## **Rath Yatra**

Jagannath Puri, Odisha Is Famous For The Grand Rathyatra Festival. Annually A Huge Chariot Festival Is Carried By Millions Of People In Puri. The Chariot Holds The Lord Jagannath, Balbhadra, And Subhadra Idols. The Colorful Chariots Are Worshipped By The Priests And Pulled By People. The Idols Of Deities Are Placed On The Chariot. People Show Their Religious Devotion Towards The Chariot.

The Lord Jagannath's Chariot Remains To Stand Still Even After Several Efforts Of Pulling And Pushing. It Is Said That By The Will Of Lord The Chariot Starts Moving With The Celestial Force. Those Who Witnessed The Sight, They Said That It's True. Poda Pitha, A Popular Sweet Dish Of Odisha Is Prepared For The Deities. It Is Said That While Returning From The Gundicha Temple, People Feed The Idols Of Lords.

One Week Before The Rathyatra Festival The Main Door Of Puri Jagannath Temple Is Kept Shut. The Puri Jagannath Temple Is Among Few Temples Of India Where The Deities Are Taken Out For Public View During Festivals. The Chariots Are Decorated Every Year. It Is Observed That During The Rathyatra Festival The Seasonal Rainfall Occurs.

The Chariot Is Constructed By Approx 1400 Carpenters. The Carpenters Are Passing Their Art Throughout The Generation; The Same Families Of Carpenters Are Involved In The Construction Of Deities' Chariots. After The Rathyatra Fest, The King Of Puri Sweeps The Chariots With A Gold Broom. The Beauty Of The Rathyatra Fest Is Famous Worldwide. The Mahaprasad Is Cooked During The Fest.



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