

To

The Collector and District Magistrate, Subarnapur.

Sub: **Revision of the proposed project for the development of Puja Dunguri.**

Sir,

We are extremely obliged and thankful to the Department of Tourism and culture, Government of Odisha for sanctioning of Fund for the development of **Puja Dunguri** near village Adakasa under Dunguripali Panchayat Samiti; which stands as a symbol of cultural heritage of this locality.

We are equally indebted to Sj. Niranjan Pujari, sitting M.L.A Sonepur and the Honorable Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly along with Sj. Ashok Panda, Honorable Minister, Tourism and Culture Government of Odisha, for their initiative in developing the site.

But, it is a matter of regret that there have been some distortions in the naming and mapping of the sites which might mislead the tourists and researchers. The hillock has been named **PUJA KOTHI** instead of **PUJA DUNGURI**. There has been no mention of USHA KOTHI, the hillock with a rock-shelter which contains prehistoric ROCK ART for which, the site is famous for.

Again, the total hill complex is associated with mother goddesses **Chandalipat**, the presiding deity of the Binjhal dominated erstwhile Rampur Zamindari. She is also revered by the traditional 84 *mouzas* surrounding the zamindari. An annual festival of **Dangar Yatra** is celebrated by the tribal people on the occasion of the *Chaitra Purnima*, when the *Chhatra* of the goddess is taken in a procession to **Puja Dunguri** from Rampur and night long celebration takes place. Details of the historicity and archeological importance of the site could be traced from our website-[www.rampurantiquities.com](http://www.rampurantiquities.com).

In the above context, we earnestly request your honor to revise the project proposal accordingly, so that traditional culture of the site is not affected adversely. This is imperative as the matter is linked with the spiritual sentiment of a large number of people, especially the tribal.

Hoping a positive response, we remain.

Yours faithfully,

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