



Shree Mandira Samachar

SHREE JAGANNATHA TEMPLE BULLETIN

DECEMBER-2023

THE BAKULA AMABASYA IN SHREE MANDIRA

New moonday (Amabasya) in the month of Pausa is termed as Bakula-Amabasya. Celebrations are compatible with seasons in our nature oriented Sanatan (flowing from time immemorial) cultural heritage. Appearance of baula (buds) in mango-trees in a cold-winter signifies the advent of spring which brings a sweet sensation in us. It also



creates an environment conducive to spiritual & religious celebrations.

This game-plan of nature also drives the odias to Gods & Goddesses. Accordingly Bakula Amabasya is observed in a traditional way in every odia family. Spirituality is the sinequanon of our culture. Amba-baulas are collected & offered to Gods. Special cakes mixed with baulas are offered as well. The cakes are offered to the gods to goddesses in the family at the North-East corner of the house too. Not only Gods but ancestors are also offered with baula-khiri (pudding). This practice is supported by the lines in a religious treatise namely the 'Dhabalasangraha'

'Do offer bakula-payasa to ancestors for blessings.'

Cakes & baulas etc. are shared among relatives, neighbours thus strengthening social bonds and love. Bakula Amabasya is observed in the Temple also in a traditional manner. During beshha one Tulasimala (Agnyamala) is offered to Shree Jagannatha

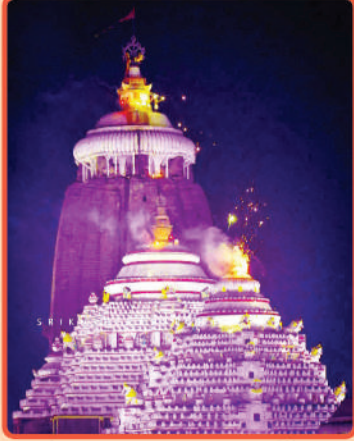


Mahaprabhu. At the time of Sakala Dhupa one 'Baula-Gaintha Tata' from Rosa Ghar is brought to the place in front of the Deities. Mudirasta and Pujapanda perform their respective rituals. On completion of Sakala-Dhupa Shree Narayan from Dakshinighar is brought to the Sanctum-Sanctorum by Mahajan Sebakas. Pujapanda handovers the Tulasi Agnyamala to Shree Narayan for Sagar Bije. Then Shree Narayan is seated in a palanquin near Muktimandap. After necessary rituals Shree Narayan rushes to the beach near Swargadwar for Sagarbije Niti on the shoulders of Bimanbadu Sebakas. ●

RITUALS AND FESTIVALS DURING DECEMBER

ADYA DEBA DEEPABALI :

On Dt. 11.12.23 (Monday), the Margashir Krushna Chaturdashi after Sandhya Dhupa Suddha Suar cleansed the spot in front of the



Ratnasinghasan. Bhandar Mekap designed a tree in rice (chaula) & Palia Mekap placed batis (Ghee-Candles) on it. Three Suna Alatis were also attached to it. Pujapanda Sanctified it and then bandapana (worshipping) was made by Pujapanda, Pati

Mahapatra & Mudirasta. Mahadeepa alati was made by three Pujapandas. Then Mahadeepa was handed over by Pujapandas to Palia Chunra Sebak who in turn lit the Dipas on three temples & lifted Chandraudia and also prayed for Gajapati.

Shraddhabesha was performed to the Jews and Mahaprabhu made 'Pinda-dana' to his ancestors.

MADHYA DEEPABALI :

On Dt. 12.12.2023 (Tuesday) the day of Margashira Amabasya after Sakala Dhupa Amabasya Narayan from Dakshinighar appeared at the Ratnasinghasan. On receiving Agnyamala was seated on the palanquin. Across the Lions' Gate hurried up to the beach at Swargadwar and returned to the temple via Gaudabad Sahi & Harachandi Sahi. Suddhasuar had cleansed the spot & Bhandarmekap designed a tree with rice (Chaula). Paliamekap lift the batis on it. Three numbers of golden alati were also attached. Pujapanda, Pati Mahapatra & Mudirasta, then, worshipped at the Ratnasinghasan. The Pujapandas arrived with the Mahadeepa at Jaya-Bijaya dwar and performed sanskar nitis to the designed rice-tree made by Padhiari Sebak there and then aiming the Mahadeepa at the Nilachakra passed it to Palia Chunra Sebakas. They lifted to the temples and lit deepas & Chandrauia with Ghee & Oil. Also prayed for the well being of Gajapati and humanity as well.

DEEPABALI ENDING:

On Dt. 13.12.23 (Wednesday), as performed in the previous day, the servitors carried out their respective rituals. Mahajan Sebakas brought Shreedebi & Bhudebi to the designed rice-tree at Jayabijayadwar which was sanctified by Pujapanda. The deities were seated on the palanquin at Jhulanmandap and carried to Jagannath Ballab Math. They were seated on a Katha Bhadrasan (Wooden tool) with designed rice-tree being lit on. Mudirasta made prasadlagi & Pujapanda sanctified the designed rice-tree. Mudirasta worshipped the deities & return joyrney took place.

PRABARANA / ODHAN SASTHI :

On Dt. 18.12.23 (Monday), the day of Margashir Shukla Sasthi, regular rituals were performed by respective sebakas. Then the team comprising three palia Puspalakas, Pujapanda, Patimahapatra & Mudirasta, with the 'Ghoda-Changudi' (Basket filled with winter attires) in their hands, moved thrice around the temple in a procession of Ghanta, Chhata & Kahali and later put it on the Ratnasinghasan. The deities were adorned with their winter-attires and caps alongwith six sets of ornaments. Mudirsta offered Prasad & Pujapanda, Patimahapatra & Mudirasta worshipped. Then Madhyam Dhupa was offered.

PANDU NRUSINGHA BIJE NITI :

On Dt. 25.12.23 (Monday), the day of Margashir Purnima, after Madhya Dhupa Pandu Nrusingha Thakur from Dakshinighar was brought to the



Ratnasinghasan by Mahajan Sebakas. On receiving Agyanmala Pandu Nrusingha in a Biman (Dola) made visits to four Ashramas (Hermitages) & returned to the temple. ●

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PERPARATIONS FOR INAUGURATION OF SHREE MANDIRA PARIKRAMA PROJECT



VISITS OF DIGNITARIES & OHTER ACTIVITIES



On Dt. 1.12.2023 S.J. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator, SJTA, & top officials at the 5th Odisha State Book Fair at the Exhibition Ground, BBSR



On Dt. 3.12.2023 S.J. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator, SJTA & S.J. N. Kalaiselvi, D.G.C.S.I.R with others at the Harishankar Temple campus near Shree Gundicha Bhakta Niwas on the occasion of a dedicated floral Garden.



On Dt. 3.12.2023 S.J. Jitendra Kumar Sahoo, Administrator (Niti) felicitating the P.N.B. Officials for their donation of a Battery-Auto to the SJTA.



On Dt. 4.12.2023 S.J. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator & S.J. Samarth Verma, Collector-cum-Dy. Administrator, SJTA, inspecting preparations for inauguration of Shree Mandira Parikrama Project.



On Dt. 11.12.2023 the meeting of Chhatisa Nijoga being chaired by S.J. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator of SJTA at the Office Headquarters



On Dt. 12.12.2023 the meeting 'Swadhyaya Prakashan Mandali' under Shree Jagannatha Tattwa, Gabesana, Prakashan & Prasar Upasamiti' being chaired by S.J. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator of SJTA at the Office Headquarters

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On Dt. 19.12.2023 the meeting of 'Digitall Electronics Mandali' under Shree Jagannatha Tattwa, Gabesana' Prakashan & Prasar Upasamiti' being chaired by Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator of SJTA at the Office Headquarters.



On Dt. 19.12.2023 Sj. Chirag Chinubhai Patel from Gujarat donating 'two pieces of Subarna-Tilak' for Mahaprabhu to Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das Chief Administrator of SJTA in presence of Pattajoshi Mahapatra.



On Dt. 21.12.2023, the meeting of 'Ayitihya Sthapan Sanjoyana Mandali' under Shree Jagannatha Tattwa Gabesana Prakashan & Prasar Upasamiti under the Chairmanship of Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator of SJTA at the Office Headquarters



On Dt. 21.12.2023 Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator of SJTA & Members of the SJTMC & Sebakas on the occasion of inviting Mahaprabhu for celebration of Shree Mandira Parikrama Marg Lokarpana



On Dt. 23.12.2023 the Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator of SJTA & members of the SJTMC holding a courtesy meeting at Ujjayini (M.P) with Hon'ble Gobarddhan Pithadhisha Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati on the context of Puja and Lokarpana of Shree Mandira Parikrama Project.

Work to install AC sheds for devotees commences

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Puri

THE Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) on Wednesday initiated work to install air-conditioned (AC) sheds for devotees waiting in queues within the barricades to enter Srimandir.

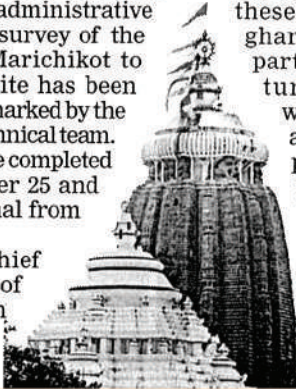
Puri sub-collector Bhabataran Sahu said sun sheds having 84 metre length and 12 metre wide will be installed over the barricades from Marichikot to temple office site has been conducted and marked by the personnel of technical team. The sheds will be completed before December 25 and made operational from January 1.

Last week, chief administrator of SJTA Ranjan Kumar Das had in-

formed that sun sheds will be erected over the barricades to protect devotees from the scorching heat. A number of standing ACs will be installed on both sides of the barricades.

On the day, the district administration performed Bhumi Puja in a dozen of Jaga Gharas (traditional schools of martial arts) in Puri town.

All 35 Jaga Gharas are being developed by the Sports department. Under the project, necessary infrastructure including multipurpose gyms will be set up in most of these schools. The Jaga gharas are an integral part of the temple culture. These schools were established around Srimandir to provide training to youths, particularly from the servitor community. Wrestling, body building, sword fighting and other martial arts are taught in these schools.



The New Indian Express- Dt. 7.12.23

Mahaprasad sale in Srimandir to be streamlined

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhubaneswar

AHEAD of the New Year, Ananda Bazaar in Srimandir will be beautified and sale of Mahaprasad streamlined. Only authorised servitors of the Shree Jagannath temple will be allowed to sell Mahaprasad at the Ananda Bazaar and rate of the food items would be finalised soon.

This was informed by head of the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Ranjan Das following the Chhatisha Nijog meeting at Puri on Monday.

He said to begin with, the polythene shades being used in Ananda Bazaar will be removed and replaced with tensile fabric structure. This is a part of the temple beautification project ahead of the inauguration of Srimandir Heritage Corridor project. Use of polythene in the temple has been banned.

Only Supakars (which includes Panda, Khuntia, Suara Mahasuara, Mahapatra and other servitor clans) who have been provided land in the Ananda Bazaar will be allowed to sell Mahaprasad in it.

"Besides, from today, servitors selling Mahaprasad at Koili Baikuntha and other Bedhas are being prohibited in doing so. No one will be allowed to sell Mahaprasad anywhere else on the temple premises other than the Ananda Ba-



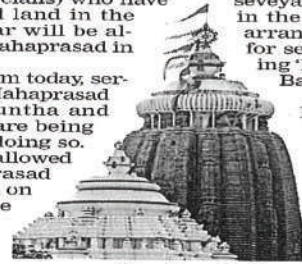
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Ranjan Das, SJTA chief administrator

zaar," Das said. This apart, it was decided that a place will be designated in the Ananda Bazaar where people can sit down and eat Mahaprasad.

Another spot will be earmarked where Palia sevayats can sell 'bhoga' for a few hours after the Sakala Dhupa and other morning rituals of the Trinity. On Tuesday, a team of SJTA officials along with Suara Mahasuara Nijog members will select the spots where Palia sevayats can sell the 'prasad' in the morning. A similar arrangement will be made for servitors who are selling 'Khaja' in the Ananda Bazaar.

Currently, Ananda Bazaar has close to 120 shops - 70 shops selling Mahaprasad and nearly 50 outlets selling 'Khaja'. During off-season, the number of these shops comes down between 50 and 30.



The New Indian Express- Dt. 12.12.23

COUNTDOWN BEGINS

Invites sent out for Srimandir heritage corridor inauguration

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Puri

AHEAD of inauguration of the Srimandir Parikrama corridor on January 17, 2024, preliminary work commenced on Thursday.

In a ceremonial procession, temple chief administrator Ranjan Kumar Das, accompanied by members of the Temple Managing Committee, district collector Samarth Verma and servitors, went to Srimandir to invite Lord Jagannath and his siblings for the momentous occasion.

After inviting the Trinity, the team also solicited presence of other deities established in small temples inside the Srimandir premise. A team would also go to Ujjain (MP) on Friday to invite Swami Neeschalanda Saraswati, the Sankaracharya of Puri Gobardhan Peeth who has been camping there.

On the day, Verma in a meeting of all concerned and members of servitor body approved the list of invitees for the ceremony. The meeting constituted 31 teams who will meet the VIPs and invite them for the inauguration. While 14 teams will distribute invitation cards within the state, 17 will go to

different parts of the country to invite the dignitaries, religious heads of various temples and shrines, mutts and important religious institutions.

A special team will visit Nepal to invite the king who is ceremonially connected with Sri Jagannath temple. On December 26, a team of priests will go to Bhubaneswar and invite Lord Lingaraj for the occasion. Soon a team will ceremonially invite the king Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb.

The MC members, Chhatisha Nijog members, senior servitors besides temple officials participated in the meeting.

The process for inauguration will begin from January 12 with initiation of primary work for the three-day yajna which will begin from January 15 and conclude with offering of 'Purna Ahuti' by the Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb on January 17. Thereafter, the chief minister will dedicate the Parikrama corridor to devotees.

On the day, Gajapati held a meeting of Sortiya Brahmins to finalise the process and timings of the Yajna.



The New Indian Express- Dt. 22.12.23

Teams out with invites to Puri heritage corridor opening

Bhubaneswar: Amid the

euphoria of Jai Jagannath chants and traditional music, 30 teams of servitors and functionaries of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) on Tuesday left Puri with invitations to major temples in the state and outside for the inauguration of the ambitious Jagannath Parikrama project on January 17.

While SJTA plans to invite committees of at least 1,000 shrines in the country, the delegations would physically visit about 260 temples and hand over the invitation cards to the heads of the temple committees and trust boards.

While 13 teams will move in the state's 30 districts, 17 teams have started their journey via flights to other states.

According to SJTA's chief administrator Ranjan Das, the delegations who have been sent outside the state would invite major temples in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Nasik, Ahmedabad, Madurai, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Trivandrum, Indore, Varanasi, Dehradun, Ranchi and Kathmandu (Nepal).

A team visited Lingaraj Temple here and invited the deity. The delegation was given a red carpet welcome by priests at Lingaraj temple. Later, the delegation met chief minister Naveen Patnaik at his residence and handed over the invitation. The invitation kit carried a schedule



A delegation presents the invite to chief minister Naveen Patnaik at his residence in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday

of the inauguration, a betel, handful of rice grains and a piece of the holy flag of the temple.

"The Parikrama project's success goes to the servitors and residents of Puri. It is your project. The government will provide all support for the project," a statement from the chief minister's office said.

Bureaucrat-turned-BJD leader V K Pandian, who has been monitoring the progress of Naveen's dream project, said transformation around the Jagannath Temple could take place due to the sacrifices of servitors and locals of Puri.

The Parikrama project is a 75-metre corridor around the 12th century shrine, providing expansive, unobstructed corridors around the Meghanada Facheri (boundary wall of the temple) to give an opportunity to de-

votees to have a visual connect with the temple. Terraced landscapes, Parikrama pathway, gardens with local varieties of trees and shrubs used in Jagannath culture, greenery on both sides of pathway, cloakrooms, drinking water fountains, toilets and information-cum-donation kiosks have been set up in the 75-metre zone.

Sources said in the second phase, a grand reception centre with a queue management facility with capacity of 6,000 persons, along with security checking (baggage screening) facility will be built at least 100 metres from the temple.

The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010, prohibits any kind of new construction within 100 metres of a temple.

The Times of India- Dt. 27.12.23

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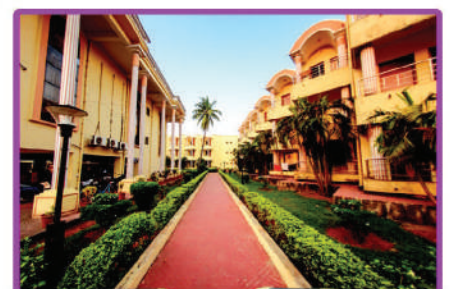
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