

## Jagannath Festival and Sri Kshetra Parikrama 2006 Schedule

Date	Time	Event
5 <sup>th</sup> November		Kartika Purnima
7 <sup>th</sup> November		Arrival of devotees in Puri
8 <sup>th</sup> November		First day of festival
	4.30 am	Morning program
	9.00 am	Prasad
	10.00 am	<b>Parikrama - Places to Visit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haridas Thakur's Samadhi</li> <li>• Tota Gopinath</li> <li>• Jagadananda Pandit's house</li> <li>• Swarup Damodara's house</li> </ul>
	2.00 pm	Prasad
	4.00 pm	Jagannath katha
	7.00 pm	Gaura-katha
9 <sup>th</sup> November		
	4.30 am	Morning program
	9.00 am	Prasad
	10.00 am	<b>Parikrama - Places to Visit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Siddha Bakula</li> <li>• Gambhira</li> <li>• Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya's house</li> <li>• Sweta Ganga</li> </ul>
	2.00 pm	Prasad
	4.00 pm	Jagannath-katha
	7.00 pm	Gaura-katha
10 <sup>th</sup> November		<b>Sri Kshetra Parikrama</b> This is a parikrama around Nilacala dhama, which is altogether about an 18 kilometer walk. The parikrama will start early in the morning and end at about 2pm followed by ocean bath and Jagannatha Mahaprasad.



*Sri Siddha Bakula*



*Sri Gambhira*

Most of the time will be spent discussing Jagannatha-lila and the pastimes of Lord Gauranga in Puri. This will be a festival of hearing pastimes of the Lord, chanting, dancing, taking bath in the sacred ocean, and honoring prasad—simply blissful! Don't miss out!

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2nd Annual

# Sri Kshetra Parikrama 2006



**Organised by**  
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**Puri, Orissa, India**

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Dear Maharajas and Prabhus:

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

ISKCON has been organizing Navadvipa and Vrindavana dhama parikramas for many years, giving the opportunity to devotees from around the world to spend time visiting and glorifying these holy places. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu considered three places very dear: Navadvip dhama, Vrindavana dhama and Jagannatha Puri dhama. Jagannatha Puri was so dear to Him that He spent the final 18 years of His time on this planet there. Puri is the home of Lord Jagannath, the most worshipable Lord of the followers of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Thousands of devotees from all over the world visit Puri every year, despite the fact that Westerners are not allowed to enter the Jagannath temple. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's devotees are attracted to Lord Jagannath and therefore it is with extreme pleasure and spiritual enthusiasm that they visit Puri annually.

Even though so many devotees visit Puri, still not all of them have the opportunity to know the glories of Puri dhama and see all of the tirthas there due to lack of proper guidance.

Just as the scriptures recommend Vrindavana parikrama and Navadvipa parikrama, they also recommend participating in the special Puri parikrama known as Sri Kshetra parikrama. In the *Skanda Purana* it is mentioned that when Vidyapati went to Nilacala (Puri) dhama for the first time, after taking darshan of Nila Madhava (Lord Jagannath), he also engaged in parikrama of Nilacala dhama.

We find that great Vaisnavas state that this Sri Kshetra parikrama is very potent for our spiritual growth. It has been said that one will get the same result of observing Chaturmasya vrata, Kartik Vrata and Bhisma panchaka just by performing Sri Kshetra parikrama on a particular *tithi*.

Nowadays, this parikrama of Nilacala dhama is not very famous among the general public, but there are still some groups of Vaisnavas who perform this Sri Kshetra parikrama on a particular *tithi* (holy day). The *pancami-tithi* just after Kartika purnima is the day ascribed for Sri Kshetra parikrama. This year, in order to obtain the mercy of the previous acaryas and to facilitate the devotees, ISKCON Puri, with the support of some of the local leaders, has planned to hold a well-organized Jagannath festival and Sri Kshetra Parikrama.

As the date of the *pancami-tithi* falls just after Kartika purnima, it will be a good opportunity for devotees to visit Puri just after completing their Kartika visit to Vrindavana.



### Highlights

- Hearing Jagannath-katha and Gaura-katha from senior devotees, sannyasis and Prabhupada disciples
- Bathe in the ocean
- Jagannath Mahaprasad
- Visiting all the pastimes places of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu
- Separate parikramas for devotees of different languages (Hindi, English, Bengali and Oriya)
- Circumambulating Sri Kshetra, an 18 KM walk around Puri Dham
- A great festival of chanting, hearing, dancing and taking Jagannatha Mahaprasad
- No registration fee
- Free prasada
- Free accommodation

NB: Simple accommodation will be provided to all the devotees. If any one needs special rooms to be booked in a hotel, then please contact us in advance.

### All ISKCON devotees from worldwide are invited

#### How can you participate?

- By personally attending fully or partially in the festival and parikrama
- By taking up some service while you are here at Puri
- By giving some suggestions on how to improve this festival
- By donating generously for the festival through money or gifts
- By encouraging other devotees to participate in Sri Kshetra parikrama

#### Important information:

- General accommodation will be provided to all devotees free of cost. If any one needs special accommodation, then they can request hotel booking.  
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- Devotees must sign up in advance so that accommodation and other facilities can be arranged accordingly.
- Weather is normal at this time of the year. Not too hot or too cold.
- Transportation : You can come by train to Puri or by flight to Bhubaneswar and then come by car/bus to Puri. The distance from Bhubaneswar to Puri is about 50Km.

