

Saradiya Editorial

Durga Puja always brings in the much awaited and needed flavor in the minds of the people of this region. Especially, for the states like West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, Bihar and other adjoining states. Bengali speaking people have more of their soul attached to this festival than any other. It is more than a festive to them. Off late in Kolkata it is being termed as a carnival rather than a simple puja. Thanks to the initiative of the Chief Minister Smt. Mamta Banerjee. Everyone plunge themselves in this four day long gala event with puja, onjoli, delicious food, pandal hopping, country rides, cultural evenings and of course welcoming Durga Maa back to her Sasur Bari (Paternal House). North Bengal though may not be having the similar grandeur like Kolkata, however, the mood remains in the moon. Euphoria of the people is at the highest esteem. Though in Kolkata, the pandal hopping begins just on the day of Mahalaya. However, the peak up rises from Panchami in North Bengal. It is the busiest time of the year if you are an active member of a Bengali Durga Puja organizing committee. Fixing the little touches of the last minute is always there every time. We miss those musical days of the old when Puja Releases were there. However, we still cherish the songs of those days till date during the pujas. We may find some songs coming out but the musical charisma is missing and also the acceptance among the audience. The 'Dhanuchi Naach' and 'Dhaak' are an inherent part of the celebratory jubilation. The end of the four-day festival with Dashami brings out the saddest part of the festivities among the Bengalis. With the overwhelming emotions we have to bid farewell to Maa Durga with the hope that she will be again there next year. The next thing what the Bengalis do is to start the countdown for the next Durga Puja.

