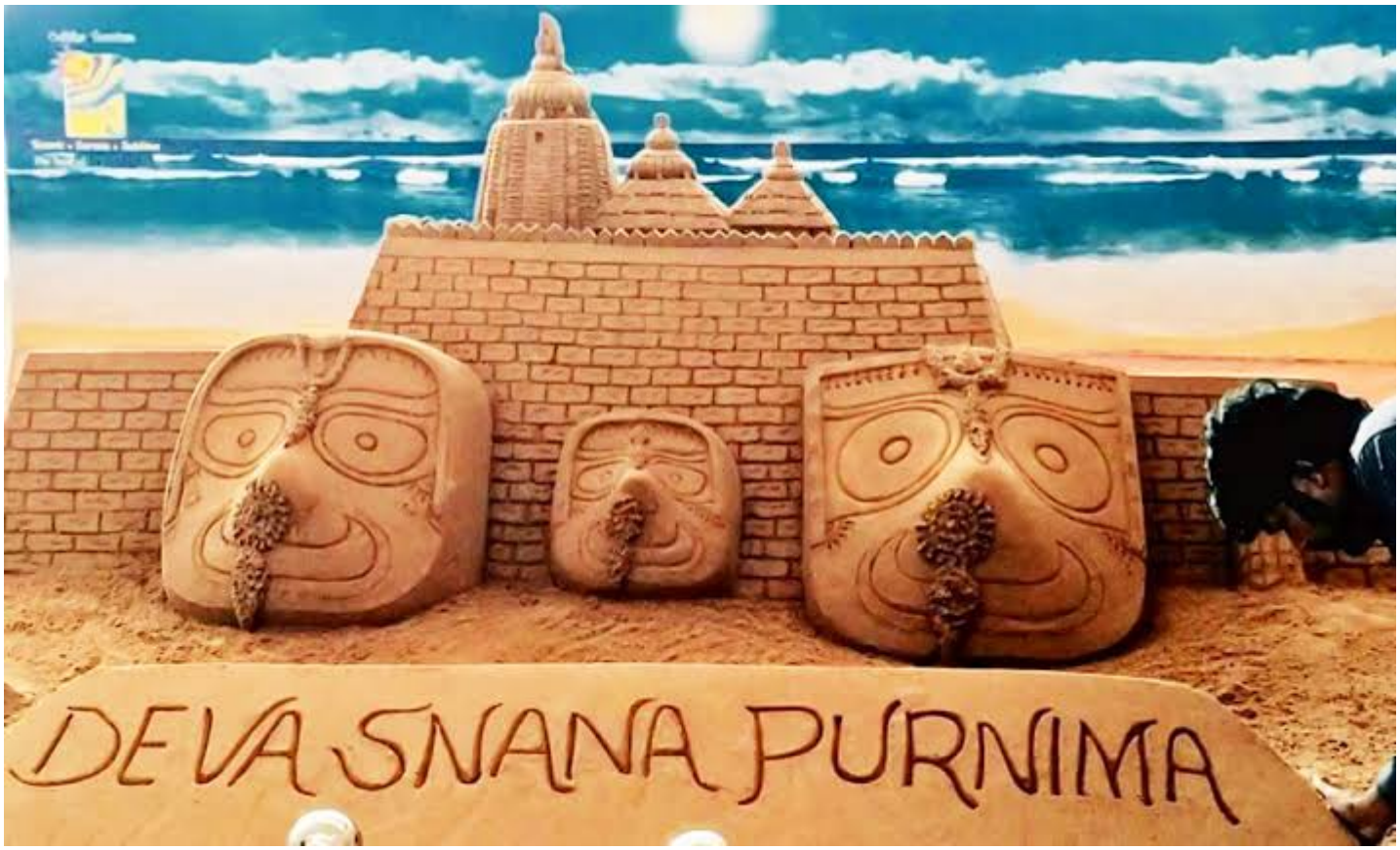
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#SnanaJatra

Jagannath Bhagwan symbolises Bhagwan Krishna/Bhagwan Vishnu. He is the Ishtadevta/Kuldevta for many.

After all who's he? Jagannath is a combination of two words - Jagat (world) and nath (Bhagwan/master); in short Bhagwan of the Universe.

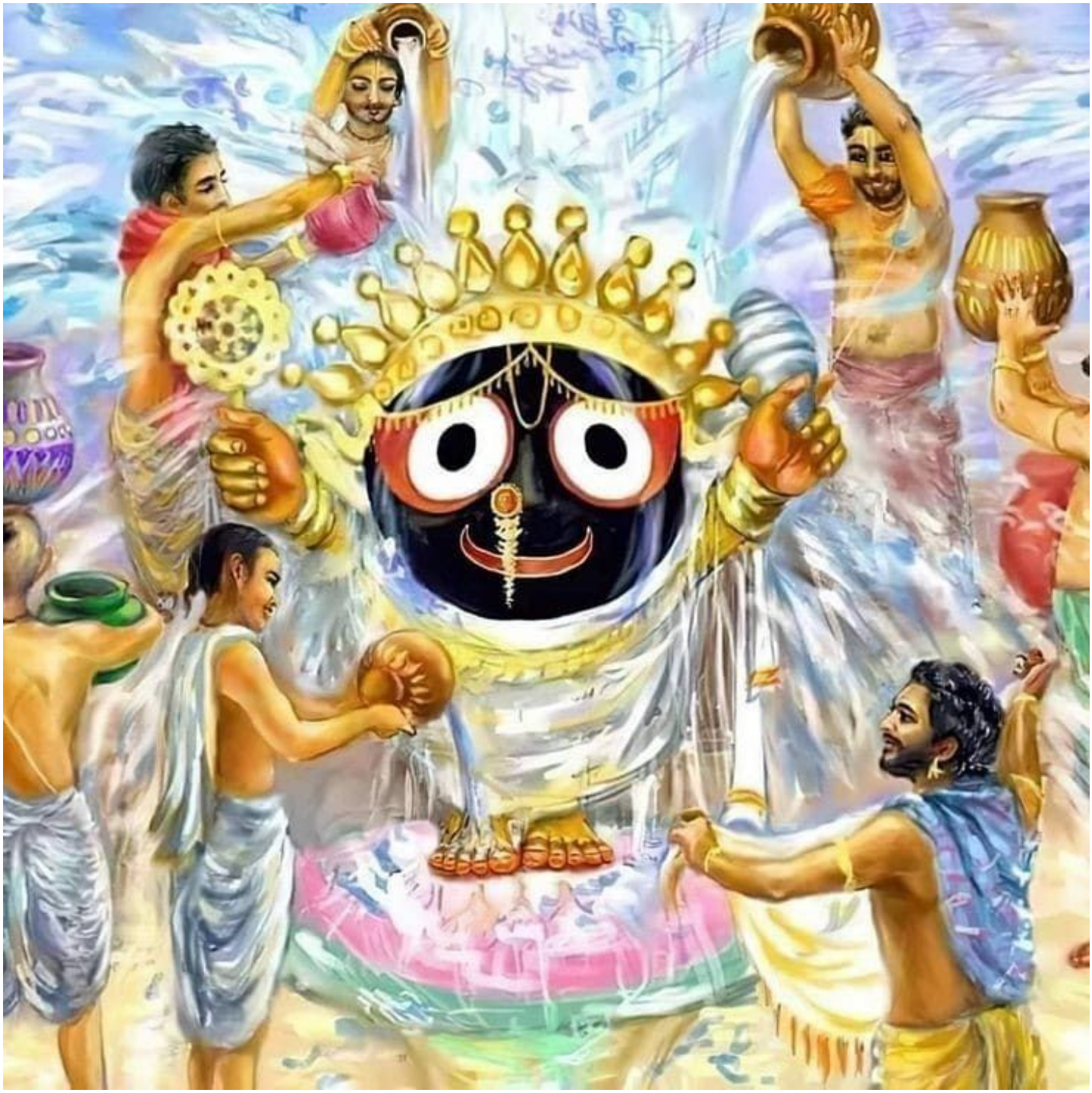


He's also known as "Sarbam Rahasyam Purusottamasya" which denotes the origin of Purusottama Jagannath is mysterious and enigmatic.

His black face represents the void and he dwells in Mahashunya.

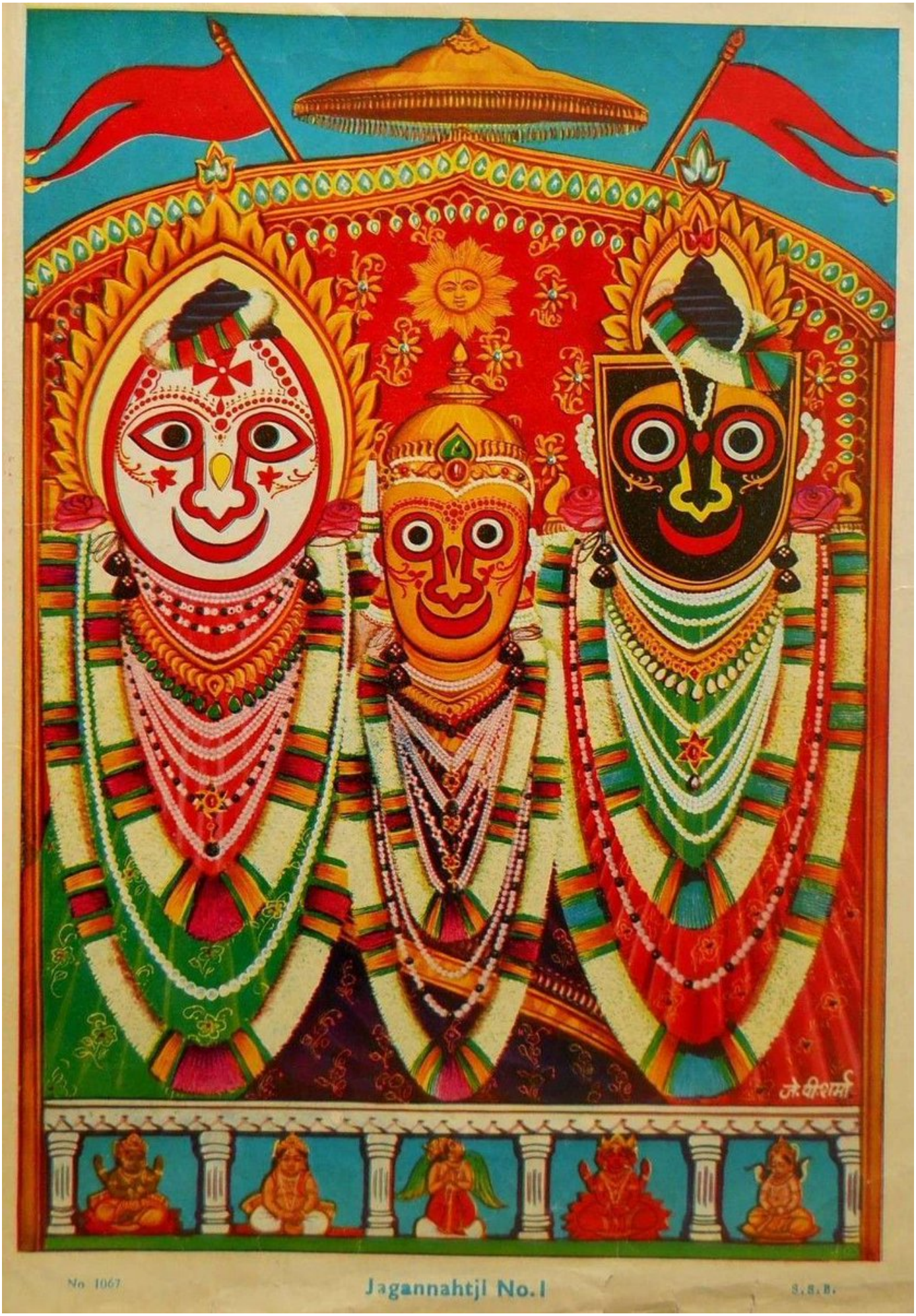


He's a simple crude wooden idol with two wooden stumps as hands, conspicuous absence of legs with two big round eyes indicating sun and moon emerging from a big black face which symbolizes the Universe. He is worshiped as the Daru-Brahma.



The word Daru is derived from Da-Dukha or sorrow and Ru-to give.

During the #SNANAPURNIMA , 108 copper and gold pots are filled with water from suna kuan (golden well) and kept on the bhoga mandap. These vessels are brought to snana bedi on this day.



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This ritual is called Jalad Hibasa. The dieties are first offered red powder, & then taken to #snana bedi, their bodies covered with silk clothes. Pouring of water is accompanied by chanting of Pavamana.



After the bathing ceremony, the deities are dressed up as Ganesha in a ritual called Gajanana Vesa.

For Bhagwan, this is the 1st annual yatra. Generally Ganesha is worshipped at the beginning of every rite, the reason for the deities being dressed up as Ganesha at this time.



Following the Snana Yatra, the images are kept on the ratna bedi (the throne of the Trinity in the inner sanctum of Lord Jagannath's temple) for fifteen days, away from public view, without any proper daily worship.



This period is called anabasara (improper time for worship). For these 15 days the daita paint the images with original colours, since
they have been washed clean by the bathing festival. On the 16th day, the deities are taken out for worship, following their renovation.



The festival of Bhagwan Jagannath's first appearance to his devotees is called Navayauvan ('new life').

This thread is dedicated to my dear brother .@Tushar_KN . Enjoy the festival to the fullest! ■■■■

#SnanaYatra of Bhagwan #Jagannath .