



# Prof. M. K. Rout Birth Centenary Celebration

Celebration of Birth Centenary Year starting from the 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and ending with 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Vision Document

SUGGESTIONS of MKRCC Committee (APPROVED by the EC)  
(Please Visit: <https://ocs.org.in/celebration.php>)

1. Prof. M. K. Rout Birth Centenary Celebration (MKRCC) will be observed in January 2023, with a series of meetings spread over the year. The first Centenary Celebration meeting (Inaugural Function) will be held in Ravenshaw University, followed by meetings in Khallikote University, Gangadhar Meher University, and Bhadrak Autonomous College. Attempts may be made to organize three international conferences in these institutions. These, however, will depend on the financial position after the inaugural meeting at Ravenshaw University.
2. A celebrated scientist of international fame will be invited to inaugurate the first meeting.
3. Patna University will be informed of Prof. M. K. Rout Birth Centenary Celebration with a request to record the event by adopting a resolution in the Syndicate. Further, the Vice-Chancellor of the University will be requested to grace the inaugural meeting as the Guest of Honour.
4. Indian Chemical Society will be requested to bring out Prof. M. K. Rout Birth Centenary Year Special Issue of the *Journal of Indian Chemical Society*. There may be a financial aspect to publish the Special Issue, which will be ascertained first.
5. A list of publications of Prof. Rout with abstracts of the papers, wherever available, and the names of the Ph.D. scholars and brief biography of the scholars will be compiled and included in the Souvenir.
6. A collected volume of Prof. M. K. Rout Memorial lectures delivered in the OCS Annual Meetings will be prepared and included in the Souvenir.
7. A professional company will make a documentary of 15-30 minutes duration portraying the life and academic/administrative activities of Prof. Rout for presentation in the inaugural meeting.

8. The State Pollution Control Board will be contacted to host/support a special conference as a part of MKRCC in the area of Environmental Science (Pollution, Effect on Biodiversity, Pollution Mitigation, etc.). It was suggested to write to the Govt. with arguments to name the Pollution Control Board in the name of Prof. M. K. Rout. If necessary, the Committee may approach the honourable Chief Minister.
9. The Government of Odisha, the State, and Central Government funding agencies may be contacted to extend support to the centenary celebration.
10. A list of students of Prof. Rout in Odisha and outside the state and country, specifically those residing in the USA, be prepared. Dr. Deva Narayan Pattanayak (USA) is requested to provide a list of the students (not only the Ph.D. scholars) of Prof. Rout residing in USA. They will be requested to contribute to the success of the Birth Centenary Celebration generously.
11. The MKRCC shall be organized by the MKRCC committee (MKRCCC). All contributions will be made to the OCS under an MKRCC Head of Account. For each head of expenditure, the budget will be fixed by Finance Committee. At the end of the celebration, an audit must be made, which shall be presented to OCS after due approval of MKRCCC. The OCS shall decide upon the surplus amount but shall have no responsibility of deficit, if any. The President of OCS will preside over the meetings.

The inaugural meeting will be for three days (tentatively from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023).

## Day 1

1. After registration, a group of participants will walk from the campus residence of Prof. Rout with Bhajan and holding a banner on Centenary Celebration.
2. Celebrated persons will be invited as Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Distinguished Guest. On the dais seated will be the Chairman of the MKRCC, Chief Guest, Chief Speaker (a scientist of international repute), Guest of Honour (Vice-Chancellor of Ravenshaw University), Distinguished Guest (Vice-Chancellor of Patna University), OCS President, and OCS Secretary.
3. The meeting will unveil a portrait of Prof. Rout, followed by *Dipayana* and *Sloka* recitals.
4. In the inaugural meeting, the guests will be felicitated. The Souvenir 'Mahendrayana' will be unveiled.
5. The Family Members of Prof. Rout will be called on stage and felicitated. They will address the audience too.
6. After the meeting, the movie on Prof. Rout will be played. The film will have clips of his birthplace, places of education and work, pictures of memorable and landmark events, audio and video messages of his admirers.
7. Some 20 speakers carefully chosen and selected from diverse disciplines will speak of their memory and vision of Prof. Rout. (Prof. Pravat K. Mishra will decide the list. The speakers will be contacted by the OCS for this purpose).
8. In the evening there will be a quality cultural program.
9. Lunch, dinner, tea breaks will be modest. Most guests will be ferried to Bhubaneswar to their respective accommodations.

## Day 2

1. The second day will be dealing with Academic Events in the form of an International Conference. About five distinguished scientists will be invited to address the international conference.
2. There will be extended abstracts. Original research work will be allowed to give oral/post presentations. About 50 papers will be selected and will be asked to submit full-length papers. These will be peer-reviewed and recommended for publication in a Special Issue of the Journal of Indian Chemical Society. There will be a prior arrangement with JICS as regards the modalities of the special issue. All these selections will be made about a year ahead as the process is very long and exhaustive.
3. There will be a poster session. For both oral and poster sessions, there will be some awards.
4. There will be working lunch, tea, dinner, with cultural function in the evening.

## Day 3

1. The third day will be entirely on Environment Chemistry. The State Pollution Control Board will oversee the day's events.
2. There will be two distinguished invited speakers.
3. The BS and MS students will submit abstracts on Environment Science.
4. Selected students will give oral presentations.
5. Each student giving an oral presentation will be given a cash award of Rs 1000/- and a certificate.
6. The meeting will end with a lunch.
7. Post lunch, there will be the closing ceremony. The Members will deliberate and plan for the next meeting.

## Budget

1. The budget for the Inaugural Meeting will be 10 lakh. This will cover the entire cost except for the cost for 'Mahendrayana' that will be borne by Dr. Rajendra Narayan Dash (Germany).
2. The budget for the second and third meetings will be 3 lakh each.
3. The budget for the closing meeting (4<sup>th</sup> January 2024) will be 4 lakh.

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