



Jagannath Temple in Digha

Why in News?

The [Lord Jagannath temple](#) is being inaugurated at **the coastal town of Digha** in West Bengal's **Purba Medinipur** district.

Key Points

- **About the Digha Jagannath Temple:**
 - The **Rs 250 crore Digha Jagannath Temple**, built on 20 acres of land, will be **inaugurated by the state Chief Minister** on 30 April 2025.
 - The temple is expected to significantly **enhance Digha's tourism appeal**, potentially **bringing international recognition** to the town.
 - It is also envisioned as a **symbol of spirituality and unity**, reflecting the principle of **"Shorbo Dhormo Somonnoy" (universal religious harmony)**.
 - The [Jagannath Temple](#) is a replica of the 12th-century shrine in Puri, and its inauguration has been highly anticipated.

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- The temple is believed to have been constructed in the 12th century by **King Anatavarman Chodaganga Deva** of the Eastern Ganga Dynasty.
- Jagannath Puri temple is called **'Yamanika Tirtha'** where, according to the Hindu beliefs, the power of 'Yama', the **god of death has been nullified in Puri** due to the presence of **Lord Jagannath**.
- This temple was called the **"White Pagoda"** and is a part of [Char Dham pilgrimages \(Badrinath, Dwaraka, Puri, Rameswaram\)](#).
- The temple is known for its **unique architecture, which includes a massive compound wall and a large temple complex** with multiple towers, halls, and shrines.

- The temple's main attraction is the [Annual Rath Yatra festival](#), in which the three main deities of the temple, **Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra** are taken out in a grand procession on a chariot.
- The temple is also known for its unique food offering, the **Mahaprasad**, which is prepared in the temple kitchen and is distributed among the devotees.

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