



## Shree Mandira Samachar

### SHREE JAGANNATHA TEMPLE BULLETIN

OCTOBER-2023

## IMPORTANCE OF THE MONTH OF KARTIKA IN SHREE MANDIRA

The month of Kartika which bears a stamp of sanctity is of utmost significance amongst rituals of Lord Jagannath.

Generally the Lords retire to slumber on the day of Asadha Shukla-Ekadasi for a span of four months (Chaturmasya) and awake on the day of Kartika Shukla Ekadasi.

This year 'Kartika' starts on dt. 25.10.23 & closes on dt. 27.11.23 Monday. The S.J.T.A leaves no stone unturned in caring the pilgrims as well as maintaining discipline in the Temple. 'Shree Jagannatha Brata' is observed in 'Shrikshetra' in this month. The 'Bratis' (devotees) worship the Lord to cross over the ocean of sins.

First Lord Shiva observed this Brata on the command of Mahaprabhu and then 'Swayambhuba Manu' & saint 'Agasti' followed it on the advice of Lord Shiva as depicted in the pages of the 'Skanda Purana'.

The 'Brata' comprises of five principles as under .

1. Karmakandi Bidhi- Such as Ahuti (Offerings in yajna), Agnipuja (worship of Lord of Fire) & invoking of Japa. (Chanting)

2. Daihik Shuddha Bidhi- Such as intake of satwik (Pure) food and Trisandhya (evening rituals).

3. Manasik Bidhi- Such as Donation, avoidance of lies and harm to others.

4. Gyanemargik Bidhi- Such as going through the Debasar Purusasukta, Agneya and Baishnab Sukta, the Upanishads, the Gita & the Bishnu Sahasranama.

5. Bhakti Bidhi- Such as worshipping, Singing, oblation, mass singing (Kirtan).

The Brati is ought to pay special attention to the Bramhins & the Baisnabs. As such there is a conglomeration of Bramhan and Baishnab ideologies in Jagannath Culture. The Chaturmasya Brata beginning from Asadha culminates in Kartika. Even if any aspirant is unable to follow the Brata, it is

advisable to observe the 'Baka-Panchaka-Brata' held during the last five days of the Kartika.

The Jews are also adorned with a variety of Beshas (attire). All over the month except the last five days, Radha Damodar Besha is being performed to the Lords.

Harihara Besha : On every monday between Kartika Amabasya (Deepabali) to Karika Shukla Dashami. From Kartika Shukla Ekadasi to Prunima, Laxminarayana, Bankachuda, Tribikram, Laxminrusingha & Rajadhiraj Beshas (Golden attire or Suna Besha) are performed in order.

According to the depiction in the 'Bamadeb Samhita', the Radha Damodar Besha & a special offering namely 'Balabhoga' is in vogue in commemoration of a past miracle. In the pages of the 'Neeladri Niwas' Jagannath Das says that Radha Damodar Besh is an epitome of the union of Prakruti & Purusa.

On the day of Kartika Shukla Dwadashi the Garuda Utthapan Niti (Awaking from Slumber) is performed. On Kartika Purnima oblation in shape of 'Deepadana', which brings deliverance to the devotees, is performed. ●



## RITUALS AND FESTIVALS DURING SEPTEMBER

### GARBHANA SANKRANTI IN SHREE MANDIR :

On Dt. 18.10.23 (Wednesday) Special rituals were performed in the context of Garbhana Sankranti. On completion of regular rites, the deities were adorned with Six Sets of gold ornaments. During Madhyan-Dhupa rites Pujapanda offered one bowl of 'Oria Anna' at eight different places in the temple. It is called 'Bali'. On completion of Madhyan Dhupa oblation was made by Pujapanda, Pati Mahapatra & Mudirasta Sevakas.

### DASHAHARA IN THE TEMPLE :

On Dt. 24.10.23 (Tuesday) Dashahara niti was performed. On completion of daily rites the deities were dressed with new attires and thirtytwo sets of ornaments. Then the puspalka sevakas descended from the sanctum sanctorum (Ratna Singhasan) with five numbers of garlands as a command of the Lord (Agynamala). After Gopal Ballabha (Breakfast) & Sakala Dhupa the Pujapanda got the Ayudhas washed placed in Puja in front of the Bhandar-Ghar (Store room for ornaments), & then completed Baruna Puja. The Ayudhas placed on a silver plate were taken in a procession thrice around the temple. Then the Hala Musala was offered to Lord Balabhadra., Tadagi to Debi Subhadra & Shankha-Chakra to Mahaprabhu. At the Dakshinighar Madanmohan & Ramakrushna were adorned with heroic attires. Then the duos accompanied with Durgamadhab entered into the Main Temple. After Mangalarpan performed by the respective Sevakas Pujapanda handed over the Agynamala (Floral command). Later on Ramakrushna was seated in a palanquin, Durgamadhab in a Chariot and Madanmohan in a 'Biman'. Then all of them headed to Jagannatha Ballava (Mahakhalapada). Special offerings were made by respective servitors. At last the deities rushed back to the Temple.

### RADHA-DAMODAR BESH & BALADHUPA IN SHREE MANDIR :

On Dt. 25.10.23 (Wednesday), the day of Ashwin Shukla Ekadashi, after regular rituals, the 'Radha Damodar Vasha' was performed to the deities. After Sakala-Dhupa (Prime lunch), the Pujapanda

Servitors offered 'Bala Dhupa Chhek' to the deities.

Then oblation was made by respective servitors such as Pujapanda, Patimahapatra & Mudirasta.



### KUMARPURNIMA & ASHRAM BIJE NITI OF SHREE SUDARSHAN MAHAPRABHU :

On Dt. 28.10.23 (Saturday) special rituals were made in the context of Ashwin Purnima. After Madhyan-Dhupa (Secondary Lunch) Laxmi & Saraswati were moved to Khata-Sheja Ghar (Bedroom) and Shree Sudarshan upon being commanded, was placed into a Chaudola by Daitapatis. Having been dressed Sudarshan was taken in a procession via Rajnagar and three Ashramas (Hermitages) to the Westerngate. Oblation was made there and then taken to Jagmohan. Upon being disbanded (Rundha fita) Sudarshan was placed at the Ratna Singhasan. On completion of Sandhya-Dhupa (Dinner) Madanmohan & Laxmi were seated in a Palanquin at Satapahacha. The duos were then taken to the 'Cot' at the Jagamohan of Laxmi-Temple. Thereon, Mahalaxmi represented by Bitarachha Mahapatra & Mahaprabhu by Mudirasta engaged in gambling with twenty one numbers of vermilion coated kaudis & the same numbers of Silver Kaudis and also played 'Sakata' game. Thereafter Madanmohan hurried to Dakshinighar & Mahalaxmi to her seat. Badasinghar (Retiring to Bed) niti was completed after Mailam (Change of attires) Chandanlagi and patanilagi (wearing of thin new attires). Fruit-Stuff was offered by Pujapanda. Then Pujapanda, Patimahapatra & Mudirasta engaged in gambling (Jua & Sakata) below the Sanctum Sanctorum and again on the floor of the Ratna Singhasan. Consequently, Madhab being defeated in the gambling was taken as a hostage into the custody of Mahalaxmi for a period of Seven days. ●

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## SOME IMPORTANT RITUALS DURING NOVEMBER-23

### RAMA EKADASHI :

On Dt. 9.11.23 (Thursday) Rama Ekadashi is performed with the service of twenty two categories of servitors. Upon receiving 'Agyanamala' Madanmohan goes round the temple in a palanquin & halts before Maa Sarbamangala. Following special rituals the 'Mahadeepa' borne by three 'Chunara' Servitors is lifted to the apex of the Shree Mandir to light on the 'Mahadeep' Chandraudya (a special fireworks) & there they pray for the wellbeing of the Gajapati Maharaja as well as the entire humanity.

### DEBA DEPALI IN SHREE MANDIRA :

On Dt. 13.11.23 (Monday)

### ANLANABAMI :

On Dt. 21.11.23 (Tuesday)

### HARI UTTHAPAN EKADASHI & LAXMINARAYAN VESHA :

On Dt. 23.11.23 (Thursday), the Bada Ekadashi or the Hari Utthapan Ekadashi is performed with

special rituals alongwith Laxmi-Narayan Vesha. The Significance of this day lies in the fact that Mahaprabhu awakes after four months in slumber. Mahadeep is lighted at the apex of the Temple.

### BAMAN / BANKACHUDA VESHA AND GARUDA UTTHAPAN :

On Dt. 24.11.23 (Friday) Kartika Shukla Dwadashi. Bankachuda Besha is held. Special rituals are performed for Garuda Utthapan. On this day Garuda, the flight carrier of Mahaprabhu, is made to awake from deep slumber for the last four months.

### DALIKIA / TRIBIKRAM VESHA :

On Dt. 25.11.23 (Saturday)

### LAXMINRUSHINGA VESHA :

On Dt. 26.11.23 (Sunday)

### KARTIKA PURUNIMA & RAJADHIRAJA VESHA :

On Dt. 27.11.23 (Monday) Rajadhiraj or Suna Vesh is performed to the Lords. Regular rituals starting from Rosa-homo to Bhogamandap are done after Besh. After Bhogamandap the 'Vesha' is taken away. ●

## SPECIAL BESHAS DURING PANCHUKA IN THE MONTH OF KARTIKA



Laxminarayan Besha Dt. 23.11.23 (Thursday)



Bankachuda Besha Dt. 24.11.23 (Friday)



Dalikia / Tribikram Besha Dt. 25.11.23 (Saturday)



Laxminrusingha Besha Dt. 26.11.23 (Sunday)



Rajadhiraj (Suna Besha) Dt. 27.11.23 (Monday)



## VISITS OF DIGNITARIES & OHTER ACTIVITIES



On the occasion of Sahasrakumbhabhiseka Gajapati Maharaja alongwith Bramhins at Shree Nahar on Dt. 6.10.23



The Niti Sub-Committee Meeting chaired by Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator S.J.T.A. at the office Headquarters on Dt. 9.10.23.



Visit of Shree Durga-Madhab to Maa Narayane Temple at Dolamandap Sahi on Dt. 14.10.23 in the context of 'Sholapuja'.



Shree Narayan's Sagar Bije Niti (Visit to Father-In-Law-Mahodadhi) on the New-moon day Dt. 14.10.23



The 'Chhatisha Nijog' Meeting being chaired by Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator, S.J.T.A. at Neeladri Bhakta Niwas on Dt. 16.10.23

## VISITS OF DIGNITARIES & OHTER ACTIVITIES



Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator, S.J.T.A. inaugurating the '1st edition of 'Shree Mandira Samachar' (English) published by the S.J.T.A. at the office Headquarters on Dt. 17.10.23



Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator, S.J.T.A. at the Shree Hospital BBSR to meet the ailing Badu Suar Sevak on Dt. 21.10.23.



Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha had a darshan of the Lords accompanied by S.J.T.A. PRO Sj. J.N. Mohanty on Dt. 23.10.23.



Dashahara Niti being performed with Prabhu Rama-Krushna, Madanmohan & Durgamadhab at Shree Jagannatha Ballabh Math on Dt. 24.10.23



Shree Sudarsahan Mahaprabhu's Ashram Bije' being performed on Dt. 28.10.23 on the eve of Kumara Purnima.



Sj. Raghubar Das, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, had a darshan of the Lords on Dt. 30.10.23 accompanied by Sj. Ranjan Kumar Das, Chief Administrator, S.J.T.A.

# Puri temple to bar 'indecently clad' devotees from next year

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**Bhubaneswar:** Men and women in ripped jeans, sleeveless t-shirts and in anything that looks indecent will not be allowed to enter the Jagannath Temple in Puri from January 1, 2024, the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) said on Monday.

The SJTA said it is urging devotees to maintain utmost decency in their attires, while offering prayers to the deities.

"Though we have not introduced any dress code, we want devotees to wear very decent and unobjectionable clothes in the place of worship. Temple is neither a park nor a beach. From January 1, we plan to stop devotees who are found wearing distasteful



The Jagannath Temple in Puri

clothes," said SJTA's chief administrator Ranjan Kumar Das after convening a meeting with other officials and servants on Monday. Das said devotees are often spotted wearing fashionable attires, including ripped jeans, short pants and sleeveless outfits, on the shrine premises. He said such outfits are not just visually insulting but are also a mark of dis-

respect to the holy place.

"We will not be strict for minors up to 12 years. All above 12 years should wear decent clothes covering their bodies completely. Initially, we will raise awareness among devotees through media and public address systems," Das said. He said that the broader objective is to promote an ambience of spirituality and devotion in the religious abode.

Welcoming the move, the devotees said the temple administration should provide adequate changing rooms around the shrine for them. "Planning a proper and decent dress code for devotees is praiseworthy. It will be convenient only for locals and tourists staying in hotels," said Sangita Mishra, a devotee from Bhubaneswar.

The Time's of India- Dt. 10.10.23

# Darpadalan chariot wheel at Kalahandi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bhawanipatna

THE wheel of the Darpadalan chariot of Devi Subhadra made its way to the Kalahandi University campus from Puri on Thursday.

The wheel's arrival was celebrated with a grand procession, featuring Kirtan and Ghumura, and marked by the performance of homa and other rituals, before it was reverently placed in its designated location. The event drew not only students and university staff but also members of the public from various walks of life, all gathering to witness the significant arrival.

Vice-chancellor Sanjaya Satpathy emphasized the historical and spiritual significance of Kalahandi as a 'Shaktipitha'. The region is renowned as the abode of the oldest form of Shakti upasana, with Stambeswari, Dokri, and Manikeswari being the main deities. Furthermore, Jugsaipatna is distinguished as the Subhadra pitha.

The Darpadalan chariot wheel, in this context, is regarded as a powerful symbol of progress and development, the VC stated, adding, it would serve as a source of strength and motivation for students, inspiring them to advance in both their academic and social lives.



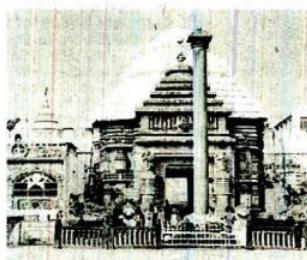
The New Indian Express Dt. 13.10.23

# SJTA ASKS HOTELS AND SERVITORS TO GIVE ATTIRE LESSONS TO VISITORS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bhubaneswar

TWO days after coming up with a 'decent attire' norm, the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) on Thursday wrote to the servitor nijogs of Srimandir and Hotel and Restaurant Association of Puri to create awareness among visitors about its advisory for devotees on wearing decent clothes while visiting the 12th century shrine.

Although the temple administration has not prescribed any particular dress code, it has called for pant-shirts, kurta-pyjama, dhoti for men and sarees, salwar kameez for women devotees. In the niti sub-committee meeting of the SJTA, it was de-



ecided to implement a decent attire norm for devotees coming to the temple from January 1. Till then, an awareness drive will be conducted on the issue among devotees.

Temple chief administrator Ranjan Das in his letter to the servitors and hotels and restau-

rants' owners in the pilgrim city, said people coming to the temple in shorts, transparent and revealing clothes, ragged/torn jeans and other inappropriate costumes should be asked to discontinue wearing such clothes if they plan to visit the temple.

"Although no particular dresses have been prescribed by the temple administration, we leave it to the devotees to wear decent and appropriate dresses like pant, shirt, chudidar-pyjama and dhoti etc., in case of men and saree, salwar kameez etc., in case of women," he wrote.

As devotees reside in hotels, lodges and guest houses which are the originating points before coming to the temple, the SJTA chief asked owners of the facilities to educate their staff, tourist

guides and Yatri Pandas about the dress advisory. They would then spread awareness among the visitors. Similarly, Das asked the temple servitors to tell devotees about the new rule.

"These awareness campaigns will continue till the end of this year and from January 1, the temple administration will take stringent measures at all the four gates of Srimandir to ensure implementation of the dress advisory in letter and spirit," Das wrote.

It may be noted that with several shrines across the country having a dress code for devotees, Jagannath culture scholars, researchers and the priests had been demanding the introduction of the same in the Puri temple.

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