



*Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP), Glasgow
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Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP) Glasgow Trustees' Annual Report (1.4.2023 to 31.3.2024)

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Trustee recruitment and appointment

The change in trustee number and structure was agreed in September 2023 EGM. All the elected members of Executive Committee and Puja Committee who are in overall control and management of BSP and its events will be deemed as Trustees.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

A charity's governing document is the written statement that sets out its purpose, structure and describes how it will operate.

BSP has a written constitution and the charity complies with its governing document. The document is freely available to the public and uploaded on the BSP website, as in the link [About | BSP Glasgow](#)

BSP finances and trustee reports are freely available to the public on the website, as in the link [Finances and Reports | BSP Glasgow](#)



Objectives and activities

The aims and objectives of the organisation

- To bring together Bengali speaking residents in and around Glasgow in the organisation and also those residents who wish to participate in all forms of Bengali cultural activities to maintain their heritage.
- To promote social and cultural interests through social gatherings and to create an active interest in all humane problems affecting the members of the organisation.
- To develop a friendly relationship with the host community and promote racial harmony and integration.
- To promote social cohesion and a supportive environment for the ageing population.
- To encourage the advancement of education for both our senior and junior members
- To promote the advancement of health to the community

These objectives will be achieved by:

- The advancement of education,

- The advancement of health,
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science,
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended,
- The promotion of religious or racial harmony,
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantages

Beneficiaries:

Children / young and older people, people with disabilities or health problems, of a particular ethnic or racial origin, the benefit of the community, other charities / voluntary bodies

Achievements-

BSP website – We have continued to maintain the website successfully with the added functionalities of collecting membership payments, sending alerts for payments, and ticketing events, linking with card and Pay pal payments. The maintenance is carried out by our members which has resulted in significantly low maintenance cost.

BSP Bengali School (Language School) -

We inaugurated the Bangla School on 28/02/2023, on the auspicious occasion of “Saraswati Puja”- which is worshipping goddess of learning. The classes started from the February term time. This runs weekly on Saturdays, during the term time. We bought books funded by BSP and distributed them to the students in the beginning.

We have about 6 students who regularly attend the class, which can be either as Face to Face or Online.

We have three dedicated teachers who have created a curriculum for the class. The children have learnt the Bengali alphabets and are making words and simple sentences.

There is a fee charged per class. This is to cover teacher's salary and venue hire. Two out of three teachers are paid above the rates for teaching assistants. Our third teacher does the lessons completely voluntarily. The cost of venue hire is difficult to cover. So all the face to face lessons are hosted in students' or teacher's homes.

The children who started with us had no recognition of the alphabets of the language. Over the last one and half year, we have tried to introduce the alphabets(vowels and consonants) and then slowly forming words. We have also introduced the names of colours, seasons, fruits, flowers, vegetables.

The children have been introduced to different festivals during the year through learning poems about the festival (Durga Puja) or making cards and marking special days of the year (e.g mother's day, Christmas).

The children from Bengali school performed 'Reader's Theatre' (Sruti natok) at our annual cultural program on 23rd April 2023.

We hope to take this forward over the next few years by broadening our scope of teaching to different aspects of Bengali language and culture.

But to take to this stage, we will need some funding, which we'll have to explore.



BSP GLASGOW
brings to you

BANGLA CLASSES

£5 PER CLASS
To be paid in full per term in advance

FACE-2-FACE & ONLINE

KIDS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

COMMUNITY CLASSES WITH EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

Learning through storytelling, poems, dance, drama, art and craft

For enquiries and booking : bspglasgow@gmail.com

Activities and performances

A summary of the main achievements of the BSP during 2022-23 is given below with the flyers of the events. Available at [Events | BSP Glasgow](#)

Poila Boishakh (Bengali New Year) celebration named Nabokiran

Date 23 April, 2023

This is the celebration of Bengali New Year. This is also the fund raising event in our calendar. Which comprised of cultural bonanza with shows from about thirty adults and twenty-five children participating at the cultural side. This was alongside a food festivity, which was home cooked, by our ladies as well as men. There was also a live cooking of street food which attracted lot of our members.

BSP Glasgow presents

নবকিরণ | Nabokiran

23 April, 2023 | 12 noon onwards
Pollokshaws Burgh Hall, Glasgow G43 1NE

Program details:

Cultural performances

Bengali Street Food

Adda

Tambola with prizes

Please register at:

<https://www.bspglasgow.com/event-details/bsp-nabokiran>

Pre-order your main course at:

<https://www.bspglasgow.com/category/main-course>

Bengali Street Food:

Starter:

Kolkata Kathi rolls, Fish fry, Fish chop,
Ghugni with lamb keema, Dahi vada

Main Course:

Kosha mangsho & pulao

Paneer & Pulao

Chicken biryani

Dessert:

Sandesh, Chomchom

Register at:



Pre-order food:



Members: Free

Other guests: £5/adult, £0/child ticket

Please note:

Items from Bengali Street Food needs purchased separately. Pre-order would be taken for main course. Starters & desserts to be ordered at the venue

BSP's Outdoor picnic

Date 3 June, 2023

We had our outdoor picnic at Mugdock Country Park. We had barbecue at the park beside the pond.

We had subsidised rate for the members and also invited non-members at non-subsidised rate. We had around 60 guests including seniors and children.



 **Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad, Glasgow**
invites you to

BBQ PICNIC 2023

Get your tickets at
<https://www.bspglasgow.com/event-details/bsp-annual-picnic-bbq>

**Ticket covers admission cost, yummy food and
Ranger led activities for children**

3rd June | 12:00pm - 4:30 pm
Finlaystone Country Park, Langbank,
Port Glasgow PA14 6TJ

(Easy access from Glasgow Central Station)

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Annual General Meeting (AGM) 11th June 2023 at Williamwood school

The AGM was held with about 50 members attending. Tenure of the new committee will be from 11th June 2023 to 11th May 2024, Various matters including updates to the constitution were discussed. New committee was elected. Financial reports were approved. Changes to constitution was deemed necessary- EGM was required.

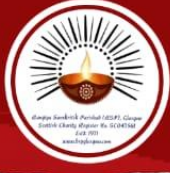
Extended general meeting (EGM) – 3rdSeptember 2023.

Updates to constitution approved – new version uploaded to website (V3)

BSP drama

We revived our drama event after a brief gap of several years.

There was a drama performed by 12 children. In the adult drama there were about 25 participants. This was a ticketed event partially funded by BSP.



BSP Glasgow presents

NATYA SANDHYA

AN EVENING AT THE THEATRE!



Crew (A-Z): Sandip D, Subrato C

অবাক জলপান

Obak Jolpaan

Direction: Arnab S

Cast (A-Z): Aaditya B, Aarin D, Ankush C, Anulekha M, Aratrika G, Nilesch B, Risha C, Ritanya K, Sajed C, Sashreek D, Shreyansh D, Zubin D



Gautam P, Gobinda C, Kamalika G, Riddhiman K, Sanjoy D, Saptarshi C, Smita T, Sudipta R
Crew (A-Z): Aditi PC, Anurima C, Debjani P, Manjuli M, Rajdeep R, Subhajit R, Sunetra D

শিবের অসাধ্বি

Shib-er Oshadhyi

Direction: Sheela M

Cast (A-Z): Amborish B, Amit S, Anindita B, Anupam S, Arnab P, Arnab S, Debashish GR,

1st Oct, 2023 (Sun) | 6 PM onwards
Eastwood Park Theatre, G46 6UG

Light refreshments will be served in between the two plays
Packed dinner will be served at the end of the programme



Cultural evening with artist from India (Krosswindz band from Kolkata India)

This event was partially funded by the grant from the national lottery. This is a famous band from West Bengal, India. They performed at the Clarkston Hall. It was a huge success.

BSP GLASGOW
presents

LIVE

KROSSWINDZ

Asia's only Grasroot Grammy Award winning Rock/Folk-Fusion band, from Kolkata

TICKETS
SCAN ME

OCTOBER
28

CLARKSTON HALL, G76 8NE | GLASGOW
28 OCT 2023 (SAT), 6.30 PM ONWARDS

TICKETS bit.ly/krosswindz-glasgow

FREE UNDER 5 £10 FOR BSP MEMBERS £15 FOR NON-MEMBERS

SUPPORTED BY
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

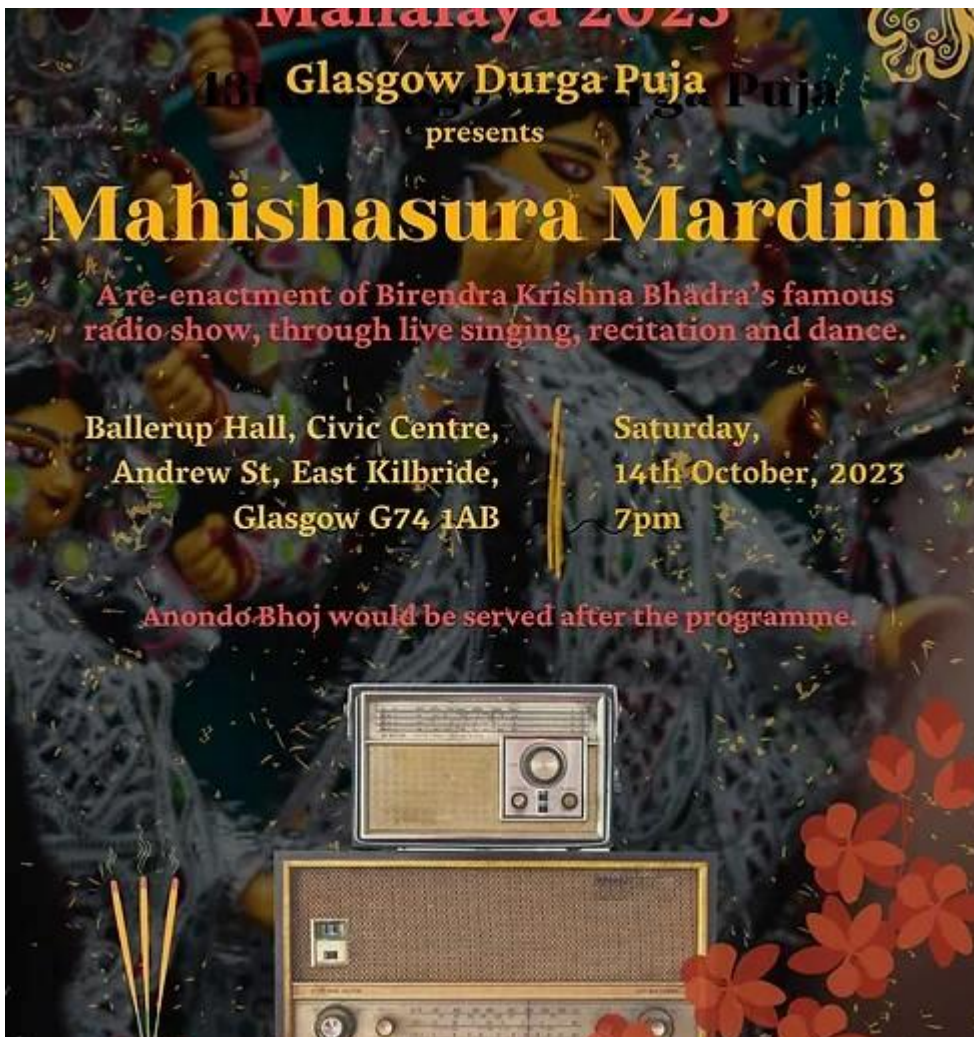
Religious festivals-

Listing all our religious festivals, images of which both as videos and stills photos are captured in the facebook link. [Glasgow Durga Puja | Paisley | Facebook](#)

Starts with Mahalaya

Durga puja is one of the biggest religious festival of Bengal. It starts with a cultural event which consists of recitation, song and dances along with live music. This is performed by adults including senior members and children from the community. Food is cooked at the venue by volunteers from the community which is served as dinner at the end of the program.

Mahalaya 2023





Puja Schedule

Mahalaya - 14th October, 2023

Ballerup Hall, Civic Centre, Andrew St, East Kilbride, Glasgow G74 1AB
Shri Chandi Paath and Ananda Bhoj: 6.30pm – 10pm

Durgotsav - 20th-24th October, 2023 **Coats Paisley, High St, Paisley, Glasgow PA1 2BA**

Maha Shashti – Friday, 20th October 2023
Kalparambha, Bodhan, Amontran, Adhibas, Arati: 6pm – 8pm
Bhog Bitoron: 7:30pm – 9pm

Maha Saptami – Saturday, 21st October 2023
Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 4pm – 7pm
Bhog Bitoron: 7pm – 9pm

Maha Ashtami – Sunday, 22nd October 2023
Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 4pm – 7pm, Sandhi Puja: 7pm
Bhog Bitoron: 7pm – 9pm

Maha Navami – Monday, 23rd October 2023
Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 6pm – 8pm
Bhog Bitoron: 7:30pm – 9pm

Dashami – Tuesday, 24th October 2023
Puja, Bisorjan, Santijal, & Prasad: 6pm – 8pm, Sindoor Khela: 8pm-9pm
Bhog Bitoron: 8:30pm – 10pm

Lakshmi Puja - 28th October, 2023

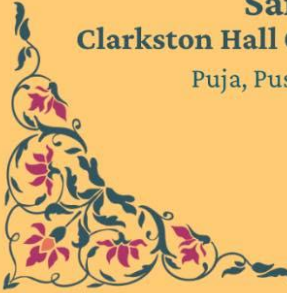
Clarkston Hall Clarkston Road, Clarkston, East Renfrewshire, G76 8NE
Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 12pm – 2pm, Bhog Bitoron: 2pm – 4:30pm

Kali Puja - 11th November, 2023

Clarkston Hall Clarkston Road, Clarkston, East Renfrewshire, G76 8NE
Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 6pm – 8.30pm, Bhog Bitoron: 8:30pm – 10pm

Saraswati Puja - 17th February, 2024

Clarkston Hall Clarkston Road, Clarkston, East Renfrewshire, G76 8NE
Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 12pm – 2pm, Bhog Bitoron: 2pm – 4:30pm





Dear Friends,

As the festive season approaches,
we extend our heartfelt invitation
to you and your loved ones to join
us in the joyous celebrations and
puja festivities at Glasgow
Durgotsav, the oldest Durga Puja
celebration of Scotland.

With best wishes,
Glasgow Durga Puja Committee

Durga Puja

Durga puja is one of the biggest festivals in Bengal. It is a huge carnival for which every Bengali waits eagerly.

Following on from the previous year, this event was held at Coats Paisley which is a former Baptist church now renovated for large events. There has been significant increase in cost of the venue. However, donations in various forms from members and non-members have helped us in making this a success.

During these 5 days, families immerse themselves in this event by way of volunteering for cooking, decorating the hall, setting up the idols, performing the rituals, participating in the music and culture, and welcoming and serving food to the guests in the evenings.

We had about five thousand guests over the five days of the event. Food was cooked at the venue by volunteers of about 15-20 people each day. Utensils for the cooking are owned by the organisation. All ingredients are bought within few days prior to the event and freshly cooked dinner was served at the dining space on the ground floor of the venue. We budgeted carefully and managed to host the spectacular event which attracted a lot Bengali and non Bengali guests. Lot of students from Glasgow also came to this event and could enjoy the festivity. Food was served to all the guests free of charge.

Cultural programs were held in the evenings. This presented an opportunity for young and adult members of the community to present various individual and group performances. Sound systems were hired for this purpose. Members brought their own musical instruments.

This was our biggest event to rejuvenate and bring together such large and varied sections of the society, which was one of the objectives of our organisation which was undoubtedly fulfilled.

This was followed by three single day religious festivals- the flyers are attached. The links to these are available on [Glasgow Durga Puja | Paisley | Facebook](#)

Kojaguri Lakhi Puja 28th October 2023

Kali Puja Monday 11th Nov 2023

Saraswati Puja 14th Feb 2024

All the above 3 events were attended by about 100 to 200 guests. Dinner was cooked and served by volunteers.

Puja Cultural Program

Maha Shashti - 9pm - 10:30pm
"MATRURUPEN - AN ODE TO MAA DURGA" - an evening of music

Maha Saptami - 9pm - 10:30pm
"SHAKTIRUPEN - EXPRESSIONS OF STRENGTH" - an evening of
dance and recitation

Maha Asthami - 9pm - 10:30pm
"RUPANGDEHI - THE ELEMENTS OF UNIVERSE" - kids performance
and fashion show

Maha Navami - 9pm - 10:30pm
"BHAKTIRUPEN - MAA ABAR ESHO" - medleys of old versus new songs

Puja Committee

Gautam Patra- Chairman (07986069925)
Amit Deb- General Secretary (07966874724)
Arnab Purakayestha- Joint Secretary (07424605988)
Souvik Sanyal- Treasurer (07448493172)
Sarajit Sen- Puja Convenor
Amborish Banerjee- Coopted member (Cultural)
Subrata Chatterjee- Coopted member (Logistics)

✉ Email us at info@durgapujaglasgow.com

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www.glasgowdurgapuja.org.uk

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Kojagori Laxmi Puja

**Clarkston Hall,
Clarkston Road,
Glasgow, G76 8NE**

**Puja starts at 12 noon
Bhog would be served at 2:30pm**

Glasgow Durga Puja (BSP)

invites you to



Kali Puja

Sat, 11th Nov, 2023, 5pm onwards

Clarkston Hall, G76 8NE

Veg and Non-Veg Dinner to be served at 8:30 pm

Tandoor and Bengal delicacies
would be available at food stalls

Glasgow Durga Puja is part of Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad a Scottish Charity, SC047561
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Bijoya Sammiloni 4th November 2023 at Tweedie Hall Glasgow

This a free event where the BSP celebrates the success of the Durga puja, especially with the volunteers who have worked hard for the Durga puja. This was a fun filled event of musical quiz. United Kingdom Bengali Convention (UKBC), charity number 1185883, awards for senior members with significant contribution to the society was handed over at the event. Dinner was cooked by a group of volunteers for about 75 guests. Sound system was hired. This program is jointly funded by BSP and the Puja committee.

The poster features a warm orange and red color scheme. At the top, the title 'Bijoya Sammelani' is written in a white, elegant cursive font. Below the title, there is a stylized illustration of a face with large, expressive eyes. The text 'BSP invites everyone who made our flagship event Durga Puja a huge success!' is centered. Below this, it says 'Unleash your inner music maestro at our fun-filled musical quiz night! Join us for an evening of melodies, trivia, non-stop entertainment, and, of course, amazing food!'. A line of text states 'Pre registration is a must using the link' followed by the URL 'https://www.bspglasgow.com/event-details/bijoya-sammelani'. In the center, the Bengali text 'শুভ বিজয়া' (Shubh Bijoya) is written in white. Below this, the event details are listed: 'Time & Location', 'November 04, 6.00pm to 9.30pm', and 'Tweedie Hall, Bridge St, Linwood, Paisley PA3 3DB, UK'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with two golden pots containing green leaves and red flowers, and three lit diya lamps on a yellow and orange patterned mat.

Financial report

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

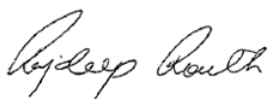
The total income for the last financial year was £21884.16. The most notable change on this figure from last year was the grant received from national lottery of the amount £8800. This funding helped us in having better quality events following on to 2024. The total expenditure in the financial year was £11957.26.

DECLARATION:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report, as above.

Signed by the charity trustees on 30.12.2024

Signatures:



Print name: Rajdeep Routh

TRUSTEE



Print: Dr Sandip Dhar

TRUSTEE

Print: Saroni Sil

TRUSTEE

