



Shree Mandira Samachar

SHREE JAGANNATHA TEMPLE BULLETIN

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PAPAMOCHANI EKADASHI

Chaitra-Krushna Ekadashi is termed as 'Papamochani Ekadashi' in the pages of the Puranas.

Once upon a time Munibar Medhabi, son of Maharsi Chyaban, immersed in deep meditation in a forest namely 'Chaitra Rath'. Manjughosa, a damsel, tried to detract him. She started 'Mohaka Gana' (Hypnotizing song). While the Muni was proceeding on the way the Charming song vibrated his ear-drums. He met Manjughosa and offered love to her. Thereupon, they led a conjugal life. After some days, Manjughosa prayed



Muni to bid her farewell. But muni told her to wait for the next morning. Manjughosa smiled and replied that hundreds of mornings have past. The saint came to sense and realised that fifty-seven years have past. The astonished Muni also felt that the efforts of the damsel were meant to detract him from his path of meditation. He cursed her to be a 'Pisachi' (witch). Manjughosa prayed for deliverance from the curse. Muni told her the way to follow the rituals on the Chaitra Krushna Ekadashi, the Papamochan Ekadashi. Both of them followed the 'Papamochan Ekadashi'. The damsel regained her beauty and Muni his past vigour.

Traditionally, Ekadsahi rituals follow Sandhya-Alati. After Madhyam-Dhupa rituals, Jews are attired with Shadhi & Khandua. Three Puspalaka Sebakas perform Sandhya-Alati followed by Sarbanga Chandan lagi. Shree Madan Mohan had earlier been placed on the Ratna Singhasan by Mahajan Sebakas before the Sarbanga. On

receiving 'Agniyamal' from Mahaprabhu, Madanmohan goes round the temple on a palanquin. Thereafter bhoga, alati & worshipping are performed at the Jay Bijaya dwar. Then Madanmohan returns to the Dakshinighar.

On this night Mahadeep is lifted. Garuda-Sebakas prepare balita with ghee, new pieces of cloth & banana plant-bark and hand over to Pujapandas who sanctify them & perform Mahadeep Alati. This Mahadeep is moved around the Ratna Singhasan and then taken to Bimala temple via Jay Bijaya Dwar. Thereupon, Garuda Sebakas receive, Tulasi and Chandan (Sandal) from Pujapandas for offering to Nilachakra. They lift to the point of the Neelachakra. After Tulasi-Chandan prasad, lit Chandraudia (a sort of fireworks) and move thrice around it chanting prayers for the well-being of Gajapati as well as the entire humanity with sounding 'Haribola'. ●

RITUALS AND FESTIVALS DURING MARCH

RAJAGNIUSCHHAB OR MENDHAPODI :

On Dt. 24.3.24 (Sunday), the day of Falguna Shukla Chaturdashi, after Madhyan-Dhupa, Sarbanga Chandan lagi is performed by palia (Servitor-on-duty) puspalakas with chandan brought by Palia-Mekap from the Bhandarghar (Store-room).



Shreedebi & Bhudebi are brought to the Dakshinighar for 'Chacheri Beshha'. After Chacheri-Bhoga, Shree Dolagobinda alongwith the

duo-spouses are brought to the Ratna Singhasan. Upon prasadlagi by Mudirasta, three Pujapandas offer bhoga to the deities in 'Panchopchara'. Chandan-Phagu brought from the house of 'Ghatuari' Sebak by Pujapandas, Patimahapatra and Mudirasta in Ghanta Chhata-Kahali procession, was offered to Jews. Jhimri Phagu (a mixed powder of chandan phagu) muni (packet) was attached to the Shree-Anga of Jews after worshipping and Jhimiri Phagu anjali by Mudirasta. Pujapanda handed over the Agnyamala after Chamar-Alat. Thence, the representative deities in trio were taken to the palanka (royal cot) placed earlier at Laxmi's Jagamohan. After Phagu-Khela by Laxmi Narayan, prasad-lagi & worshipping were made. Thence, the trios rushed in a 'Dola-Biman' via Singhadwara to Dolabedi, the place for Agniuschhab (Fire Ceremony). After homa (consecration) by Pujapanda and prasad-lagi, alat-chamar ritual was made. Then, the Agni-Gruha was set in fire. All the Bimans (Bimanas of Dolagobinda & Pancha-Mahadeb) moved seven times around it and return journey took place.

DOLAPURNIMA AND RAJADHIRAJ BESHHA :

On Dt. 25.3.2024 (Monday), the day of Dolapurnima, after Abakash, Mailam (change of dresses), Sarbanga Chandan Lagi was performed. Jews were adorned with new Boirani Sharee and Khandua and 'Gabha' in Trimundi. Pujapanda offered Khai-Kora brought from the house of 'Mekap' in Panchopachara. Meanwhile Shree Dolagobinda alongwith Bhudebi & Shreedebi had encircled seven times around the Ratna Singhasan by palia Mahajan, Akhanda Mekap, Garabadu, Khuntia, servitors. Thence, the trio arrived at the 'Nabhikata Mandap' through Jay-Bijaya Dwar. Here, the ritu-

als of Mahasan, Majana & Banak-lagi were performed and attired with new patta and Sharee with mala-phula (Garland and floral petals). Mudirasta made prasad-lagi (shital bhoga). Worship being done the deities were enthroned on the Biman. After going in a round-about way for seven times around the Bhitari Bedha, hurried up to the Dolabedi. Upon arrival they had seven numbers of rounds about the Dolabedi still being seated on the Biman. Upon stepping down from the Biman the trio also had seven rounds of movements around the Bedi (cradle) with Mahajan Sebakas. After public-darshan, Mahasan was done and Beshha performed. Then with Ghanta-Chhata-Kahali procession, Sakal-Dhupa, Madhyan Dhupa, Sandhya Alati & Sandhya Dhupa were completed in Shodashopachar. On descending from Doli (cradle) again went on seven rounds about Bedi-Singhasan & the same also repeated around Singhasan-lower mandap and Dolabedi too. Return journey took place. They also had seven rounds of movements in the bedha. At last the Biman settled at the Saraswati Mandap. After Sital bhoga & worshipping the trio returned via Satapahacha to Bhitari-Katha i.e. inner barricade. Upon worshipping and Jala-lagi Shree Dolagobinda returned to Dakshinighar and Shreedebi & Bhudebi to Ratnasinghasa.

Jews also were adorned with Suna-Besh or Rajabesh on this day. Then Gopal Ballabh, Sakal Dhupa and Bhogamandap rituals were completed. Thousands of devotees had a darsan of Dolagobinda at Dolabedi and Sunabesh in the temple.

HOLI IN THE TEMPLE :

On Dt. 26.3.24 (Tuesday), the day of Chaitra Krushna Pratipada, during the Madhyan-Dhupa Beshha, three numbers of Agnyamala were offered. Dakshinighar bhoga was completed & Dolagobinda appeared at Ratnasinghasan. Pujapanda handed over the Agnyamala and Mahajan Sebakas carried Madanmohan, Bhudebi & Shreedebi to the Biman at Jhulanmandap. The deities were garlanded. Thence, the trio proceeded to Chandan-Chakada at the Narendra Tank in Ghanta-Chhata-Kahali procession. Mudirasta made prasadlagi and Pujapanda Shitalbhoga. Worshipping, Chamar-alat were performed by Mudirasta. The trios played holi there. On completion of all rituals return journey took place. Madanmohan rushed to Dakshinighar and Bhudebi & Shreedebi to the Ratna Singhasan. ●

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SSJTA made all efforts in publishing a book-let for realisation of devotees the facts related to the holy land of Puri & legends, legacy, rituals, festivities of the Supreme Godhead and Jagannatha Culture.

: CHAPTER - 1 :

PURI AT A GLANCE

1. The greatest attraction of Puri is the world famous temple of Shree Jagannatha. It is known by many names, viz., the Puri temple, the Srimandira, the Bada Deula or simply, the Jagannatha temple.
2. The temple of Jagannatha is one of the tallest monuments in the entire sub-continent of India and its height is about 214 feet from the ground (road) level. It stands on a raised platform of stone, measuring about ten acres. It is located in the heart of the town and presents an imposing sight. The temple is bounded by two compound walls, the outer one known as *Meghanada Prachira* & the inner one, known as *Kurma Prachira*. Also circumambulated by a beautified multipurpose zone of 75 meters of corridor known as Shree Mandira Parikrama meant to provide more convenience to the devotees. The Shree Mandira Parikrama Prakalpa has been inaugurated on 17th January 2024 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
3. The present temple was built in the 12th century A.D. The temple structure is full of excellent carvings and lovely pieces of sculpture and is a fine specimen of Kalinga style of architecture. It is now maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India, (ASI)
4. Only orthodox Hindus are allowed to enter into the Temple.
5. The largest crowd in Puri is seen during the Car Festival of Jagannatha which takes place every year some time in June-July (Asadha Sukla Dwitiya)
6. Shree Jagannatha of Puri is strikingly different from all other deities worshipped by the entire Hindu world, mainly for the reason that Jagannatha represents all the Gods and Goddesses known to the entire Hindu world, either directly or indirectly. He is considered to be the highest object of worship by the followers of all the religious faiths that come within the purview of Hinduism. For example. He is Siva for a Saivite, Ganapati for a Ganapatya, Kalika for a Sakta and so on and so forth. This kind of intergration of religious cultures and creeds belonging to Hinduism is not to be seen anywhere else.
7. Shree Jagannatha represents an integration of all important Hindu cultures which flourished in India, namely, the Vedic the Puarnic, the Tantric, the Smarta and the Vaisnava, along with Jainism, Buddhism and that of the aboriginal tribes, The Vaisnavas of all schools, i.e., Ramanuja, Nimbarka, Chaitanya or Madhava Goudiya, Radha Vallabhi, Atibadi, Odisi all have great faith in Shree Jagannatha.
8. The *Mahaprasada* (the offerings to the deities in the Puri temple) is a wonder of the Hindu world in as much as it is free from any kind of discrimination pertaining to the castes of India. Persons of all castes do partake *Maha-prasada* from the same plate without the least hesitation.
9. The main temple in Puri, located on a gigantic raised platform, believed to be the base of a small hill known as *Nilagiri* or Blue hill is surrounded by about 30 other temples dedicated to various Gods and Goddesses of the Hindu pantheon.
10. The kitchen of the Puri temple evokes a sense of wonder in any body from any portion of the world, who comes to know of it. Within a short notice of a few hours, the temple can lavishly feed with first-class boiled rice & dishes of different tastes to thousands of people at a time. (It is perhaps the biggest "*Bhojanalaya*" of the world.)
11. Since the days of Adi Sankracharya who visited Puri perhaps 810 A.D. Some historians opine that Sankar visited Puri during 5th Century Bc. and founded the Govardhan Matha. Puri has gained special significance as one of the four Dhams of India. It is the eastern Dhama and one of the four Sankracharyas of India stays here.
12. It is believed that, there were 752 Mathas i.e. religious endowments, constituting institutions for the study of propagation of religious creeds in Puri. But now, about a dozen of them deserve mention.
13. The second great attraction of Puri is the sea beach acclaimed to be one of the best sea beaches of the world. A number of beach complexes have developed on the sea at Puri & near by. Recently the Puri Beach got Blue Flag recognition.
14. The sea at Puri is shallow and is therefore, highly suitable for sea-bath. But on particular days of the year, care should be taken to avoid a rush against the waves. The *nolias* (*fisherment of the sea*) help in taking bath in the sea.
15. To enable thousands of people to take bath at a time, there are four big sacred tanks in Puri. They are (i) *Indradyumna* (ii) *Narendra* (iii) *Markande* and (iv) *Swetaganga*. The Narendra in particular is associated with the famous Chandana Yatra of Shree Jagannatha.
16. Puri is an epitome of Indian philosophy, culture and religion known as Hinduism and a visit to this ancient city is a rewarding experience. ●

VISITS OF DIGNITARIES & OHTER ACTIVITIES



On Dt. 29.2.2024 Meeting of the SJTMC at the Office Headquarters chaired by Gajapati Maharaj Shree Shree Dibyasingha Deb.



On Dt. 1.2.2024 Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary of the P.M.O, had a darshan of Jews with Sj. Samartha Barma, Chief Administrator of SJTA, Sj. Siddhartha Shankar Swain, Collector-cum Dy. Administrator of SJTA & other members of SJTMC.



On Dt. 9.3.2024 Hon'ble Justice Dr. Arijit Pasayat Chairman, Shree Mandira Ratna Bhandar Committee, had a glance of Jews with Sj. Samartha Verma, Chief Administrator of SJTA.



On Dt. 12.3.2024 Sj. Jitendra Kumar Nayak of the village Bramhunia under Bramhagiri Block in Puri district donates a Cheque for Rs. 12,50,000/- at office in presence of the members of the SJTMC & other top officials of the SJTA.



On Dt. 15.3.2024 Hon'ble Chief Justice, Chhatisgada High Court, Sj. Ramsh Sinha with family returns from the temple having a darshan of the Lords, flanked by Sj. Jitendra Narayan Mohanty, P.R.O, SJTA.



On Dt. 16.3.2024 Meeting of 'Swadhyaya Prakalpa Mandali under Shree Jagannatha Tattwa, Gabesana, Prakashan O' Prasar Upasamiti' convened by Sj. Pradeep Kumar Sahoo, Administrator (Dev.) at the Office Headquarters.

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On Dt. 18.3.2024 Meeting of 'Chhatisha Niyog' convened by Sj. Samartha Barma Chief Administrator of SJTA, at Neeladri Bhakta Niwas.



On Dt. 19.3.2024 'Cancer-Prevention Awareness' Camp organised by SJTA at Neeladri Bhakta Niwas.



On Dt. 20.3.2024 Shree Dolagobinda alongwith Bhudebi & Shridebi heading to Jagannatha Ballabha for traditional rituals on Phagudashami.



On Dt. 23.3.2024 Members and Officials of Indian Hockey Team had a darshan of Jews and were felicitated with 'Khandua' by PRO, SJTA.



On Dt. 25.3.2024 The 'Veda-patha' & 'Nama Sankirtan' at the Lions' Gate in presence of the members of the SJTMC and top officials of the SJTA on the day of Dolapurnima. Devotional Musical programme performed by Sebaka artist at 'Parikrama Patha'



CM hikes health insurance amount for Puri sevayats

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

@ Bhubaneswar

THE state government on Tuesday increased the health insurance amount for the sevayats of the Jagannath temple at Puri to ₹5 lakh from the existing ₹2 lakh.

While announcing the decision, the chief minister also announced they will also be entitled to get additional ₹5 lakh for treatment of critical diseases.

The chief minister's office (CMO) said that the servitors will be provided financial assistance of ₹50,000 for their children to avail coaching for entrance test for professional courses including NEET, JEE and civil services. The beneficiaries can get the assist-



ance for maximum three times. The government has sanctioned ₹10.85 crore to the Jagannath temple administration to pay the increased insurance amount, coaching fees and other assistance to the servitors.

The chief minister made the announcement following suggestions submitted by 5T chairman VK Pandian.

The servitors had taken up their demands with Pandian during his visits to Puri several times earlier.

Besides, the chief minister announced financial assistance of ₹50,000 for 72,000 'Bhagabata Tungi' across Odisha to make them more active. Bhagabata Tungi is considered central to the spiritual, cultural and social fabric of Odisha's rural life.

The New Indian Express- Dt. 13.3.24

Chariot construction to begin on May 10 in Puri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ PURI

THE first coordination meeting for this year's Rath Yatra was conducted by Puri collector and deputy chief administrator of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Siddharth Shankar Swain here on Saturday. The chariot festival this year is scheduled on July 7. Attended by all district-level officers, temple servitors and municipal committee members, the meeting discussed the requisite arrangements for smooth conduct of the festival.

Since this would be the first Rath Yatra of the Trinity after inauguration of the Srimandir Parikrama Project, the administration anticipates a surge of devotees during the festival.

Swain said construction of the chariots will commence from May 10 on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya. Besides, as elections will be round the corner, he asked the officials to ensure that the preparations do not interfere with the voting process.

He further asked the officials to address the lapses pointed out during the last Rath Yatra. The meeting also discussed on timely performance of rituals of the deities, health and hygiene, sanitation, supply of potable drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, provision of essential commodities and necessary security arrangements during the festival. Keeping in view the sweltering condition, Swain directed the officials concerned to provide necessary protection from heat for devotees who would congregate at the Grand Road to pull the chariots.

He further ordered the Works department to repair all roads of the city before commencement of the festival. Besides, Health department authorities were asked to fill up the vacant posts of doctors and other healthcare staff.

Owing to the model code of conduct in force due to elections, Swain advised officials to stick to the guidelines while executing the works. Puri SP Pinak Mishra said a special drive has been initiated to curb criminal activities in the district.

The New Indian Express- Dt. 31.3.24

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