



Shree Mandira Samachar

SHREE JAGANNATHA TEMPLE BULLETIN

JANUARY-2024

SHREEMANDIRA PARIKRAMA PRAKALPA PRATISTHA UTSAVA AND LOKARPANA

ShreeMandira Parikrama Prakalpa is a long-cherished goal of Temple Administration as well as the devotees of Lord Jagannatha. Every holy place is encircled with a Parikrama (movement) corridor. Darshan alongwith Parikrama (moving in a round about way) creates ecstasy among devotees. Moreover devotees deprived of the darshan feel a sense of nearness to the almighty in Parikrama.

Upon this context, as a dedicated effort of the State Government, ShreeMandira Parikrama prakalpa was dedicated to the public on the day of Pausa



Shukla Saptami, the seventeenth January, 2024, Wednesday, by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha. Sj. Naveen Pattnaik, in presence of Gajapati Maharaja Shree Shree Dibyasingha Deb.

The commemorative plate was deciphered by the Chief Minister near Yayna Mandap at 1.30 p.m. in presence of the Gajapati Maharaj. The acts of final consecration, Arati & pushapanjali were performed by Gajapati Maharaj. The Chief Minister alongwith Gajapati Maharaj, the Chief Secretary Shri Pradeep Kumar Jena, Chief Advisor to C.M. Sj. Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, 5.T Chairman Sj. V.K. Pandian; Chief Administrator Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Collector-cum-Dy. Chief Administrator Sj. Samartha Verma; S.P. Sj. K.V. Singh and other dignitaries and Sebaks had a Parikrama around the temple along the inner-corridor with Sankirtan Mandalis in barefoot. Chanting of the hymns of the Vedas, Bhajans, Kirtans and blowing of conches and sounding of Ghanta and Cymbals etc multiplied the spiritual atmosphere of Shrikshetra. Later on the Chief Minister and Gajapati felicitated the hands that carved the Parikrama Project such as the workers, artists, mechanics, JCB Operators.

head-mansons etc. Smt Pramila Mallik, Speaker of the Assembly and Sj. Jayanta Kumar Sadangi, MLA, Puri, delegates of various Jagannatha Temples within and outside the State, non-resident personalities, judges of the High Court and other dignitaries were also present in the meeting.

The celebration was seen with a massive crowd. The Government left no stone unturned to make it a grand success. Decorative arrangements and lighting of the Temple, traditional Jhoti-Art at the Singhadwar added to the attraction. The maths and other temples around Shree Mandira were also decorated. Throughout the

day, Veda-path and namasankirtan were performed. The Police and district administration also made special arrangements keeping in view the rush of the devotees. It was indeed a charming celebration.

Shri Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator of SJTA extended thanks from the deepest corner of the heart to the district and police administration, all the officers & staff of the temple Administration. ●

INCUMBENCY OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF SJTA



Sj. Samarth Verma, IAS has taken over charge as the new Chief Administrator of SJTA on dt. 30.01.2024. He was welcomed by members of the SJT M.C., Administrative Officers and Staff of the SJTA.

RITUALS AND FESTIVALS DURING JANUARY

BAKULA AMABASYA IN THE TEMPLE :

On Dt. 11.1.24 (Thursday), the Pausa Amabasya. Special rituals were performed. After Arati & Abakash Agnyamala lagi was performed & the Besa completed. During Sakal-dhupa one special Gaintha-tata was arranged. Mudirasta made prasad lagi & three Pujapandas offered bhoga in Sodasaupachara. Worshipping was made by Mudirasta, Patimahapatra & Pujapanda Sebakas. Upon completion of 'Worship' Amabasya Narayan ascended to the Ratna-Singhasan and thereupon receiving Agnyamala headed to the palanquin at Muktimandap and rushed to the Swargadwar Sea-Beach via the Lions' Gate for Sagar-Bije Niti.

MAKAR SANKRANTI :

On Dt. 15.1.2024 (Monday) special traditional rituals were followed. Besha was performed with the items of Phuta-paharana, Makar Chula and Karpura. After Sakal-dhupa rituals the Jews were adorned with new attires and six sets of ornaments. Madhyan-dhupa was offered. One 'Asta-digabali' niti was performed by respective sebakas. The Makar-Bhoga prepared by Shudhasuar with coconuts, ghee, sweets, spices and cream kept on the previous day at bhogamandap, was taken in a procession by the 'Panti-badu' Sebakas thrice around the temple and later on placed before the Jews. It is called 'Makar-Bedha'. Mudirasta made prasad lagi and bhoga completed in 'Panchopchar'. Pujapanda, Patimahapatra and Mudirasta worshipped the Jews.

DEBABHISEKA / PUSYABHISEKA PURNIMA :

On Dt. 25.1.24 (Thursday), the Pausa Purnima, Pusyabhiseka or Debabhiseka was performed. At previous night 87 numbers of Garas (pots) filled with water brought from Rosa-Kupa by 'Parbayatra Yogania' and 21 garas of ghee had been kept at the Bhogamandap. The total 108 garas covered with



'Chemedi Patni' & Phul-Chandan were meant for the four badas. The door had been sealed by Tadhau Karan' and and one 'Bhadrasan'

surrounded by 'Majibada' had also been kept near the front wall of Mahaprabhu and one mirror had also been placed upon the bhadrasan. On the day of Purnima after Sakal-dhupa 'homo' was arranged in front of 'Pratihari Niyog'. After 'Dhupa' the 108 garas from Bhoga Mandap were brought to the front of the Jews by Garabadu Sebakas with their faces half-covered (bagha-munha) alongwith ghanta-chhata-kahali procession. Khai-Kora bhoga was offered & abhiseka rituals completed. Then the Jews were adorned with abhiseka besha. Majana ritual was also performed to Mahalaxmi. Bhitarchha Sebak held the stick of the umbrella and Palia Mekap also held tightly the root of the umbrella. Bhoga was offered and the Jews were worshipped. Mudirasta performed the ritual of Phula-shara and Ayudha-lagi and also made chamara-alat. Ghasabidia (Beatles) and dahi-pati were offered. After detachment of Phula-Shara, Raghunath was taken to the Singhasan and then brought to the palanquin with 'Agyanmala'. Mudirasta put 'Shadhi' around his head (Shadhi-bandha) and rushed to Jameshwar temple with Palia Khuntia and Asthan Padhahari Sebakas. Bhoga-Niti was performed there. Then the deity with all the servitors returned to the temple and other rituals followed. It is noteworthy that on this day the Deities are adorned with 'Suna-Besha'.



Sj. Samarth Verma, IAS new Chief Administrator is seen with the top officials of the SJTA on 30.1.24 at the office Headquarters.

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SHREEMANDIRA PARIKRAMA PRAKALPA



Over 5L devotees throng Puri temple

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Bhubaneswar: The Jagannath Temple in Puri witnessed an unprecedented footfall of over 5 lakh devotees on the first day of 2024.

Keeping in mind the huge rush, the temple was opened around 1.30 am on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. The arrival of visitors was so huge that the queue extended up to 2 km from the temple on the Grand Road. Puri police heaved a sigh of relief as the darshan system was flawless and smooth. No untoward incident was reported.

"Our personnel executed the standard operating procedure (SOP) properly and ensured a hassle-free darshan," said inspector general (central range) Ashish Singh.

According to Puri SP Kanwar Vishal Singh, around 5 lakh devotees had offered prayers by 7 pm. "Facilitation of darshan, their safety and convenience, and crowd control were our prime focus. We remained visible in and outside the temple 24x7 to ensure that devotees did not face any trouble. We received excellent feedback from tourists from across the country," the Puri SP said.

Police said special focus was laid on helping senior citizens and specially-abled pil-



Governor Ragubar Das at the Jagannath Temple on Sunday

grims in the temple. A separate queue was made for them. Adequate private volunteers were engaged to assist devotees for their hassle-free movement.

Paromita Mukherjee, a teacher from Khidirpur in West Bengal, said unlike her past visits to Puri, the one on Monday was different. "I thank the Odisha government and Puri police for making such nice arrangements for devotees," Mukherjee said in a video message shared by the Puri police on X (formerly twitter).

The newly-built shaded AC pathway turned out to be the major attraction for devotees. The 85-metre shaded pathway with ACs, fan, CCTVs and seating facilities has been built from Marchkot chowk to the temple office on the Grand Road for devotees. The pathway has 10 rows of metal barricades (parallel queues) with each row being 4-feet wide. More than 3,000 pilgrims can be accommodated in the pathway at a time.

The Time's of India- Dt. 2.1.24

Devotees witness Suna Beshha on Pousha Purnima

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Puri

LAKHS of devotees witnessed the Suna Beshha or the Trinity on the occasion of Pousha Purnima on Thursday.

The doors of Srimandir opened early in the morning and servitors performed Mangal Arati, Mailum, Tadaplagi, Abakash followed by Rosohoma and Surya Puja. Then Gopal bhog was offered to the deities.

The Trinity was accorded a special 'Abhisek' (auspicious bath) in aromatic water from 108 pitchers on the Ratnasimhasan by Simhari servitors. Thereafter, gold ornaments were drawn from the temple treasury and handed over to the servitors. Three sets of dressers decked up the deities in the golden attire including their insignias and weapons.

On the day, Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati performed 'Samudra Arati' near Swargadwar. Hundreds of sadhus from various religious institutions and mutts participated. Speaking on the occasion, the seer praised the Srimandir Parikrama project and said the natural environment should be preserved while carrying out development works.

Puri Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb and Union Minister Bishweswar Tudu also spoke.

The New Indian Express- Dt. 26.1.24

Exhibition of temple items at Puri pilgrim centre on Jan 17

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Bhubaneswar: Visitors, who will be a part of the grand opening of Shree Jagannath Parikrama Prakalp (heritage corridor project) on January 17, will get an opportunity to see various sacred items used in Jagannath temple at an exhibition in Jagannath Ballav Pilgrim Centre (JBPC).

The exhibition will display items like kudua (earthen containers to carry Mahaprasad), flowers, bhogs and attires among others used for the deities in the temple. Three small chariots would also be displayed for visitors. According to the plan,



Earthen containers, flowers and attires used for the deities of Jagannath Temple will be on display

there will be a digital display of the corridor project's key features and benefits for devotees at the exhibition venue. "Devotees will first get a feel of the newly built Shree Setu (trumpet bridge) using

which they will reach the JBPC's multi-level parking facility. There, they can visit the exhibition centre. From JBPC, visitors can reach the Parikrama site via the newly built Shree Danda (a parallel

road along Grand Road)," chief administrator of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration, Ranjan Kumar Das, said after a meeting of the shrine managing committee members on Thursday.

According to the district administration, the Shree Setu will reduce the travel time of people to Jagannath temple by 30 minutes. State government has constructed the 2.3 km-long four-lane Shree Setu at a cost of Rs 200 crore to provide direct access to tourists to the multi-level car parking inside Jagannath Ballav Pilgrim Centre from the Puri NH bypass with a view to avoid traffic congestion inside the town.

The Time's of India- Dt. 12.1.24

SJTA asks Puri servitors to treat devotees with respect

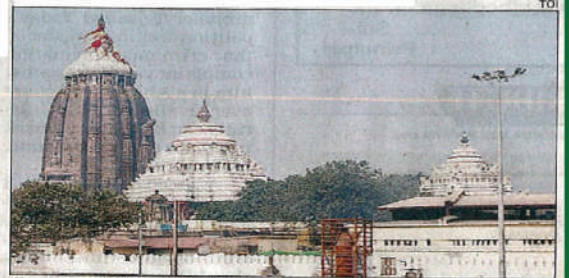
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Bhubaneswar: With the Jagannath heritage corridor project expected to attract more devotees to the 12th century shrine, Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) on Monday appealed to servitors to treat pilgrims with civility and respect.

In a letter to the temple iijogs (associations of servitors), SJTA urged servitors to practise 'Atithi Devo Bhava'. SJTA asked its employees to treat devotees politely.

"Guest (devotee) is god. Any disrespect to devotees amounts to disrespect to the god. All servitors and SJTA employees would receive blessings of Lord Jagannath if devotees are treated well by them," SJTA chief administrator Ranjan Kumar Das' letter read.

Instances of unseemly conduct of some servitors were reported in the past. Hearing a petition, the Supreme Court had on June 8, 2018 asked the temple administration to prevent exploitation and extortion by some servitors towards devotees.



The Jagannath Temple in Puri

The apex court had asked the temple body to prevent servitors from collecting 'dakhina' from pilgrims.

On November 4, 2019, the Supreme Court issued 25 directions to the Odisha government to implement them in Jagannath Temple. One of the directions included appropriate steps against ill-mannered servitors.

SJTA said the conduct of servitors has improved. "We introduced several reforms and recently urged devotees to visit the shrine by wearing decent clothes. Servitors were sensitised not to chew paan and gutka inside the temple. Everybody was

sensitised to stop using polythene bags inside the shrine. Now, we want to give a call to servitors and our staff to improve their etiquette," Das said.

Servitors said a few unpleasant instances of the past should not be seen as assessment of their conduct.

"We admit that a handful of our colleagues misbehaved with devotees. But not all servitors are impolite or unruly. Most servitors treat devotees with civility. Whoever was found guilty of misbehaving with devotees, faced action as per law," said Jogendra Dasmohapatra, a servitor.

The Time's of India- Dt. 23.1.24

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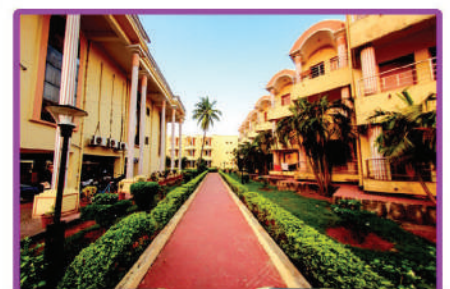
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