



Austin Hindu Temple & Community Center Celebrates *Deva Snana Purnima* Saturday, June 26, 2021

Deva Snana Purnima, a ritual public bathing ceremony of Sri Jagannatha, is held annually on the full moon day of the month *Jyestha* of the Hindu calendar. After the ceremonial bath, the deities are decorated with a beautiful *vesha* (costume) known as *Gajanana* or *Hati* (elephant) *Vesha*. After *Snana Purnima*, the deities come down with fever from having spent so much time in the water. During this period, the deities rest in isolation (known as *anabasar*) in a place where visitors are not allowed. After about 15 days of rest, the *anabasar* ends as the deities recover. The deities feel ready to give blessings again with the special *Netrotsav* (eye-opening ceremony) or *Naba Jaubana darshan* (new youth spectacle). The next day, the deities get out of the temple in a chariot and make journey to the Gundicha temple to visit their maternal aunt for a week or so; this is the famous *Ratha Yatra* festival and the return journey home is the *Bahuda Yatra*.

Schedule:

04:00pm: *mangaLa arpaNa* (propitious offering)
dhADi pahanDi (procession of deities to *snAna manDapa*)
jaLAdhibAsa/ Kalasha Puja (gathering of holy water. *mandapa* (carried on head by ladies))
mangaLa Arati and *prAta upachAra puja* (morning puja)
snAna besa lAgI (change of clothes for bath)
darpaNi snAna (bath with mirrors)
hAti besa lAgI (deities dressed as elephants)
anya upachAra puja (continuation of puja)
goti pahandi (procession of deities to *aNasara mandapa*)
bandApanA ladies offer lighted lamp on *thAli* (with *teel*, *akshata*, flowers etc.)
sayana besha (change of clothes for *aNasara*)
~8:00pm: *pahaDa* (deities retire)



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Netra Utsava: Saturday, July 10, 2021 @6:30pm

Ratha Yatra: Sunday, July 11, 2021 @5:00pm

All in person attendees must wear face covering and follow AHT's Covid Safety/Health Guidelines.

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