

EDITORIAL



Events that are recorded in human history must have carried an indelible imprint of Rathayatra at Puri. Srikhetra, an abode of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra has been witnessing many mega events since time immemorial. It is rather a metaphysical exercise to trace the origin of the place despite exhaustive researches on this front. Any new revelations turn obsolete the moment it seems to be the central point. The concepts of Sabarkhetra, Shakta cult, Yogini cult, the Vajrayana or Tantric form of Mahayana Buddhism essentially defy any bearing with either the place or the deities. Human endeavour still tries to explore the flicker in the hoary past certainly with the divine grace. And Srikhetra Utsav in 2005 perhaps has been ordained to add fuel to the spirit of search, that again beyond human comprehensibility. Availing a scope to capture few angles of focuses on this sacred land, we feel ourselves greatly blessed. Drawing together many views on Puri Dham in this special issue of Orissa Review we have made an humble attempt to woo the readers with a hope to make them happy.

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