



## OSA Georgia Chapter

### Chapter Report - Utkarsha Fall 2022 Edition

Period: May 1 - Aug 31, 2022

As always, the OSA Georgia Chapter has been very active during the summer months. During the past quarter we hosted multiple cultural events showcasing Odia art, culture and heritage, furthering Odia Eminence in the local Indian and American community. As we are writing this report the entire chapter is actively preparing for Kumara Utsava to showcase Odia culture in a multi community cultural program hosted by us.

Here's a summary of different programs we hosted during this period.

#### A. World Cultures Performance (July 22, 2022)

It was indeed a proud moment for our OSA Georgia chapter to present Indian culture as a part of World Cultures Performance at the Senior Services center at Forsyth county!

Our 35+ talented performers showcased Indian culture to the 100+ audience including 40+ Seniors and mesmerized them through 11 performances spanning over an hour!



The county personnel and the audience were in awe of our performance today! Kudos to our performers, parents, choreographers and the EC team for a job fantastically done! We received a participation certificate and \$300 gratitude from the grant provided by the Thanks Mom and Dad foundation!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzPSwsrZzSA>



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#### B. Festival of India by IACA (Aug 13, 2022)

This year, at the Festival of India celebration, OSA Georgia actively showcased Odia eminence in the premier event of the Indian community in the Atlanta area. We opened a chapter booth, a booth in the Incredible India section as well as participated and won awards in the cultural program.



Our incredible India booth featured banners showcasing Odisha tourism and art, and an exhibition desk showcasing Odisha handicrafts, art and jewelry. Our booth was the only one with an electronic display proudly showing Odisha Tourism videos for our incredible state, Odisha! All the art and craft items were brought by our chapter team members for a beautiful presentation of our motherland, Odisha. Our booth generated a lot of foot traffic and our members were available at the booth to explain everything about Odisha with a lot of excitement to the visitors at the booth.



Our members participated actively in the cultural program and presented Odissi classical and Sambalpuri dances with a lot of grace. The Odissi dance team presented an elegant dance on Independence Day theme called Project Vande Mataram, and won the first prize in the competitive segment. Our Sambalpuri folk dance team stole everyone's heart with a colorful and rhythmic performance to the tune of Raserkali.





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Our kids and adults participated in the flag March led by the invited guest Sonali Bendre.

All of these came together as a clockwork by the self driven team! Everyone knew what to do and was watching out for each other! It goes to say that we are a high performing team and we keep shining every time everywhere!

#### **C. Independence Day Celebration by the Consulate General of India in Atlanta (Aug 15, 2022)**

Our invitational participation at the consulate's celebration of Independence Day was appreciated by one and all with a lot of applause and cheering from the crowd! It was heartening to hear Odisha folk and classical dances be spoken of so highly by the eminent guests. We are recognized as a vibrant, culturally active and passionate community going all



out to present our art, our motherland, our state to the wider Indo-American community! The Consul General had very effusive words of appreciation for our ability to bring such beautiful performances in colorful costumes in such a short notice!

Our Sambalpuri performance by the team of 10 dancers started the cultural proceedings of the day! Yes, it was the first performance and as many said afterwards, we started with a bang! Many more in America now know about Odisha, Sambalpur, Sambalpuri dance and weaves!

Our Odissi performance, project Vande Mataram, completely mesmerized the audience. was a beautiful production by a team of 12 young and experienced dancers! As always, their graceful performance was appreciated by all the dignitaries present.



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#### D. Freedom Mela Independence Day celebration by IFA (Aug 20, 2022)

We continued on the theme of Independence Day celebration by participating in the Freedom Mela organized by Indian Friends of Atlanta (IFA). Our Odissi and Sambalpuri Dance teams performed on the stage and got a lot of accolades.

Our dances were appreciated a lot by the audience and stamped our mark as one vibrant community in the Atlanta area rich in culture. In addition our kids and adults participated in a flag march along with contingents from other states in India.



#### E. Upcoming Event - Kumara Utsava 2022 (Oct 8, 2022)

We will be organizing Kumara Utsava on October 8, 2022 at the Duluth High School. It will be a multicultural program with a goal of having rich cultural exchange with other Indian communities in the Atlanta area. Odias in the Atlanta area are eagerly looking forward to this event and have started preparing for it.

OSA GEORGIA  
INVITING YOUR PARTICIPATION FOR  
**KUMARA UTSAVA 2022**

Large Indian Multicultural Extravaganza

Venue  
Duluth High School, Duluth, GA

8<sup>th</sup> Oct  
3 pm Onwards

And Many More Updates Coming Soon...

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