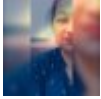


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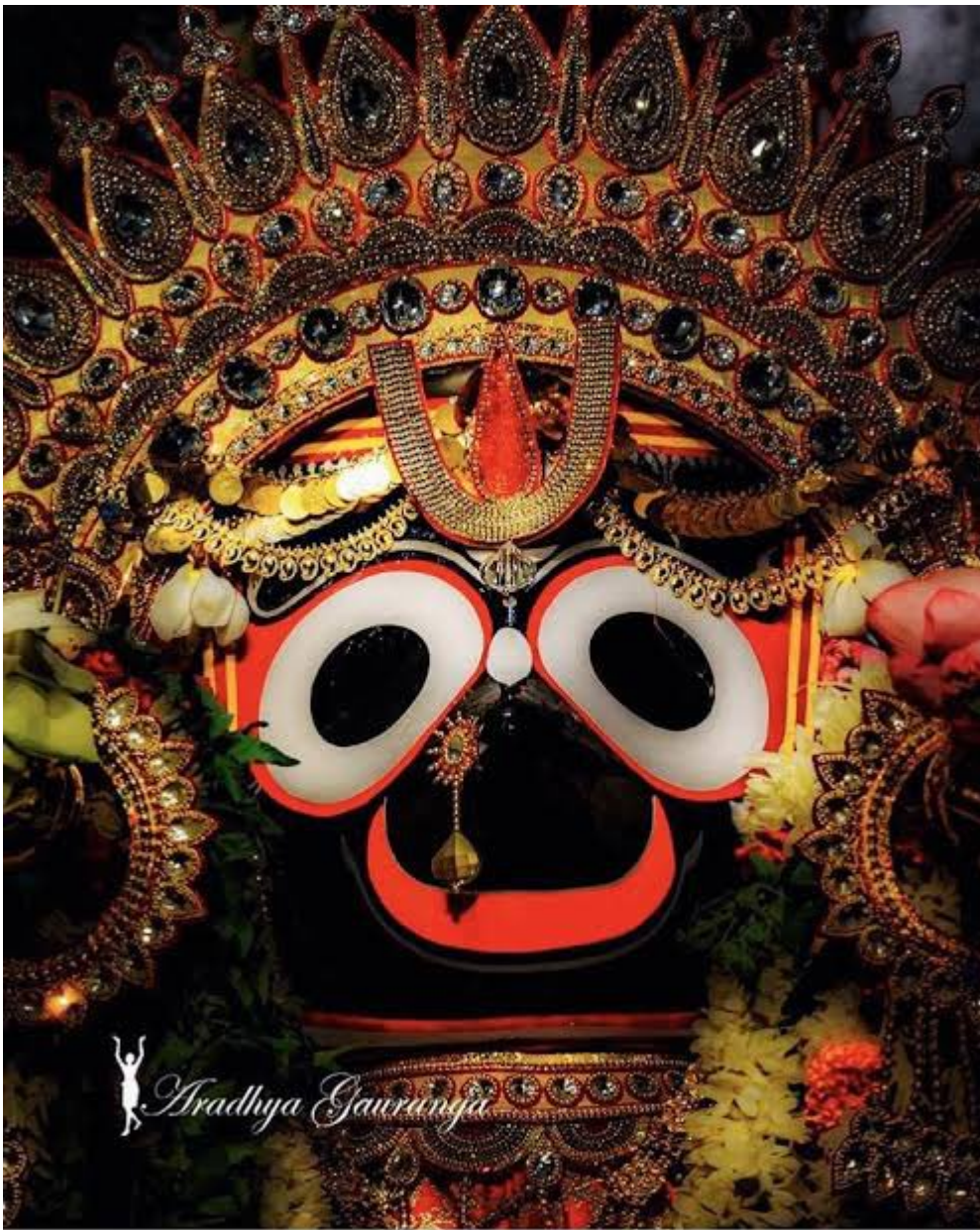
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### JAGANNATH PURI AND BAISI PAHACH

Baisi is 22 and 'Pahacha' is Step. So Baisi Pahacha means 22 Steps. These steps are found at the 'Simha Dwara' of Jagannath Puri. The devotees have to climb these 22 holy steps to reach the second inner gate (Baisi Pahacha Gumuta).

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A black stone known as 'Yama Shila' is engraved in the middle of the 3rd step. As per belief, devotees must step on this stone while going up as it frees them from 'Yama Danda' (Punishment of Yama) but must not step on this stone on their way back as it will take away all Punya.



There is a small stone on the 7th step known as 'Pitru Shila'. Devotees offer Anna Mahaprasada, the holy rice of the mandir that has been offered to Sri Jagannath, to this stone for feeding their ancestors to liberate their departed souls.



It is said that Madana Mohana, the representative murti of Sri Jagannath, offers Pinda Daana on these steps to his ancestors (Nanda and Yashoda, Devaki and Vasudeva, Koushalya and Dasaratha)

