

# Snana Yatra



Snana Yatra is a bathing festival celebrated on Purnima (full moon day) of the Hindu month of Jyeshtha.<sup>[1]</sup> It is an important festival for the Jagannath devotees. This is the first occasion in the year, as per the Hindu calendar, when the deities Jagannath, Balabhadra, Subhadra, Sudarshan, and Madanmohan are brought out from the Jagannath Temple (Puri) and taken in a procession to the Snana Bedi. There they are ceremonially bathed and decorated for a public audience with the devotees.



## Bathing

The Deity receives abhisheka (bath) from hundreds of pitchers of water brought from all the holy places. He takes such a long bath that he becomes sick. At that time Lakshmi-ji takes Him to Her palace and closes the door for fifteen days.



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