

EXECUTIVE BODY MEETING OF DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CULTURE HELD.

On 23.8.2010 the Executive Body meeting of Dist. Council of Culture, Koraput was held under the chairmanship of Shri Rajesh P. Patil, IAS., Collector, Koraput. At the outset, the Secretary, D.C.C. Shri Sanyasi Pujari welcomed the members and presented the income and expenditure of the annual mega tribal cultural festival - PARAB, 2009. It was decided that Block level Council of Culture will be formed in which the concerned Block Development Officer will be the Chairperson. Importance will be laid on finding out traditional tribal dance, music and their costumes and their preservation as well as presentation in proper forums since they are getting vanished in course of time. For this task, a district level Committee will also be formed taking experts in the field of tribal dance and music as members.

A detailed discussion on the preparation for celebration of the ensuing extravaganza – **PARAB, 2010** took place. The Collector and Chairman, D.C.C. opined to hold a mini Marathon on the theme of an important issue of the district during PARAB, 2010 so that the people at large are communicated with a timely message and duly sensitized. A fine art competition among the students of the High School level of the district will be conducted and the best art shall be selected for the purpose of poster of PARAB, 2010. This poster will include a one-line slogan depicting the magnitude of PARAB. Among other events like previous years, an inter-College Quiz Competition will be organized and the winners awarded in the main celebration of the function. It was also resolved that traditional *Desia Nata* will be held at every Block level PARAB. This time, the District Athletic Association will be actively involved in arranging exposure of hidden sports items of the region, if any, in addition to the popular / regular events like Kabadi, Football, Volley Ball, Archery etc. on this befitting occasion.

Among others, Smt. Roopa Roshan Sahoo, IAS., Project Director, DRDA, Shri Rupak Kumar Patnaik, OAS., Sub Collector, Koraput, Shri Raj Kishore Jena, Dist. Sports Officer, Shri Sanyasi Pujari, District Culture Officer, Shri P.K.Mallick, DI&PRO, Smt. Soojata Misra, OAS., Tahsildar, Semiliguda, Shri Dayanidhi Bag, A.S.C.O., Shri Manoj Samantaray and Sri Dambarudhar Pradhan of AIR, Jeypore, Shri Kanhu Ch. Pradhan of Jeypore Kalakendra, Shri Sanjit Patnaik of SOVA, Shri Prakash Ch. Saraff of Koraput Cultural Society and Sri Rabindra Sahu of Sarbodaya Samiti were present.