

JUGGERNAUT.

Juggernaut, God of the People takes his annual ride from the 1,600 year old temple at Puri, Orissa, to his country house outside the village, pulled by thousands of devout Hindus. Behind the giant car which is his throne, other cars carry Juggernaut's brother and sister, his companions on the journey.

Several days are needed to pull the car to its destination; for although it is only a mile away, most of the route is deep sand. According to legend, pilgrims used to fling themselves under the wheels as a living sacrifice; but Hindus point out that this would be sacrilege, for the festival is sacred to Vishnu, the Preserver. Enough for them the blessing which comes from taking part in this strenuous tribute to the God of the People.