



## Shree Mandira Samachar

### SHREE JAGANNATHA TEMPLE BULLETIN

FEBRUARY-2024

## CHACHERI BESH OF DEITIES IN SHREE MANDIRA

The term 'Chacheri' is derived from the sanskrit word 'Churcharee'. Churcharee means celebration. In Hindi literature 'Chachar' & 'Chacheri' are found meaning thereby typical songs sung during Holi. In other meaning it implies plays, games and other merry-making activities. These are parts of 'Basantasochhab' or 'Doloschhaba'. Gobinda is the sinequa-non of the month of Phalguna.

The Lord is named as Dolagobinda owing to His importance attached to Dolochhaba.

For the purpose of 'Phaliguschhaba', the deities on the sanctum sanctorum are attired with red clothes, golden ornaments and special bhoga offered & Phagu-Khela' played.

Chacheri Besha is performed for a span of five days beginning from phalguna Shukla-Nabami till the Chaturdashi. After Madhyan-Duhpa arrangements are made for the Chacheri Besha. In this Besha the deities are attired with 'Boirani' and red 'Madhabali' clothings and adorned with six sets of golden ornaments such as- four numbers of Subarna Kundala and two numbers of Tadagi. Then Shridebi & Bhudebi' rush to Dakshinighar and alongwith Dolagobinda are performed Chacheri Besha. Bahardeuli Bhoga is offered to them.



Then all the trio are placed on the Ratna Singhasan. Mudirasth makes prasadlagi. Chacheri Bhoga comprising Sana-Arisha, Bada-Arisha, Dhaula, Marichiladu, Gheenadi, Khiri are offered. After Chacheri Bhoga Ghanta-Chhata Sarbanga is made to the trio. Only Jagannatha Mahaprabhu is offered with Sindur (Vermillion), Chandan (Sandal-Paste), Jhimiri-Phagu, Prasad and worshipping and Karpura alati

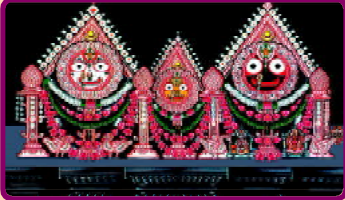
made. Mudirasta, Pujapanda & Patimahapatra perform their repective rituals. After receiving Agnyamala' Dolagobind, Bhudebi & Shreedebi are brought to Jaya-Bijaya dwar by Pushpalaka. Prasadlagi, Karpura Alati & durbakshata niti are performed there. Then the trio in a biman hurry-up to Jagannatha Ballabha. Bhoga and Jaudaba Niti are performed. Return journey takes place. Shreedebi & Bhudebi are placed at the Ratnasinghasan & Dolagobinda at Dakshinighar. Then typical chacheribesha & bhoga niti are carried out for five days long.

On the day of Chaturdashi abir, pichkari and jhimiriphagu (Phagu mixed with sandal powder) are offered to the three deities. Amid Cheers holi-uschhaba is performed. The process is termed as Chacherileela of the Spring (Basanta). ●

## RITUALS AND FESTIVALS DURING FEBRUARY

### PADMA BESHA OF DEITIES :

On Dt. 10.2.24 (Saturday), 'Padma-Besha' (Lotus-Setting) was performed to the deities after Sandhya-Dhupa with the materials furnished by Badachhata Math. In Bada-Singhar Kshiri (a special pudding namely 'Padma-Kshiri) was offered



and the deities returned to slumber. Next morning the devotees had a darshan of the unforgotten Padma-Besha. It is a matter of pleasure that one devotee namely Sj. Chintamani Dash has been arranging padma-phula for the last few years on the consent of the temple Administration.

### BASANTA PANCHAMI AND RATH-KATHA ANUKULA PUJA :

On Dt. 14.2.2024 (Wednesday) Basanta Panchami niti was performed in a special manner. After Madhyan Dhupa, Sarbanga Chandan Lagi was done by Pujapanda, Patimahapatra & Mudirastha Sebakas. Shree Debi & Bhudebi appeared at the Dakashinighar. On completion of Bhitara (inner) Chacheri Besha and the duo return-



ing to Ratna Singhasan Mudirastha made Prasadlagi. After worshipping Mudirastha performed Rajaniti. Then the Biman with Bhudebi & Shreedebi being seated alongwith Madan Mohan aimed at Jagannath Ballabha in Ghanta-Chhata-Kahali procession. The God and Goddesses were then seated on the Jagati (mound) & played Phagu-Khela. Alata-Chamar & worshipping completed. Later the deities were taken to the bank of Benta-

Pokhari for carrying out 'Benta-Bindha niti' (Leela of hunting). Return journey took place. After 'Sandhya-Dhupa' 'Panji-Puja niti' was performed in front of Maa Saraswati & other related rituals were completed by Deulakaran Sebaks.

Traditionally 'Ratha-Katha Anukula Puja' was performed in evening in front of the Shree Mandira Office.

### BHAUMEE EKADASHI IN THE TEMPLE :

On Dt. 20.2.24 (Tuesday), the day of Magha Shukla Ekadashi special rituals were performed. After 'Bhogamandap' panchamruta Mahasnan was carried out. Sarbanga Chandan Lagi niti was performed with the Chandan (Sandal- Paste) brought from the house of Ghatuari Sebakas by Pujapanda, Pati Mohapatra & Mudirastha. Besha was performed with Mala-phula lagi and six sets of ornaments. On Madhyan Dhupa Chheka (Sets of Mahaprasad Kudua being filled in) being piled up Mudirastha made Prasad Lagi. Then three palia Pujapandas completed Madhyan-Dhupa niti in Shodashaupachara (Sixteen limbs of Pujabiddhi). Deities worshipped and other rituals followed.

### GAJODDHARAN BESHA :

On Dt. 24.2.24 (Saturday), the day of Magha Purnami, on completion of Madhyandhupa rituals three numbers of 'Rupa Pingana' (Silver pot) filled with Chandan-Paste were brought from



Bhandardwara to Ratnasinghasan. Sarbanga Chandan Lagi rituals were done at the Badabada by Taluchha, Bhitarchha at Maha Prabhu and Palia Puspalaka Sebakas at 'Majhibada'. Bhudebi & Shreedebi appeared at Khata-Sheja at Dakshinighar. 'Gajoddharan Besha' was performed on the three badas (deities) & Karupar lagi done. Then Bhudebi & Shreedebi returned to their seats near Mahaprabhu. Sandhya Alati & Sandhyadhupa niti were done & Mahasnan made. ●

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# SHREEMANDIRA PARIKRAMA PRAKALPA



## VISITS OF DIGNITARIES & OHTER ACTIVITIES



On Dt. 30.1.2024 S. Pinak Mishra Superintendent of Police, Puri (Newly joined) returns from the temple having a darshan of the Lords.



On Dt. 1.2.2024 S. Biswamihar Prasad Shrestha Hon'ble Chief Justice, Nepal High Court, alongwith family had a darshan of the Deities accompanied by S. Jitendra Narayan Mohanty, PRO.



On Dt. 7.2.2024 The first 'Panjika Samanwaya' meeting chaired by S. Jitendra Kumar Sahoo, Administrator (Niti) at the Office Head Quarters.



On Dt. 8.2.2024 S. Chakradhari Sharan Singh, Hon'ble Chief Justice, Odisha High Court, had a darshan of the Deities flanked by S. Bijaya Kumar Das, Collector-Cum Dy. Chief Administrator of SJTA, S. Pinak Mishra, S.P., Puri, S. Pradip Ku. Sahu, Administrator (Dev.) is seen handing over a Photo of Mahaprabhu.



On Dt. 9.2.2024 The first lot of logs from Dashapalla of Nayagarh district loaded in a truck with Asan & Dhaura type, 102 in toto, arriving at Ratha-Khala for ensuing Ratha-Yatra.



On Dt. 12.2.2023 The final 'Panjika Samanwaya' meeting for 2024-25 being chaired by S. Jitendra Kumar Sahoo, Administrator (Niti) at the Office Head Quarters.

## VISITS OF DIGNITARIES & OHTER ACTIVITIES



On Dt. 14.2.2024 Sj. Ashwini Baishnab Minister, Railways, Information & Technology, Electronics & Communication, returns from the temple having a darshan of the Lords.



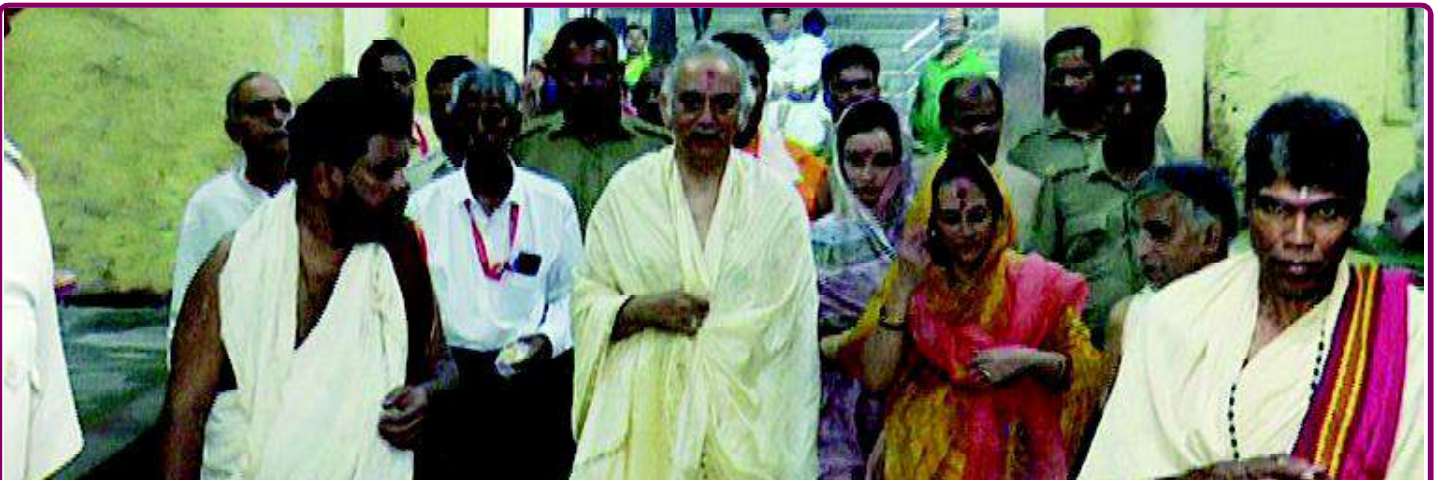
On Dt. 16.2.2024 Sj. Nalu Indrasen Reddy, Hon'ble Governor Tripura alongwith family, had a darshan of the Lords flanked by Sj. Gopinath Mishra, Asst. Administrator & Sj. Jitendra Narayan Mohanty, PRO.



On Dt. 17.2.2024 Sj. Dharmendra Sharma, Dy. Chief Election Commissioner of India, returns from the temple having a darshan of the Lords flanked by Sj. Pinak Mishra, SP, Puri & Sj. Jitendra Narayan Mohanty, PRO.



On Dt. 20.2.2024 The meeting of 'Chhatisha Nijog' chaired by Sj. Samartha Barma, Chief Administrator SJTA at 'Neeladri Bhakta Niwas'.



On Dt. 23.2.2024 Gajapati Maharaja Shree Shree Dibyasingha Deb, chairman of the SJTA, alongwith family had a darshan of Mahaprabhu accompanied by Sj. Jitendra Kurmar Sahoo, Administrator (Niti).

# Koraput Kalajeera rice sent to Puri Jagannath temple

**JEYPORE:** Farmers from the district on Thursday sent a quintal of Koraput Kalajeera rice to Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri for 'bhog' after the variety received GI tag.

Members of Jaivik Sri farmers producer company sent their produce to the temple after receiving the important tag for the rice. Sources said, they will continue sending the organic rice for the temple after discussion with the temple management. They sent the rice after performing rituals at Koraput's Jagannath temple on the day.

The New Indian Express- Dt. 3.2.24

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## Anasar ritual in Srimandir to be 13-day affair this year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Puri

ADDRESSING concerns raised by devotees amidst confusion surrounding festival observances due to discrepancies among various almanacs, the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) convened a meeting involving all almanac publishing houses and astronomers from the state, including those from the Srimandir on Monday.

The meeting aimed to rectify anomalies and streamline festival observances for the benefit of devotees.

The meeting reached a consensus that the annual Anasar ritual of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, and Devi Subhadra in Puri will span 13 days instead of the usual 15 this year, in accordance with the almanac. Even key rituals such as Ubha Yatra and Netra Utsav will proceed concurrently.

The deities will adorn new youthful attire and priests will perform all necessary rituals, but public darshan will not be permitted. Pana Sankranti,

marking the birth anniversary of Hanuman, will be observed on April 14, within the precincts of the Srimandir. Similarly, Panchuka, the final five days of the Kartik Brat, has been reduced to four days. Consequently, the ceremonial Laxmi-Nrusingh Vesha, typically observed on the fifth day of the Panchuka, has been omitted. During these five days, the Trinity usually adorned five distinct veshas. Records from the Srimandir indicate similar celestial alignments occurred in 1959-60 and 1971-72. In response, the SJTA has opted to replicate the procedures followed during those periods for the observance of rites and rituals.

Prafulla Mishra, secretary of Muktimandap Pandit Sabha; Nilamadhab Dash, astronomer; MK Bisi, publisher of the astrological journal Bhagyalipi, Jagannath Rathsharma, editor of GN Tripathy publication, Dolagobind Panda, panjikar of Samant Chandrashekhhar Panjika and Baikunthnath Nayak, a noted astronomer participated in the meeting.

The New Indian Express- Dt. 13.2.24

## HC adjourns hearing on treasury inventory

**Cuttack:** The Orissa high court on Friday adjourned to after four weeks the hearing on senior BJP leader Samir Mohanty's fresh petition seeking intervention for implementation of the court's direction regarding formation of a high-level committee to supervise inventory of the ornaments,

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jewelleries and other valuables stored in the Ratna Bhandar (treasury) of the Jagannath Temple in Puri.

The two-judge bench of Chief Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh and Justice Savitri Ratho deferred hearing on Mohanty's fresh plea after advocate general Ashok Kumar Parija assu-

red on behalf of the state govt that a committee with a retired judge of high court or supreme court will be constituted within four weeks.

Senior advocate Pitambar Acharya made submissions on Mohanty's behalf. Senior advocate Buddhadev Routray appearing for Shree Jagannath Temple Managing Committee (SJTMC) submitted a letter indicating that the SJTMC had approached the state govt on February 12, 2024 to constitute a high-level committee as per the high court's direction.

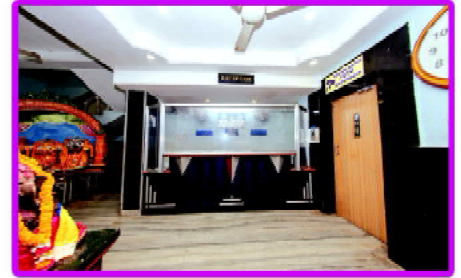
Earlier, Mohanty had filed a PIL that had raised two important issues - safety of the Ratna Bhandar and transparency with respect to valuable articles stored in it.

The Time's of India- Dt. 17.2.24

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