

The Pujo Poetry

The Siliguri Durga Puja

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The time of Sarat when the sky looks blue,
The days pass so fast that I don't have any clue.
Along with many flower like Shiuli and Kash,
Maa Durga's vigor seems to be more with her thick eyelash.

For me the puja starts from Mahalaya,
The Puja People are busy to welcome the Mahamaya.
It's time for the traders to have their brisk business,
No time for them to relax and clear out their stress.

The Siliguri's Puja this year seems to be little down.
Probably, it's because of the dullness in the market of the town,
Puja Chanda had to be shared along with Vishwakarma & Ganesh,
Little share remains for Goddess Ma Durga by the donators to unleash.

Still the children remain the main attraction on Puja Day,
Parents don't have a choice with their plans takes a sway,
Eateries are full of non-veg stuff like Prawn, Fish and Bargar,
People now may be cautious because of the fear of Kolkata Bhaagar.

Presently pandal hopping in Siliguri starts from Panchami,
I wonder why I finish up seeing every pandal by the night of Asthami?
Probably, its Siliguri and not Kolkata with thousands of Pandals to see,
Where you start from Mahalaya but cannot complete even by Dashami.

I pray to Maa Durga Let the country at least see peace throughout the year,
Till the time you again arrive at your Baaper Bari in the next year.
Make your worshippers stay calm like they offer prayers to you,
During the time of turbulence which are always in the due.