

Name of the Element: Kang Chingba (The Festival of the Ratha)

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#### Brief Description

Kang Chingba is a nine-day chariot festival dedicated to Lord Jagannath, similar to the Ratha Jatra of Puri. It is a festival of Meitei Hindus of Bangladesh. As it is observed in many parts of India, the idols of Shri Jaganatha, Shri Balarama and Shri Subhadra are the replicas of the deities Lord Jagannatha, his brother Balarama and sister Subhadra of Puri, Odisha. They are drawn in the Rath (car) of Shri Jagannatha that is very big and tall nearly 20 feet height with six iron wheels by the devotees on the days of Rath Jatra and Ulta Ratha Jatra as well.

The Ratha or chariot of the gods is either made anew or restored from the chariots made in previous years. The 'ratha' is physically pulled

Rathajatra is a journey in a chariot accompanied by the public. It typically refers to a procession (journey) of deities carried in a chariot, physically tugged from one destination to another. In Sylhet, rathas from various local communities are brought together at Rekabibajar, by all members of the community, both male and female devotees. Sometimes the festivities include returning to the sacrosanctum of the temple.

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