

My city

Bhubaneswar is the city of ~~a~~ ~~alacrity~~ and temples. It is a rising IT hub and smart city of India. It is the home to about a million people and many brave hearts.

The Nandankannan Zoological Park which is one of the largest of its kind is situated in Bhubaneswar.

The great temples of Lingaj, Rajarani and other architectural marvels withstand the tests of time ~~to~~ showcasing the cultural pride and heritage of the city. Odia is the ~~for~~ most prominent language here with a history of 2.13 lakh manuscripts and many proud people speaking it. Many IT companies like TCS, Infosys, Tech Mahindra etc have their presence in the city. This city is connected with people and united with emotions. The love for this city is unconditional.

Diwali

Diwali is the festival of lights, happiness and excitement. It is celebrated on the account of the return of Lord Rama with Sita to Ayodhya. Diwali symbolises happiness and prosperity in one's life. People are generally drenched in the festive spirit on this day. The goddess of wealth and prosperity, Maa Lakshmi is worshipped to shower blessings on the family on this occasion. People light diyas and burst crackers to continue the several millenas old tradition to celebrate Diwali. Apart from Hindus, many Sikhs, Jains and few Buddhists celebrate Diwali. This festival, lights a diya of hope and happiness in everyone's soul. This festival, reminds people to celebrate happy moments with family and friends by forget all the suffering which they experienced in their

River

River is a source of water which is the lifeline of a nation. In India, there are several rivers which are a source for drinking water, agricultural irrigation and for other purposes. In India, rivers are considered very holy and people worship them. Ganga, Yamuna and Godavari are a few important holy rivers in India. Religious festivals like Kumbh Mela, Chhath Puja, Ardhkumbh Mela, Gangasagar Mela are celebrated on the river banks in India. India's longest river, Ganga is the only river in world to have Dolphins called Ganges Riverine Dolphins. India is the land of rivers and traditions. But some rivers are contaminated daily. This has led to the growth of water borne diseases. If river contamination is not stopped, land of rivers will become land of canals.

My five year old daughter Mini can't sit quiet even for a minute. She doesn't waste any time in silence. This irritates her mother greatly, and she would like to stop her prattle for a while, but I wouldn't. Being quiet is unnatural for Mini, I cannot bear her silence for a long time. My own chats with her is funny. One morning, as I was in midst of the 17th chapter of my new novel, my little Mini tiptoed into the room and putting her hand on mine, said: "Father! Ramdayal, our guard calls a crow a kauwa! He doesn't know anything, does he?"

Motilal Babu, zamindar of Karthalia, was returning home with his family on a boat. At midday they moored near a market town for lunch when a young Brahmin boy, not more than 15-16, came up, and asked Moti Babu, "Where are you going?"

"To Karthalia" replied Moti Babu. The boy asked if he could be dropped at Nandigram. Motilal Babu agreed and asked his name. "Tarapada" the boy replied.

Tarapada was a good looking boy. He wore a shabby dhoti and did not cover the upper part.

The sun had just set on the horizon as I could see across the field stretching several miles before me. It had also gone dark overhead and soon the darkness began moving west and descending slowly on the western end of the field. At this dusk the full moon appeared on the east and its feeble light spread over the field and created an atmosphere between light and shade. I sat in the middle of the field, but not far from my farmer's bungalow and watched the daylight fade from mid-heaven down on the ~~we~~ western horizon.