

Glimpses of BMS 75th Durga Puja-2022

(Panchami, September 30th, 2022)



Welcoming Swami Satyadevananda ji Maharaj, Adhyaksha (*left pic*), and Swami Atmagotananda ji Maharaj (Kishore Maharaj) (*right pic*) of Ram Krishna Mission-Khar, for the Inaugural Ceremony of Banga Maitri Sansad's 75th Year of 'The North Bombay Sarbajanin Durgotsav-2022.'



Swami Satyadevananda (*left pic*) lights the traditional lamp at the inaugural ceremony of Banga Maitri Sansad's 75th Year of 'The North Bombay Sarbajanin Durgotsav' held at Senior Railway Institute, Prabhat Colony Santacruz East, in Mumbai on September 30th, 2022 (*Panchami*). Seen in the three pictures on bottom right are participants, onlookers, members and visitors at the inaugural programme of the BMS Durga Puja.

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(Soshti, October 1, 2022)



(Top left pic) Devotees gather for *Bodhan*, *Amantran*, and *Adhivas*, the most important rituals on *Soshti* – marking the beginning of the 5-day long Durga Puja festival. (Top right pic) A large audience thronged the BMS Puja on *Soshti* evening for a colourful cultural by BMS members.



(Top Left pic) General Secretary Bivas Chakraborty (left) presents the India Post 'Special Cover' on 75 years of BMS to the renowned film and TV actor Masood Akhtar (right). (Top right pic) Famous theatre artist and actor Shri. Shibaji Sengupta with members of BMS ladies' group who enacted a 'Shruti Natok' directed by him.



Delightful performances were put up by 'Young Members of BMS'. (From left) Aneeka Banerjee danced with glee on the popular song "Saath Bhai Chompa." Meeraya Nag, Diti Chakraborty and Meghna Debnath belted out many foot-tapping numbers leaving the audience clapping and dancing to their tunes. Debayani Basu recited the poem *Rakhal Chele, Rakhal Chele* with confidence and sweetness of honey.

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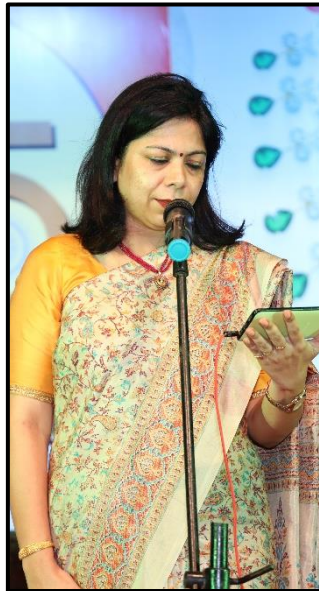
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(Top pic from left) Debaljit Nandy recited a Tagore poem which left the audience spellbound. Rupashree Deb, Nairita Bhattacharya and Kasturi Biswas gave entertaining performances of songs of different moods and variety.



(Top Left) Gitika Banerjee presented a dance in reverence of Goddess Durga. (Top Centre) Sisters Shefali and Urvashi Mazumdar enthralled the audience with their energetic dance number. (Top Right) Sanchari Mukherjee hosted the evening with poise and grace.



(Clockwise from Top Left) Supriti Banerjee, Pallavi Ghosh, Tanima Chakraborty and Kalpana Dasbaishnab enthralled the audience with a number of vocal renditions. Sriparna Datta, Arpita Mukherjee, Shree Chakraborty, Supriti Chakraborty and Bidisha gave a moving performance of a Shruti Natok titled "Hey Tritiyo Pandab" directed by Shibaji Sengupta.



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(Saptami, October 2, 2022)



Seen in the pictures is the usual buzz around Saptami puja with bhog, puja preparations and rituals, all deftly handled by the committee members. A thronging crowd is seen enjoying every bit of the festivities, including the yummilicious bhog served by our young members. The evening attraction was a mesmerising dance performance by Ayan Banerjee and troupe.

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(Ashtami, October 3, 2022)



Ashtami is the busiest day at BMS Durga Puja. A large crowd gathers to have bhog and participate in Sandhi Puja, the highlight of the day. Sandhi Puja is performed at the confluence (Sandhikhan) of Ashtami and Nabami and lasts from the final 24 minutes of Ashtami till the opening 24 minutes of Nabami. At this juncture Durga is worshipped in her Chamunda form. Also, seen in the pics are our members thoroughly enjoying every moment.

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(Visits of Dignitaries & Cultural Programmes on Ashtami-Oct 3rd, 2022)



Mr. Vishwanath Mahadeshwar, Former Mayor of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, serves bhog to devotees at the BMS Durga Puja on Ashtami



Mr. Ritesh Ranjan (centre), DPO, Mumbai Central, Indian Railways, with Mr. Duke Biswas (right), DFM, Mumbai Central, Indian Railways, is greeted by BMS Durga Puja Chairman Mr. Subrata Debnath (left).



Mr. Ravi Bodade, Regional Director, Air India, (in white shirt and black trousers at the centre) with his wife (maroon saree) with members of Banga Maitri Sansad



Folk Singer from Bengal Mr. Mainik Paladhi and his team sent the crowd into a tizzy with his foot-tapping folk numbers.



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(Nabami - October 4th, 2022)



Photos above depict the hustle-bustle around Nobomi Puja, including preparations for the puja and bhog, dhunuchi naach, and the Nabami hom.



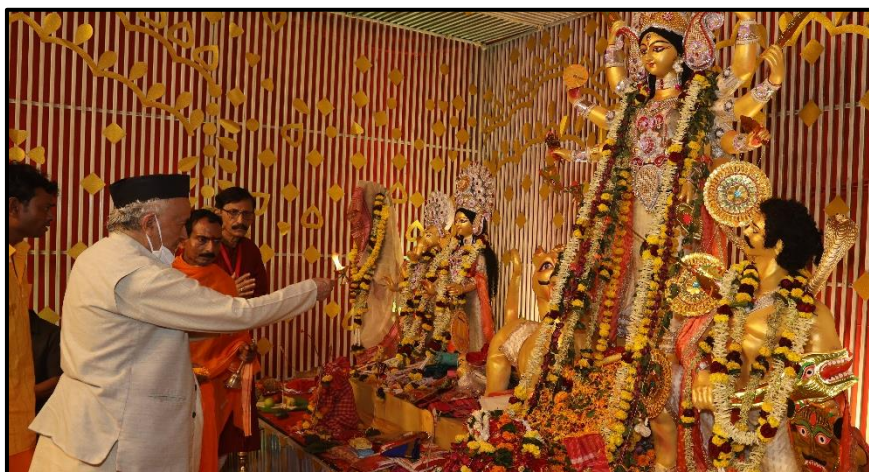
(Clockwise from top left) Performance of Mumbai's band 'Under Cover.' BMS members participate in a fun fashion show.



Greeting members of the LGBTQ community visiting the BMS puja.

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(Visit of the Maharashtra Governor on Nabami - October 4th, 2022)



Members of Banga Maitri Sansad welcoming Honb'le Maharashtra Governor Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari (left). Honb'le governor performing aarti.



Honb'le governor releasing the BMS commemorative 75th Year Silver coin.



Mr. VS Parthasarathy, BMS patron and Independent Director -LIC and Vice-Chairman-Allcargo Logistics, with the Hon'ble governor.



Honb'le governor unveiling the 75th Year Edition of BMS souvenir,



Honb'le governor with young members of BMS.



A cultural presentation on the theme "Flavours of Bengal" was presented by BMS members in honour of the Maharashtra Governor.

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Visit of Dignitaries & Charities on Nabami - October 4th, 2022



Senior officials of HDFC Bank are presented with small tokens of appreciation for their support to BMS puja by General Secretary Mr. Bivas Chakraborty (extreme right). Seen in the photo (from extreme left) are Mr. Rahul Shukla - Group Head, Commercial & Rural Banking, Mr. Vijay Mulbagal - Senior Executive Vice President, Head Corporate Banking - Western Region, Head - MNC & SCF, and Mr. Mousom Mitra - Senior Vice President, Corporate Banking – all from HDFC Bank.



Mr. VS Parthasarathy, (extreme right), Independent Director-LIC and Vice-Chairman-Allcargo Logistics, is one of the biggest patrons of BMS Puja. He is being presented with a small token of gratitude by BMS Durga Puja Chairman Mr. Subrata Debnath (centre).



Mr. MV Kini (centre), Founder Partner of MV Kini Law Firm, has been a long-time patron of BMS Puja. He is seen here with BMS Trust Charman Mr. Suptendu Rowchowdhury (left) and BMS vice-president Mr. Nirjash Rowchowdhury.



Mrs Priya Naik (centre), another prominent patron of BMS puja and Founder of Samhita Social Venture, is presented with the BMS 75th year commemorative silver coin as a mark of gratitude for the support.



A monetary donation to Gharkul, a Charitable Trust, which provides education to children with special needs from the lower socio-economic groups, is being handed out by BMS patron Mrs. Parthasarathy.



Food items and grocery being handed out by BMS President Mr. Debabrata Mitra (in cream kurta) to SUPPORT Foundation, a charitable trust, which works for de-addiction and rehabilitation of street children who are victims of drug abuse.



BMS provided new clothes – the ubiquitous Bengali attire dhuti & Panjabi – to the dhakis for all four days of the puja. Dhakis are the traditional drum players from West Bengal and are integral to Durga Puja celebrations.

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(Durga Baran, Sindur Khela & Bisarjan on Dashami- October 5th, 2022)

