

Jagannath Temple

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Jagannath Temple Latest News

The president, who is on a six-day tour to Odisha and Chhattisgarh, offered prayers at the Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri recently.

About Jagannath Temple

- It is a **Hindu temple** located in **Puri, Odisha**.
- It is dedicated to **Lord Jagannath**, a **form of the Hindu deity Vishnu**.
- It is believed to have been **built during** the reign of **King Anantavarman Chodaganga Deva**, of the **Eastern Ganga dynasty**, in the **12th century**.
- However, the **completion** of the temple happened in **1230 AD** under **Anangbheema Deva III**, who also installed the deities in the shrine.
- **Ratha Yatra** is a Hindu festival associated with Lord Jagannath temple.
- It is also **one of the four sacred pilgrimage sites**, known as the **Chaar Dhaams**, that hold great significance for Hindus.

Jagannath Temple Architecture

- It is a striking example of **Kalinga architecture**, a distinct style **prevalent in the Odisha region**.
- The entire temple complex is **enclosed within two concentric walls**.
- The temple complex includes shrines, gardens, and sacred tanks, creating a serene atmosphere for devotion.
- The **main temple** is located **at the center of the inner courtyard on a raised platform**.
- It is constructed in such a way that **no shadow of the temple falls on the ground at any time of the day**.
- **At the pinnacle** of the temple, there is a **20-foot-high chakra (wheel)** that is positioned in a way to be visible from any part of the city.
- Unlike other temples of the region, the **carvings** on the temples are **predominantly of gods and goddesses**.

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