

Joint Research Group

**Manuscriptology and Digital Humanities****Manuscript Heritage of Odisha****Dr. Mamata Mishra**

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Odia manuscripts i.e. mss. written in Odia script and both in Odia and Sanskrit languages constitute a substantial part of the overall Manuscript Heritage of India. According to one estimate of the National Mission for Manuscripts, Odia mss. form the second largest collection (after Nāgarī) in India. These mss. are mostly written on palm leaves and sometimes illustrated. The collection of Odia mss. is not only vast, but it also has some very rare and unique specimens, for example, the collection of palm-leaf mss. of Paippalāda śākhā of Atharvaveda which is not available elsewhere in the world.

This talk will introduce the Manuscript Heritage of Odisha, present a brief journey of the manuscripts and speak about some important texts written in Odia script and conserved in these mss. It will also inform about the efforts to survey and catalogue the mss. beginning from the first survey by J. Long (1859), followed by William Wilson Hunter (1872) up to the Odia Catalogus Catalogorum which is currently under preparation.



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