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# Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP) Glasgow

## Trustees' Annual Report

1.4.2019 to 31.3.2020



## Charity contact information



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## Charity Trustees

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## Trustee recruitment and appointment

There has been no change in the year 2019-20.

## 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.

## 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 friendly relationship with host community and promote racial harmony and integration.
- To promote social cohesion and supportive environment for aging population.
- To encourage the advancement of education for both our senior and junior members
- To promote 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 disadvantage

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

## Achievements and performance

It has been an extraordinary year for all due to the Covid pandemic and the BSP activities were no exception. A summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period is given below with the flyers of the events.

A summary of the achievements of the BSP:

- The new BSP committee was elected and took charge on 16th June 2019. The committee decided to update the content and look of the BSP Glasgow website. This is now available at <https://www.bspglasgow.com>
- On 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 the **Bengali New Year** was celebrated that included a fete where Quizes, Tombola, Kid's Art Workshop and musical chair games were the highlights.
- **Annual Drama 'Chittyo Binimoy'** was held in Eastwood hall on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. This was a home production and was well appreciated by the audience.
- In the summer of 2019, we arranged a **day out** for 50 members including senior members who otherwise do not get an opportunity to go to splendid Scottish countryside due to their age and infirmity. We hired a bus and went to Loch Lomond cruise that was hugely welcomed and the silver lining was freshly prepared fish and chips.
- We celebrated another successful **Durga puja** (5 days), Laxmi puja (1 day) and Kali puja (1 day) in the month of October, well organised by our Puja committee. This was followed by the BSP organising the annual Bijoya Sammelani on 3rd Nov 2019 at Clarkston hall. In this programme our members enjoyed various song, dance and drama performances from both young children and adult members. As always, we finished with an excellent dinner prepared by our our own BSP volunteers.
- The **Bijoya Sammilani** was a cultural event immediately following the Durga puja held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2019. This was a

multicultural performance of dance, instrumentals and choir that was well received.

- **‘Kali Puja’ is Diwali** – the festival of Light which was celebrated by the community which comes immediately following the Durga puja which means right upto Christmas the community remains busy in celebrations that send warmth in what is otherwise a cold and dreary time of the year heralding the advent of winter.
- **‘Saraswati puja’** is celebration of the goddess of Learning which is special to the young members of the community and just like the other events brings together the community in best spirits. There were various cultural events mainly performed by the young members of the BSP on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2020.
- We then started planning to organise, for the first time, a **BSP charity fundraising dinner** at Glasgow Marriott hotel on 23rd April 2020. The aim was to raise funds in aid of 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Margaret Hospice Scotland and Spina Bifida Scotland. Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The committee hopes to organise this event in future once the current pandemic situation resolves. Due to the ongoing lockdown, all other BSP programmes, for the rest of the year, including our AGM had to be cancelled.

BANGIYA SANSKRITIK PARISHAD  
PRESENTS  
ANNUAL DRAMA EVENING

*Chitto*  
BINIMOY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH**  
EASTWOOD THEATRE  
7:30 PM

ENTRY ??

BSP PRESENTS AN ADAPTATION  
OF BANKIMCHANDRA'S  
SUBARNAGOLOK ADAPTED INTO  
A PLAY "CHITTOBINIMOY" BY  
RADHARAMAN GHOSE. A  
HILARIOUS TALE OF MISTAKEN  
IDENTITIES AND EXCHANGE OF  
MINDS THROUGH  
A GOLDEN MAGIC BALL

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AWARDS  
FOR ALL  
SCOTLAND  
LOTTERY FUNDED

<https://www.facebook.com/durgapujaglasgow/videos/617834538743729>

# FORMAL EVENT

*in aid of 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Margaret Hospice Scotland  
Clydebank & Spina Bifida Scotland Cumbernauld*

3 COURSE MEAL • MUSIC • ENTERTAINMENT  
DRINKS & RECEPTION

**23RD APRIL 2020**

Tickets £65pp / Tickets £60pp for Tables of 10+

Spina Bifida  
Hydrocephalus  
Scotland



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**MARRIOT HOTEL**

6:30PM for 7:30PM  
Formal Attire / Tables of 8-16

**NICOLA CASSELLS**

Young rising star Scottish Singer  
Italian theme songs  
in contemporary  
Classical Soprano Style

**WILLIE YOUNG**

Main Speaker, Former National  
& International Football Referee  
Chairman of the Scottish Football  
Association Referee Committee  
UEFA Referee Observer

**MC RONNIE SMITH**

Well known Humorous, Popular MC  
& Speaker in the Scottish Circuit

## **Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP) Glasgow**

*Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP) Glasgow formed in 1970s was initially a group of Bengali speaking people who had settled in Glasgow and yet were bound by roots that extend and go back to Bengal, India.*

*Set up as a charity from 2017, BSP has since aimed to benefit its members as well as aim to integrate with and benefit our local community.*

*Our core ethos is to integrate the children of the members and the older members of the community to integrate into the Scottish life and also to help other charities local to West of Scotland whose core values resonate strongly with ourselves.*

*BSP organises several community programs as well as religious functions throughout the year that are well attended not only by our members but also by MSPs and is widely supported by the First Minister.*

*In an effort to further our charitable purposes and work we are hosting a gala dinner for our charity partners St. Margaret's Hospice Scotland & Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland on the April 23rd, 2020 at the Glasgow Marriott. We hope to have a successful event for a worthy cause and raise a substantial amount of money to support these charities.*

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A colorful poster for Bengali New Year Festivities. The background is a mix of orange and yellow with a subtle pattern. A large yellow star is in the center. The text is arranged in a structured layout with decorative borders on the sides.

*Join us for a family fun  
day to celebrate*

**Bengali**  
**NEW YEAR**  
*festivities*

**Kids art workshop**  
**Quiz**  
**Tombola**  
**Musical Chairs**

**SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2019**  
**12PM - 5PM**

Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad Glasgow  
Durga Puja Committee warmly invites you to  
celebrate with us

# BIJOYA SAMMELANI

Join us for an  
evening of food,  
festivities and  
entertainment  
ENTRY FREE  
ALL WELCOME!



3RD NOVEMBER, 2019  
1730 PM ONWARDS  
CLARKSTON HALL, CLARKSTON ROAD,  
GLASGOW G76 8NE

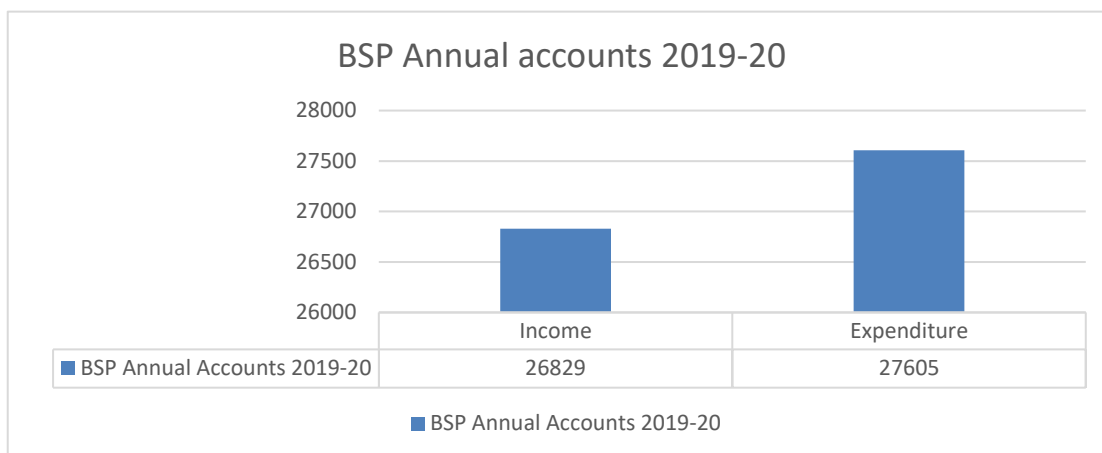
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## Financial review

### Statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

The annual loss of £776 is compensated by the reserves in the designated bank accounts. Almost all of BSP’s funds are from donations, subscriptions and grants and there is no steady income from any source. However, there are no fixed expenditure like staff monthly salaries etc so the trustees can ensure there is no significant debt and the outlook for finances remain robust in the future. All future programmes and events are based on the income generated and care is taken to remain within the proposed budget for which regular financial review is carried out.

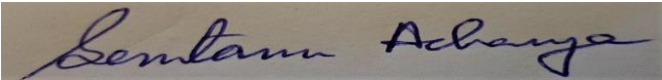
### Future plans

It has been an extraordinary year for all and the BSP activities were no exception. We all look forward to returning to our normal BSP activities once the situation in the country normalises and the government guidance allows us to do so. In the meantime, the AGM for 2020 had to be cancelled and it was agreed that the current BSP Executive committee would continue till 2021.

## DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

Signature: 

Print name: DR SANTANU ACHARYA

Designation: TRUSTEE

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2021