



ODISHA BIGYAN ACADEMY (ODISHA SCIENCE ACADEMY)

Science & Technology Department, Government of Odisha, India

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Date: 30-11-2023

From

Prof. Ashis Kumar Mohanty
Secretary

To All Patrons/Life Members of General Council
Odisha Bigyan Academy, Bhubaneswar.

Sub:-13th General Council meeting -regarding

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, the 13th General Council meeting of Odisha Bigyan Academy will be held on 20th December, 2023 at 11.30am through virtual mode to discuss the following agenda.

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- (ii) Activity Report for 2022-2023 (Annexure-I)
- (iii) Action Plan for 2023-24 (Annexure – II)
- (iii) Approval of Life Members and Patron of OBA, approved in the 101st, 102nd & 103rd E.C meeting held on 03.09.2022, 25.05.2023 & 26.09.2023 respectively (Annexure – III).
- (iv) Action taken report of 12th General Council (IV)
- (v) Any other matter with permission of the chair.

I would like to request you kindly join the meeting on virtual mode with the Link given bellow on scheduled date and time.

Google Meet Link - "meet.google.com/ghw-hvmw-iiy"

Yours faithfully,


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Secretary

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**13TH GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF ODISHA BIGYAN ACADEMY
THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE ON 20.12.2023 AT 11.30am**

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ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022-23 OF ODISHA BIGYAN ACADEMY

1. Publication of magazines :

Odisha Bigyan Academy (OBA) published 12 issues of monthly Odia magazine 'Bigyan Diganta' and distributed to Govt. recognised High Schools of the State, PRIs Hon'ble M.Ps, Ministers, M.L.As, Writers, Life Members, Patrons & Executive Council Members of OBA.

Similarly 4 issues of abridged version of quarterly science magazine "Bigyan Diganta" in Odia Braille script for visually disabled students are also published and distributed to visually disabled students and institutions of Odisha.

Apart from this OBA published 12 issues of monthly magazine 'Science Horizon' in English and distributed to Navodaya Vidyalaya, Central School of Odisha, Govt. +2 Colleges and +3 Degree Colleges of the State.

2. The Foundation Day of OBA was celebrated on **1st April 2022** at IMAGE, Bhubaneswar. S.J. Ashok Chandra Panda, Hon'ble Minister, Science & Technology graced the occasion as Chief Guest and felicitated 6 nos of Odia Scientist, Prof. Ramesh Chandra Parida as NCSTC Award winner, Prof. Bedangadas Mohanty, Prof. Jyotirmayee Dash, Dr. Jyotiranjana S. Ray, Dr. Mamoni Dash & Prof. Narayan Pradhan as Science Achiever Award winners.

3. The Investiture Ceremony to confer awards of Odisha Bigyan Academy for the year 2019 was organized at Geeta Govind Sadan, Bhubaneswar on **04.05.2022 at 6.00 pm**. Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology, S.J. Ashok Chandra Panda graced the occasion as Chief Guest and presented the awards to 13 nos of Scientists.

4. World Thalassaemia Day was observed in collaboration with NISER, Bhubaneswar on 08.05.2022 at Pathani Samanta Auditorium of NISER. Dr. Sudhakar Panda, Director, NISER, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Dr. Dipika Mohanty, Sr. Consultant, Haematology, Apollo Hospital was the Chief Speaker.

5. Odisha Bigyan Academy observed the World Environment Day in collaboration with 'Mo School Abhiyan' and Regional Science Centre on 05.06.2022 at Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar.


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6. Two days "Hands on Training on Bio-Technology" for School Students was organised by Odisha Bigyan Academy in collaboration with Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar on 16th and 17th July, 2022 at Regional Science Centre. 30 Students and Teachers were invited from Govt. Boy's High School, Unit-9 and Govt. Girl's High School, Unit-9 (through Mo Schools), Tapovan High School (through ST & SC Development Deptt., Govt. of Odisha) and Public Schools of Khorda district (through Regional Science Centre).
7. A Science Popularization Programme was organised at Begunia College, Begunia, Khurda on 16.9.2022 the occasion of Science Society of the College.
8. A Science Popularization Programme was organised at Balikuda High School & Radhanga High School of Jagatsinghpur District, on 17.10.2022.
9. One day "Hands on Training" for High School Students was organised by Odisha Bigyan Academy in collaboration with Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar on 6th November, 2022 at Regional Science Centre. 50 Students and Teachers from Athantar High School, Baliana, Khurda participated in the workshop.
10. World Science Day-2022 was celebrated in collaboration with Government High School, Unit-1, Bhubaneswar on 10.11.2022 in the Auditorium of the High School.
11. National Pollution Control Day-2022 was observed at Govt. High School, Badagada, Bhubaneswar on 02.12.2022.
12. A Science Popularization Programme was organised at Govt. Nodal High School, Bhodar, Nimapara, of Puri district on 18.01.2023.
13. To popularize Science a Programme was arranged at M.S. Nilakanthanatha Nodal Vidyapitha, Baral, Dist-Cuttack on 24.01.2023 .
14. Odisha Bigyan Academy (OBA) celebrated the National Science Day 2023 in collaboration with Samanta Chandra Sekahar Autonomous college, Puri. On 28th February 2023.
15. The OBA organized State level Interactive Meet of Science Teachers and Students on 30th & 31st March 2023 at IMAGE, Bhubaneswar. 104 numbers of Students Teachers participated the meet from all over Odisha.


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ANNEXURE - II

ACTION PLAN FOR POPULARIZATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2023 – 24 OF ODISHA BIGYAN ACADEMY

1. Publication of 12 issues of Odia monthly popular science magazine "BIGYAN DIGANTA" and English monthly science magazine "Science Horizon" .
2. Publication of 4 issues of abridged version of quarterly popular science magazine "BIGYAN DIGANTA" in Odia Braille script .
3. Distribution of different Awards and Felicitation of Sr. Scientists for the Award year 2020.

Selection and distribution of Awards for the Award Year 2021 and Award Year 2022. Advertisement and selection of Awards for the Award year 2023.

4. ORGANIZATION OF VARIOUS POPULAR SCIENCE PROGRAMS

It is proposed to organise popular science programme at different educational institution i.e. Workshop, Seminars, Lectures, Science Exhibition, Essay/Drawing/Debate /Quiz Competitions, Students-Teacher Interactive meet, National Science Day on 28th February, Foundation Day of Odisha Bigyan Academy on 1st April, World Environment Day on 5th June, World Science Day on 10th November, Pollution Control Day on 2nd December etc. in different schools and colleges in the State of Odisha as well as in the Conference Hall of Odisha Bigyan Academy (OBA). Academy will try to collaborate with School & Mass Education Department, Government of Odisha, Mo School, Bhubaneswar and Regional Science Center, Bhubaneswar to undertake different demonstration/exhibition/lecture programmes in schools and colleges of Odisha for popularization of science. The proposal to conduct a convention with scientists/representatives from all Science Academies of the country has been approved by the Executive Council.

Proposal to publish brochure of activities of OBA has been approved and will be released towards the end of the financial year.


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List of Patrons and Life Members approved in the 101st Executive Council on 3.9.2022, 102nd Executive Council on 25.5.2022 and 103rd Executive Council on 26.9.2022 to be approved in the 13th General Council meeting

101st E.C. on 3.9.2022

PATRON

1. Prof. Sundar Narayan Patro
MIG-106, Phase-I, Khandagiri Enclave, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar – 751 030
2. Prof. Ashis Kumar Mohanty
Plot No. 1366/2323, Santha Tulasi Nagar, Jaypur, Baliana, Bhubaneswar-752101

LIFE MEMBERS

1. Ms. Swati Samal
Pl. No. – 406/2262, At/Po: Aiginia, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar – 751019
2. Ms. Deepika Devadarshini
Flat No. –A4, Raj Vatika Apartment, Near KISS Campus-3, Pathorgadia Road, Bhubaneswar – 751 024

102nd E.C. on 25.5.2023

3. Dr. Subhalaxmi Pradhan,
C-4, Prithivihar, Sector-62, Noida, U.P.-201301
4. Dr. Ashish Routray,
C-4, Prithivihar, Sector-62, Noida, U.P.-201301
5. Dr. Srichandan Padhi,
Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (Regional Centre), Opp. SISCO Bank, Metro Point, 5th Mile, Tadong, Gangtok – 737102, Sikkim
6. Ms. Tanushree Moharana,
Department of Zoology, Nayagarh Autonomous College, Nayagarh - 752069
7. Dr. Prachi Pratyasha Jena,
Plot No.-3, Suryanagar, Unit-7, Bhubaneswar – 751 003
8. Dr. Bigyan Ranjan Jali,
Department of Chemistry, VSSUT, Burla, Sambalpur – 768017
9. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Raul
Associate Professor, College of Agricultural Engg. & Technology, Department of Soil & Water Conservation Engineering, OUAT, Bhubaneswar – 751003
10. Dr. Aruna Kumar Barick,
Department of Chemistry, VSSUT, Siddhi Vihar, Po: Engineering College, Burla, Sambalpur-768018


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11. Dr. Pankaja Kumar Jena,
At: Mathasahi, (Near Haraganga Pokhari), Balasore – 756 001
12. Shri Satyaranjan Giri
At: ICZMP, RPRC Campus, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar – 751 015
13. Dr. Chita Ranjan Sahoo,
C/o: Prof. Rabindra Nath Padhy, Central Research Laboratory, IMS & SUM
Hospital, Bhubaneswar – 751 029
14. Shri Akshaya Kumar Dash,
At: Chandi Chhak, Suryalok Lane, Cuttack – 753001
15. Shri Manas Ranjan Panda,
Near Sobhoniya Sikhyashrama, Nuasahi, Bidanasi, Cuttack – 753 014
16. Ms. Susmita Joshi,
Old Cinema Road, Rangadhipa, Sundergarh-770002
17. Mr. Sushant Kumar Nayak
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills,
Arunachal Pradesh – 791112
18. Dr. Bisnu Prasad Dash,
B-206, Hemabati Residency, Tamando, Bhubaneswar – 752 054
19. Dr. Jyotirmay Mahapatra,
At: Samukapatana, Po: Gediapalli, Via: Baghamari, Dist: Khordha – 752061
20. Dr. Annapurna Dhal
W/o: Mr. Sanjoy Ku. Pattanayak, At: Prafulla Nagar, W.No.-12, Po: Baripada,
Mayurbhanj - 757001

103rd E.C. on 26.9.2023

LIFE MEMBERS

21. Shri Bikash Mohanty
Mahadev Avenue, Flat – 516, Block –C, 4th Floor, Jagannath Nagar, Road No.-5,
Bhubaneswar - 751025
22. Dr. Sudhamayee Behura
H/o: Mausam Kumar Sahu, Deulasahi, Tulasipur, Cuttack – 753008
Near Raghunathjew College
23. Dr. Siksha Swaroopa Kar
B-22, 1st Floor, Gul Mohar Park, South Delhi – 110049
24. Dr. Pradyumn Kumar Sahoo
Qtr. No. – H6-404, Stff Qtrs, BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, Jawahar Nagar,
Hyderabad – 500078, Telengana

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**Action Taken report on the Proceedings of the 12th General Council
Meeting of Odisha Bigyan Academy on 03.06.2022**

Items 1 to 3 - No action needed

Item 4- Circulation of monthly science magazine to high school and higher schools under ST & SC Development Department.

The dispatch of monthly Science magazine Bigyan Diganta commenced from December 2022

5. Other matters :

Matters related to validity of nomination, uploading of nomination in the website, receiving of nominations through pen drive, preparation of calendar of activities, fixing of a particular date for Investiture Ceremony, MOU with research Academy of the State, organisation of exhibition of obsolete equipments, organisation of Annual Scientists Conclave, organisation of outreach programme, Activities in School & Colleges, Publication of popular Science Book in different field, Publication of eminent Scientists books, frequency of seating of E.C. and G.C., Award to institutions were discussed.

It is not possible to increase validity of nominations for different award as preservation of old documents after scrutinization and evaluation and addition of documents at subsequent stages become very difficult. Nominations along with instruction are regularly up-loaded in the website. Soft copies of nominations are received through pen drives along with hard copies. Hard copies are highly essential as they are handed over to the experts during selection committee meeting. Proposal to institute Fellowship of OBA has been approved in the 10th General Council meeting held on 02.12.2019 and also sent to Govt. vide Lt. No. 4/OBA., dt.4.1.2020 and Lt. No. 44/OBA., dt.9.2.2021 for concurrence. Calendar of activities and budget are prepared by Odisha Bigyan Academy every year and sent to Science and Technology Department, Government of Odisha. However, the students teachers interactive meet and outreach programme are finalised as per the suitability of the schools/institutes and availability of teachers and students. A Proposal will be sent to the S & T Department Govt. of Odisha for signing of MOU with the Universities, S&T Department and OBA. Odisha Bigyan Academy has been conducting popular Science programmes at different schools and colleges of the state. A proposal has been passed in the E.C to organise a convention/symposium inviting scientist /representative from different Science Academies of the country. Since there is shortage of man power and requirement of special fund from Government for publication of popular Science book/eminent scientist's books, it will be considered in future. At present E.C is arranged as and when required and G.C is held once in a year.


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