The Austin Hindu Temple & Community Center

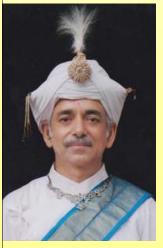
Cordially invite you, your family & friends to <u>"The Tradition of Lord Jagannatha"</u> - an interactive session with

Puri Gajapati Maharaja Shree Dibya Singha Deb on



Saturday, May 19th ~10:00 AM
At the AHT Temple Hall (MPRH)
Admission: Free

Donations Welcome



Shree Dibyasingha Deb, the current Gajapati of Puri, has taken upon himself the joy of spreading the Jagannath culture around the world, by speaking eloquently on the subject. Gajapati refers to the traditional kings of Utkal (historical Odisha). Even today, the Gajapati is a titular head and overseer of the religious operations of the Jagannath Temple at Puri. The Gajapati lineage humbly surrendered itself in the service of Lord Jagannath, considering the Lord to be the real ruler and the Gajapati to be His 'rauta' (server). At Ratha Yatra, the Gajapati is accorded an important role - of sweeping the chariot - to demonstrate the equality of all in front of the Lord.