the facts stated above we would therefore pray your benevolence that step may kindly be taken for establishment of four Hindu Universities in Four Dhamas as mentioned above & specifically in Jagannath Dham, Puri as a mark of respect & honors for Bhagwan lord Jagannath on the eve of sacred "Nabakalebar of Chatuwardha Murties" to be held in the month of June-July 2015. This would certainly help in implementation and Augmentation of rising Culture of rich Indian heritage. Not only in Puri but also in all over India.

With this humble prayer

With regards

Yours sincerely

Parsuram Dwivedy

General Secretary



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To
The Hon'ble Prime Minister Of India,
South Block, Raisina Hill
Govt. Of India,
New Delhi - 110011

Date: 28th Oct 2014

Sub: To set up 'Puri Hindu University' at Puri Dham on the line of BHU

Dear Esteemed Prime Minister:

We would like to request you to establish 2nd Hindu University in Puri (Odisha) a major Hindu Dham of India on the line of Banaras Hindu University.

Recently your government has established new campuses of Aligarh Muslim University [1] at Malappuram (Kerala), Murshidabad (West Bengal), and Kishanganj (Bihar) there is mention of [2] plans for more campuses of AMU. The report at [2] mentions the proposed budget for each of the AMU center to be 400 crores. There are also various news reports [3] about proposals to establish several minority universities across the country. There is also now a new bill in the parliament for a new centrally funded Indira Gandhi National University for women in Rae Bareilly, UP.

Sir: Along the lines of the new campuses of Aligarh Muslim University across the country, we request that knowledge support systems be established at Puri, the main Dham of Hinduism and their potential be maximized through the establishment of a premiere university.

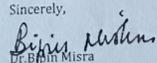
The families that serve these temples as well as the surrounding communities are poor and academically backward with very low GER. Each of these areas also has issues that need the urgent help of scientists and researchers.

On the other hand like Banaras, Puri Dham has many scholars and persons with deep knowledge of various subjects, including ancient shastras. They also have nearby villages and communities teeming with traditions, energy and talent of various kinds. For example, the Raghurajpur village near Puri is abounding with artists and artisans of various forms such as master painters and dancers. Similarly, Puri has now become a world center for Sand Art.

Sir: We sincerely request that a university be established in Puri with units focused on modern subjects such as Business Administration and Law (the subjects that are being taught at the new AMU campus in Malappuram) as well as on subjects related to Culture, Fine Arts, Performance Arts and Spiritualism.

Sir: In this turbulent political climate, we request you to not look at this appeal as a political appeal. We have tried our best to not politicize this issue and for that reason we have not approached political parties and are writing to you directly appealing to your good sense and your government's stated approach of all round development of all communities of India.

Sincerely,


Dr. Binay Misra
(Chairman)

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4. Honb'l MP Sri Binay Misra, C-11/5, Tilak Lane, New Delhi-110001

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Sub:- To set up 'Puri Hindu University' at Puri Dham on the line of BHU.

Dear Esteemed Prime Minister,

Puri is the place of Lord Jagannath. Out of four Dhams it's the 1st and foremost in this age. Since "Brahma" remains inside the body of the deity Lord Jagannath, many persons from different Religions come for darshan as well as to gain knowledge. Hindus from all over the world try to see & pay their homage to the deity Lord Jagannath at least once in a life. Hindu pandits came to Puri during the time when Odisha was ruled by the kings who patronized their study of the religion and Shastra, Purana etc. and to take part in competition to show their knowledge. For this purpose there's a Mukti Mandap Pandit Sabha in the Jagannath Temple headed by His Holiness Shankaracharya of Govardhan Pith of Puri. This is the place of learning for the ages in past.

It's said Jesus Christ, Guru Nanak, Sri Chaitanya came to Puri to learn about the "Brahma" and vedas, Purans etc. Pandits from different parts of India especially from Banaras came here every year for discussion with the Pandits of Puri.

When the world didn't know astronomy, the one Odia astrologer Samant Chandrashekhar could count stars and planets with the help of two bamboo sticks. There was no telescope at that time to count stars. It's also that His Holiness Shankaracharya of Govardhan Pitha, Puri, Sri Sri Bharati Krishna Tirtha Maharaj, who could control most of Indian languages and about 14 foreign language, taught the world the Vedic Mathematics. Now a days it's said that Vedic Mathematics is

Time has come now the entire world is looking at us and wants to study our years old rich culture and to follow our traditions. There's something in this land which could turn the Chandashok to Dharmashok. From concurring the world by sword the great king Ashok turned to Buddhism and spread Ahimsa (Non-violence).

Now time has come for us to establish a Hindu university in Puri, the land of Lord Jagannath. This will be a centre of all Religion and culture for those who wants to know about the glorious part of our Science, Religion, Culture and our ancient way of life along with all other modern subjects like Medicine, Law, Engineering, Fine arts, Film studies, etc which can make student self sufficient.

It's our pleasure to learn that our beloved Prime Minister Hon'ble Narendra Modi ji is in a mindset to establish 'Hindu University' in ^{Puri} 4 different ^{parts} of India. In view of the importance of Puri, we humbly request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to establish one of Hindu University in Puri, the land of Lord Jagannath.

Jai Jagannath, Jai Hind

Sincerely


Mr UMA BALLAV MOHAPATRA,
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for information and necessary action at their respective end.

4.5 Email activities in December 2015

In December 2015 Chitta Baral met various Odias in Delhi and discussed this issue. Chandi Mohanty (from Puri) brought this to the attention of many in Bhubaneswar and Puri. Several conversations happened over email. Following is a sample email.



Chitta Baral <chitta@gmail.com>

Central University in Puri (similar to BHU and AMU)

Chitta Baral <chitta@asu.edu>

Sun, Dec 27, 2015 at 8:13 PM

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I am forwarding this earlier mail to people who were introduced to this topic in the meeting yesterday. Please see the attached DRAFT concept note and the list of programs at BHU. The idea is to have a central university with all those programs (at BHU) and some more (relevant to Puri and Odisha).

best regards
Chitta

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Chitta Baral <chitta@asu.edu>

Date: Fri, Dec 25, 2015 at 8:33 PM

Subject: Central University in Puri (similar to BHU and AMU)

To: pcrath@mail.jnu.ac.in, rathpuri@yahoo.co.in, narayanadash@gmail.com, cpm@bpnsi.org, Uma Ballav Mohapatra <UmaBallavMohapatra@gmail.com>

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Dear Pramod babu, Narayan babu, Chandi babu and Uma babu:

It was great talking to you all today. I am attaching a draft write-up on this issue and a list of programs at BHU which gives us an idea of what kind of departments and programs we would like in the proposed Central University in Puri. (We should of course add some more programs; especially some that are of importance to Puri and Odisha.) This draft write-up is based on a meeting that we had in Delhi (on December 12th, 2015) and incorporates some of the feedback from the participants in the Delhi meeting. I am copying this mail to some of the Delhi people who were there in the meeting. I am also copying this to Prof. Santosh Tripathy of Utkal University who has led similar movements (such as getting NISER and IIT to Bhubaneswar) successfully in the past. This draft write up is a DRAFT. It can be further modified as per people's wishes.

Some ground work on this issue has been done. Following is a quick recap.

* You can see some old news coverage on this in facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151930587807678.1073741872.258132582677&type=3>.

* The lead person in Mumbai has been filmmaker Mr. Santosh Gour.

* Uma babu has already made a lot of ground work on this in Puri. Some letters signed by Puri Mukti Mandap and others have been sent to the PM.

* Santosh Tripathy babu discussed this in an accidental meeting with Sri Sri Ravishankar and he has promised to bring this up with the PM.

* Bikash Mohanty babu (a supreme court lawyer), who has worked with Arun Jaitely in the past has agreed to bring this up with Mr. Jaitely.

BUT, unless there is demand from Puri people and Odisha CM, center will not take this request/demand seriously. That suggests what we should do next.

What are the next Steps:

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In Bhubaneswar:

1. Have 1-2 meetings in Bhubaneswar to discuss this among ourselves in the next 4-5 days. (2 meetings may be needed as not all interested people may be able to attend the same day. Narayan babu's group can meet on Sundays.) Pramod babu is not available until 29th December.
2. Have a press conference on or before January 4th. (I leave for Delhi on Jan 5th or 6th and to USA on Jan 7th).
3. Pursue with CM's office so that CM can write a letter to the center on this.
4. Pursue with BJP leaders so that they can bring this to the PM.
5. Repeat 1-4 until the goal is achieved and bring in more and more people to this movement.

In Delhi:

1. Get more Delhi Odias involved in this.
2. Approach BJD and BJP MPs on this issue.
3. Repeat 1-2 until the goal is achieved.

Possible Meeting Dates:

1. Narayan babu is trying to organize a quick meeting this Sunday (December 27th); especially for people who can not attend meetings on week days.
2. We are also thinking of another meeting on December 29th. Perhaps Prof. Santosh Tripathy can help in arranging this.
3. A press conference on January 2nd or 3rd.

best regards
Chitta Baral
Professor, Arizona State University
<http://www.public.asu.edu/~cbaral>

2 attachments

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4.6 Bhubaneswar meeting on 27th December 2015

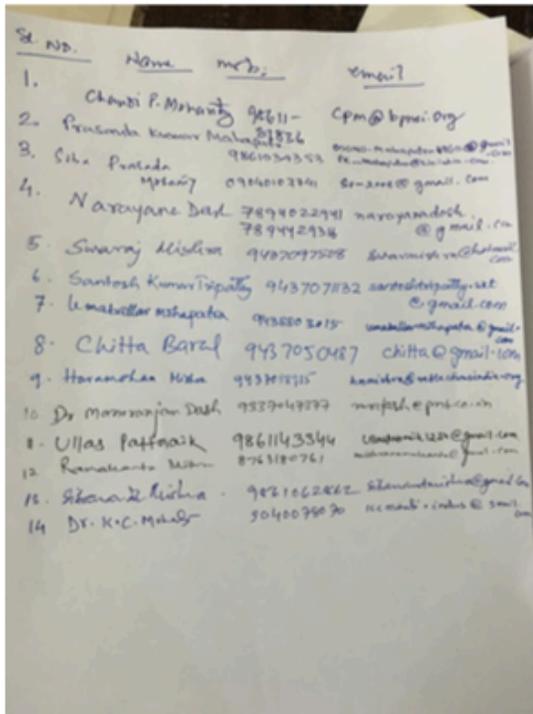
A physical meeting took place in Newton College Bhubaneswar on 27th December 2015. Following is an email about that meeting and some pictures from that meeting.





Central Heritage University Puri - Meeting 1 at Newton College on Dec 27th.

Chitta Baral <chitta@gmail.com> Sun, Dec 27, 2015 at 8:05 PM
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Dear all:

The above is the list of people who met yesterday about pursuing a central university in Puri. (My number above has an error. The correct number is 943 905 0487.) Dr. KC Mohanty was an excellent host providing the venue (Newton Law College) as well as a light dinner for the participants.

The meeting was good and everyone was excited and it was agreed to focus on making this happen. It was decided that Prof. Santosh Tripathy, Senior Advocate Umaballav Mohapatra and Prof. Chandi Mohanty will be taking the lead locally in Bhubaneswar and Puri.

The first plan of action that was decided was to have a rally of intellectuals in support of this on next Sunday (January 3rd) at Puri. Details will be sent by email.

4.7 Meeting at Puri Bookfair Ground on 2nd January 2016

Following the Bhubaneswar meeting, a planning meeting was organized in Puri on the eve of the Puri Book fair. This meeting was led by Prof. Kailash Chandra Tikayatray, the President of Puri book fair committee and Senior Adv. Uma Ballav Mohapatra. Following are some pictures of that meeting.



4.8 Puri Badadanda – Collector Office rally on 3rd January 2016

A rally and kirtan from Bada danda to the collector office was arranged for the next day. After the rally a letter was presented to the representative of the collector. We first present the letter and the list of signatories.

To

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Government of India, New Delhi-110011

Sub: To set up a Central University in Puri Dham on the line of BHU

Dear Esteemed Prime Minister:

We would like to humbly request that the Government of India establish a central university in Puri (Odisha) on the line of BHU (Banaras Hindu University) with all the modern disciplines as well as cross-cutting disciplines that interface with traditional Indian knowledge, arts, culture and heritage.

Sir: Puri is the abode of Lord Jagannath. It is one of the four dhams revered by Hindus (and Indians in general), and considered the meeting ground of all branches of Indian philosophy and all kinds of sects and religions from time immemorial. Famous sages visited (and some stayed over) Puri and left their imprint on Puri. This includes, Adi Shankaracharya, Narahari Tirtha, Nimbarka Acharya, Jayadeva, Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, and Vishnuswami, Madhvacharya.

In ancient times, Puri was known as Purusottam Kshetra and its greatness at that time was covered in various Sanskrit works such as Skanda Purna, Padma Purana, Narada Purana, Niladrimahodaya, Matsya Purana, Brahma Purana, Kapila Samhita, Niladri Mahadaya and Bamadeva Samhita. In Skanda Purana (Vaishnav Khanda), sage Jamini explained the location of Purusottam Kshetra to an assembly of sages by the sloka: *Odra desha Iti Khyate Barshe Bharatsanjnake Dakshinasyodadhestire kshetram Sripurusottamam* (Sloka 23 Ch. 7 Skanda Purana).

Puri is also known as Shrikshetra (Land of prosperity) Sankha Kshetra, Bhouma Kshetra, Purusottam Kshetra (land of the supreme being), Neelachal (blue hill), Jamanika Kshetra, Uddiyana Kshetra, Martya Baikunth (Paradise on earth), Caritrapura, Dasavataarakshetra, Dibyakshetra, Jagannathkshetra, Jagannath Puri, Neeladri, Nilagiri, Nilakandara, etc.

Puri is one of the Char Dhams (Four pilgrimage centers) institutionalized by Adi Sankara and revered by Hindus. A Hindu is enjoined to visit these places at least once in a lifetime. Situated across the length and breadth of the country these are, Badrinath in the North, Dwarka in the West, Puri in the East and Rameshwaram in the South. The four kshetras of the Char Dham represent each of the four Yugas (Satya Yuga, Treta Yuga, Dwapara Yuga and Kali Yuga or the present age). Badrinath is related to the first Yuga, the Satya Yuga, Rameshwaram is related to Treta Yuga, Dwarka is related to Dwapara Yuga and Puri is related to the present Yuga, the Kali Yuga. Adi Shankara (788-820 A.D) selected Purusottam Kshetra (Puri) and established his monastery Bhogabardhana (Gobardhan) pitha to preach the doctrine of Adwaita vedanta (monism) to people.

Puri is the abode of Lord Jagannath. The PIB article [1] mentions Raja Jai Singh saying the following about Puri in 1580: *"The pious land of Lord Jagannath, Orissa is not a land to be conquered but to be worshipped because it is above the aspirations of human being it is the land of Gods"*.

There are several copper plate inscriptions, which established the idea of Lord Jagannath as a paramount deity of the entire country. The concept of Jagannath is not only confined to Hinduism but also extends to both Jainism and Buddhism. Lord Jagannath is the Kalpa Bruksha (boon giving tree), Yogamurti of the Siddhas, Bishnu for the Vaishnavites, Shiva for the Shaivites, Mahabhairab for the Tantrics, Buddha and Anupurusha (void) for Boudhas and Ganesh for the Ganapatya. Maa Subhadra, Shri Jagannath and Shri Balabhadra represent the Trinity of Hinduism i.e. Brahma, Vishnu and Maheswar.

The Lord Jagannath and his philosophy have deep imprint on other cultures of the world. One of the significant manifestations of Jagannath is human culture. Jagannath-consciousness is so all pervading that it has the capacity to provide nurture to all levels of human existence—rich or poor, learned or ignorant, sinner or virtuous, male or female, well bred or ill bred, foreigner or a native. Thus, besides Hindus, Jains,

Budhists, Christians, Sikhs and other minor religious groups by different means have justified their association. Jagannath consciousness has been presented in visual art, painting, architecture, sculpture, performing and in other different art forms like dance, music, specialization in food habits, uniqueness in dress material, and varied and colorful celebration of festivals. Last year (2015), a national conference on Jagannath Chetna (consciousness) in the art and culture of India was held in Puri with themes such as: *Philosophical interpretation of Jagannath consciousness; Jagannath consciousness in Sanskrit language and literature; Presentation of Jagannath in art, architecture and other art forms; Diffusion of Jagannath consciousness in other religious practices; and Jagannath consciousness as vehicle of world peace.* Temples of Lord Jagannath are present in all parts of the world and the Chariot Festival (Ratha Yatra) of Lord Jagannath at Puri has smaller versions in all parts of the world. The Puri Ratha Yatra of Lord Jagannath gave the word "Juggernaut" to the English language.

Puri has been a center of knowledge formation, agglomeration and dissemination from its ancient days. There are records of 752 mathas (monasteries), and many Kotas, Jagas, Akhadas and ashrams (hermitages) in Puri. Various priests, preachers, tourists, poets, saints, seers, teachers, devotees and thinkers of the world visited Puri and many established their knowledge centers at Puri. It was universally believed that the Jagannath cult is the confluence of all religious faiths. The precepts of different sects paid visit to the holy land of Puri and disseminated their philosophical doctrines. They preached their philosophy, got themselves involved in the ritual services of Jagannath temple and established their monasteries (mathas). The Mathas were originally founded with the purpose of imparting education to disciples and give shelter to pilgrims, and feeding travelers. Gobardhan matha is one of the oldest Mathas in Puri founded by Adi Sankaracharya in the 9th century A.D. Tradition assigns some mathas like the Vrugu Ashram and the Angira Ashram to earlier dates. The Vaishnava Mathas belonging to different Sampradayas or sub-sects of the cult are numerous at Puri. Prominent among the Goudyamathas are Radhakanta, Gangamata and Kathabhogo, whereas the Oriya, Sisu and few other mathas belong to the local sect of Utkaliya Vaisnavas. The Gobaradhana and the Sankarananda mathas are saiva, and the Kabir chaura matha located in their vicinity belong to the followers of Kabir. The Bauli and Mangu mathas belong to the followers of Nanak. Jaga, Akhada, Kota, and Goda are the other traditional institutions of Puri whose core principles are that gymnastics for the body and music for the soul are to be nourished.

Puri has made and continues to make major contributions in the field of art (various forms: dance, music, painting, sculpture making etc.), architecture, literature, science (especially, astronomy), religion and tradition. Gitagovinda by Sri Jayadev was composed in Puri. The classical dance form of Odissi as well as the classical music form (also called) Odissi originated in Puri. The patta painting form evolved, nourished and flourished under the cult of Lord Jagannath. The Kalinga style of architecture has its origin in Puri. Pathani Samanta, an astronomer of the rank of Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Brahmagupta and Bhaskaracharya was from Khandpada, in the greater Puri district (now in the recently carved out Nayagarh district). He fabricated ingenious instruments out of wooden sticks and bamboo chips and attained great accuracy in measurement. His scientific investigations are recorded in his astronomical treatise "The Siddhanta Darpana" composed in Sanskrit Verse, in Odia script, and on palm leaves. Konark, also in Puri district, is an UNESCO world heritage site and known for its art and architecture. Puri continues to churn out knowledge in all these fields. Recently, Mataji Parama Karuna Devi, founder and director of the Jagannatha Vallabha Vedic Research Center, has written a 5 volume book titled Introduction to Vedic knowledge.

During pre-independence era Jayee Rajaguru of Birharekrishna Puri (a village situated in the vicinity of Puri town), and Chandan Hazuree of Puri town fought against Britishers to upkeep the sovereignty of the soil. An unique experiment in the field of education was made at Satyabadi, Puri with the establishment of Satyabadi bana vidyalaya (on 12th Agust 1909) in the midst of mango and bakul groves by the great freedom fighter, social worker and poet Pt. Gopabandhu Das and his followers Pt. Nilakantha Das, Pt. Krupasindhu Mishra, Pt. Godabarish Mishra and Pt. Acharya Harihara Dash; together called as "Pancha sakha". Later the school became an active center of the non Co-operation movement.

Puri also has an important maritime tradition. The Archaeological excavation at Manikapatna (in Puri district) provides a running chronology of historical habitation being a port or trade center from 1st century A.D. to 18th century A.D., which serves as benchmark to study the settlement pattern and trade route of Puri. Abul Fazal described Manikapatna as a seaport where taxes were collected. Manikapatna is the only

site along the sea coast of India from where varieties of ceramics including Chinese Celadonware have been reported. The presence of pottery, artifacts and coins indicates the impact of early sea trade between Odisha and the Mediterranean world. The existing temple of Lord Jagannath was known to international sailing community as an important landmark while moving in the Bay of Bengal.

In conclusion, Puri has been and is a special and revered place in India with global recognition. It continues to be a knowledge center of classical art, culture, language (Sanskrit) and Vedic knowledge. Considering the importance of cross-pollination of these Indian knowledge forms with modern knowledge and its impact on “Brand India” and “Make in India”, it is imperative that a Central University along the lines of BHU be urgently established in Puri. It is our humble prayer to the honorable Prime Minister that the upcoming central budget in February 2016 should initiate its establishment.

Sincerely,

Various Signatories.

(See attached list of Names and Signatures.)

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