

Supreme Court allows 'Mahaprabhu Jagannath' film release

The Supreme Court permitted the release of the animated film 'Mahaprabhu Jagannath' after the Rath Yatra, following CBFC clearance and legal challenges.

An animated film based on Lord Jagannath, which faced prohibition for not strictly adhering to religious texts like Skanda Purana and Brahma Purana.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Supreme Court** permitted the exhibition of the animated film '**Mahaprabhu Jagannath**'.
- The film was initially **prohibited** for not strictly adhering to the **Skanda Purana** and **Brahma Purana**.
- The court stated that **animated fiction** cannot diminish **devotion**.
- The release was allowed after the completion of the **Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra** on **July 27, 2026**.
- The film can be released on or after **July 28, 2026**.
- The **Supreme Court's decision** was made on Friday, **July 17, 2026**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Supreme Court of India** is the **highest judicial forum** and final court of appeal under the Constitution.

Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution guarantees the fundamental right to **freedom of speech and expression**.

The **Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)** is a statutory body under the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.

The **CBFC** is responsible for **regulating the public exhibition** of films in India under the provisions of the **Cinematograph Act, 1952**.

The **Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra** is an annual chariot festival celebrated primarily in **Puri, Odisha**.

Puranas are a vast genre of **Indian literature** about a wide range of topics, particularly myths, legends, and traditional lore.

The **Supreme Court** exercises the power of **judicial review** to examine the **constitutionality** of legislative enactments and executive orders.

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Supreme Court allowed 'Mahaprabhu Jagannath' film release, stating animation cannot erode devotion.

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