



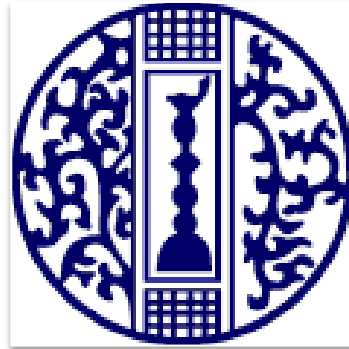
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Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP) Glasgow

Trustees' Annual Report

1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021



Charity contact information



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Trustee recruitment and appointment

There has been no change in the year 2020-21.

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 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 and performance

A summary of the main achievements of the BSP during 2020-21 is given below with the flyers of the events. Available at <https://www.bspglasgow.com>

- In view of the risks posed to the senior members of our community, the flagship programmes of the BSP viz. various Pujas (religious festivals) were suspended as advised by the Scottish government guidelines.
- **‘Saraswati puja’** is a 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. In the lockdown period, to help our members remain connected from the confines of their homes, we organised an online event. Many of our members actively participated in this initiative by sending us videos of their performances which were uploaded on BSP’s social media pages allowing all members to enjoy. <https://www.bspglasgow.com/saraswati-puja-art-exhibition-2021>
- Covid 19 pandemic was sudden with far-reaching implications. This left many **Indian students stranded in Scotland** since there were no outward flights and it was difficult to manage with the meagre resources. Our members rose to our call and we raised **£2288** to help and support Indian students stranded in Scotland during the lockdown. Through this initiative we were able to support more than 50+ Indian students- 13 students had their accommodation paid for and 40+ students received help to buy essential groceries/ food hampers. This was done in association with “Glasgow Indians” <https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowIndians/>, “Glasgow Hindu Mandir” <https://www.hindumandirglasgow.org/> and our own BSP volunteers to help deliver the essential supplies to the students in Glasgow and Edinburgh.
- Super **Cyclonic Storm Amphan** was a powerful and catastrophic tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage in Eastern India, especially West Bengal. BSP collaborated with United Scotland Malayalee Association and Scottish Karnataka Sangha to raise funds for cyclone victims in West Bengal. A total of **£2892** was raised and the money was then used to help relief work via reputed Indian charities-
 1. Ramkrishna Mission <https://sriramakrishna.org/>
 2. Bharat Sevashram Sangha <https://www.bharatsevashramsangha.org/>
 3. Antyodoy Anath Ashram
<https://fundraisers.giveindia.org/nonprofits/antyodoy-anath-ashram>
 4. Calcutta Social Project <https://www.calcuttasocialproject.net/>

- We also partnered with the **Cultural Association of Bengal** and **North America Bengali Association** in their unique global virtual fundraising concert- **HOPE 2020** <https://nabc2022.org/hope2020-faq> along with other global partners to support COVID and AMPHAN cyclone victims in West Bengal, India. This was a three days' virtual event on 3rd, 4th and 5th July, 2020 for a philanthropic cause to help many projects that were helping the poor people in Bengal who lost everything during the Covid pandemic.
- On 3rd March, 2021, Dr Santanu Acharya (Trustee, BSP) organised and moderated a very important programme on **Organ Donation – a Hindu perspective, in collaboration with Kidney Research UK and the Scottish government**. Organ donation in the BAME community is much less accepted, although the Asian population needs 3 times more organ donation than their White British counterparts. There were many eminent speakers but the personal narratives from the people affected by organ donation made the evening a remarkably thought-provoking exercise. <https://www.bspglasgow.com/hindu-faith-webinar>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NIsxwgmOs>
- During October 2020 during the Durga puja (this was not held due to Covid restrictions), to entertain the expat Bengali community in Scotland, we organised a few online events.
- On 23rd October, we organised a programme with local talents both young and older generations. This was an online performance and can be viewed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=EOy2stAeDfQ>
- On 24th October **Suparna Chattyopadhyay** from Kolkata presented an excellent rendition of popular Bengali songs and Rabindrasangeet that was thoroughly enjoyable.
- On 25th October there was a special double event to raise funds for the poor artisans, actors and people related to the activities around Durga puja in Bengal. They suffered from double whammies with the Cyclone and Covid pandemic with significant implications on their livelihood. We had the privilege of watching online **Dr Anindita Mitra on the sitar** (President of India medal winner) and **Dr Madanki Srinivasan on vocals** directly from Kolkata. They are not just eminent gynaecologists but very talented artists as well. They gave up their own time and without charging any fees performed that was watched by an international audience. Both performances were a stupendous success.
- On 31st October as part of Bijoya Dasami celebrations, in collaboration with SABAASH (Edinburgh), we organised a web concert by **Iman Chakraborty**, one of the most famous contemporary artists from India. She is a national award-winning singer, who enthralled the audience with her popular numbers.

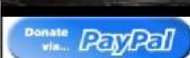
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IN COLLABORATION WITH UNITED SCOTLAND MALAYALEE
ASSOCIATION AND SCOTTISH KARNATAKA SANGHA REQUESTS YOUR
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BENGAL CYCLONE APPEAL

BENGAL DESPERATELY NEEDS YOUR
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CYCLONE AMPHAN

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REFERENCE: CYCLONE



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HINDU FAITH WEBINAR

Log on to a special event co-hosted with Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad and Scottish Government, about the change in the opt-out law (Scotland) and the Hindu faith perspective on organ donation.

What does the change in organ and tissue law (March 2021) by Scottish Government mean?

How will it affect me and my family ?

Is organ donation permissible in the Hindu faith ?

Speakers

Chair: Neerja Jain - Health equalities programme manager, Kidney Research UK.

Bushra Riaz - Scottish peer educator coordinator, Kidney Research UK.

Dr Santanu Acharya - Consultant gynaecologist and obstetrician, trustee Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad.

Dr Radha Sundaram - ICU Consultant, Royal Alexandra Hospital, NHS.

Dr Rajni Tejwani - Consultant physician, University Hospital Hairmyres, NHS.

Sharon Grant -Policy manager, implementation team, Scottish government.

Jen Lumsdaine - Lead nurse, living donation Scotland, NHS.

Jay & Sina Patel - Our gift of live , family perspective from donor family

Mr Ankur Mukherjee - personal perspectives from family and carer of a kidney patient

Mr Gourab Sen - Consultant hepatobiliary and transplant surgeon Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne

Dr Panchajanya (Pancho) Ghatak- faith perspective, Clinical director and consultant psychiatrist, Elysium Healthcare



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BSP Glasgow and Durga Puja Committee Glasgow present

MAHA NABAMI SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER A CONCERT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

430 PM to 530 PM

POPULAR HINDI AND BANGLA SONGS

DR. MADANKI SRINIVASAN

Live on Facebook



A consultant gynaecologist by profession, Dr. Madanki Srinivasan is a talented, multilingual singer who grew up in Kolkata. Native to Tamil Nadu, she studied in the UK, lived and worked in the UAE and Singapore and now is back to her roots in Kolkata.

530 PM to 630 PM

SITAR RECITAL

DR. ANINDITA MITRA

Live on Facebook



Also a doctor by profession, Dr. Anindita Mitra is a talented sitar player and is a disciple of Ustad Shahid Pervez, Pt. Santosh Banerjee and Pt. JG Roy. She is a Governor's medal winner, Sangeet Prabhakar and teaches sitar online.

facebook/sitardraninditamitra

BSP Glasgow and Durga Puja Committee Glasgow present

MAHA NABAMI SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER A CONCERT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

We are very grateful to these two wonderful artistes for agreeing to share their talent and time with us on this very special occasion.

BSP GLASGOW INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE SARASWATI PUJO WITH US THROUGH A



VIRTUAL ART EXHIBITION

**WE INVITE YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR ART WORK IN LINE WITH ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING THEMES:**

- **FESTIVALS OF INDIA**
- **HOW TO ENJOY LOCKDOWN**
- **THE SEASON YOU LOVE THE MOST**

**SEND US A PHOTO OF YOUR ART BY:
EMAIL – BSPGLASGOW@GMAIL.COM
WHATSAPP – 07738825689**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS
14 FEBRUARY 2021
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME
AND AGE**



**ALL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE 'EXHIBITED' ON 16 FEBRUARY 2021 ON
THE BSP FACEBOOK PAGE AND ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE
[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/USER/BSPGLASGOW](https://www.youtube.com/user/BSPGLASGOW)**

BSP Glasgow invites you to join this free online workshop for our young ones to celebrate the magic of Saraswati Pujo

CRAFT WITH JOYOTOMA

Joyottoma is a self-taught art enthusiast and loves experimenting with different media. A firm believer in minimalism, she started painting on glass bottles with a desire to upcycle and reuse them as home decor accessories.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

2 PM - SESSION 1 (AGE GROUP 4 TO 8 YEARS)

3 PM - SESSION 2 (AGE GROUP 9 TO 13 YEARS)

A ZOOM MEETING LINK FOR THE WORKSHOPS
WILL BE SHARED SOON

REQUIREMENTS

- Empty, clean, broad-necked glass jar (e.g. jam or pickle jar). Please remove any stickers/glue from glass.
- Session 1 - Coloured yarn, decorative stickers, flowers and decorative lace (these can be ordered online from craft stores), PVA/craft glue, coloured pens.
- Session 2 - Same as above, or acrylic paints and paint brushes if you prefer to paint on your jar. Pen/pencil to use as a dotting tool.



To register interest
please contact
bspglasgow@gmail.com
or 07703068238

LIVE ON FACEBOOK

IMAN

WITH NILANTAN

31ST OCTOBER 2020
@ 5PM BST



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SABASH
Charity & Community of Bangladeshi, Indian and Pakistani Heritage
Registered Charity SC048707

 **Banglapa Sambhuti Parishad (BSP) Glasgow**
Social Charity, Registered to SC047368

 **DURGA PUJA COMMITTEE**
Banglapa Sambhuti Parishad, Provisional Glasgow

BSP GLASGOW AND DURGA PUJA COMMITTEE ARE PLEASED TO HOST

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SINGING POPULAR HINDI AND BANGLA SONGS

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

4 30 PM (UK TIME)

10 PM (INDIA TIME)

LIVE on www.facebook.com/bspglasgow

Please contact bspglasgow@gmail.com for further information



BSP GLASGOW AND DURGA PUJA COMMITTEE ARE PLEASED TO HOST

SUPARNA CHATTOPADHYAY AND AN EVENING OF SONGS



LIVE on <https://www.facebook.com/bspglasgow>

SATURDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2020
5 PM (UK TIME), 930 PM (INDIA TIME)



Suparna has been training in Rabindra Sangeet for the last 9 years from her Guru Ma Smt. Pramita Mallick. Having done a Masters Degree in Kheyal from Rabindra Bharati University, Suparna is a graded artiste of All India Radio and Doordarshan, Kolkata and is currently an invited panelled artiste of ICCR Kolkata. Suparna has recently released her debut album 'Surer Plabone' and her first single video album 'Dibosho Rajani'.

Please contact bspglasgow@gmail.com for further information

Respects were paid to our members who sadly passed away during the year, many succumbing to the Covid pandemic in an online remembrance ceremony in March 2021.



BSP Glasgow and Durga Puja Committee Glasgow invites you to join our virtual pujo celebrations

*Ma Durga moner maaihe...
Boshe ghore, pujo-r shaaje
Facebook ta laagbe kaaje!*



PUJO PLAN

Maha Saptami Friday, 23rd October 2020

7 PM to 8 PM - Local performances on Facebook/YouTube



Maha Ashtami Saturday, 24th October 2020

6 PM to 8 PM - Durga Puja LIVE from Hindu Mandir Glasgow (link to follow)

8 PM to 9 PM - Local performances on Facebook/YouTube



Maha Nabami Sunday, 25th October 2020

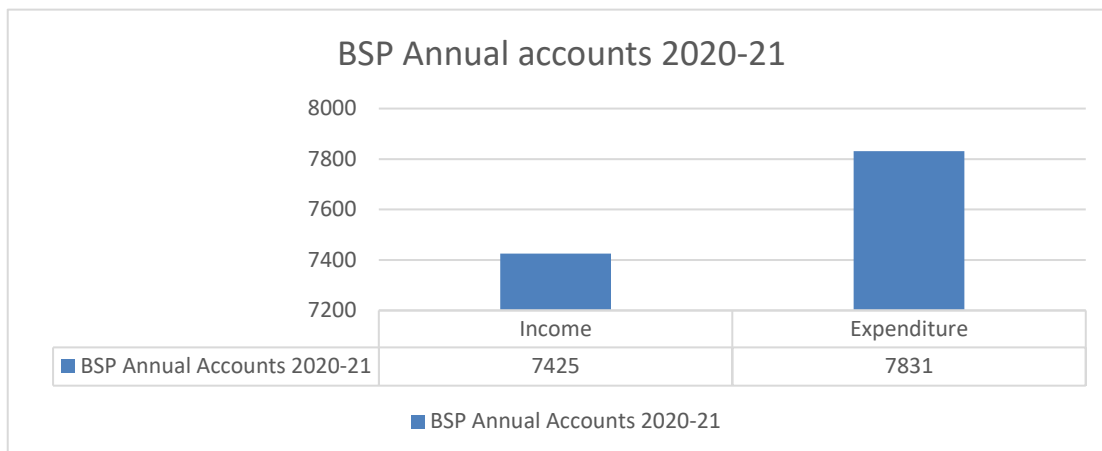
4 PM to 5:30 PM + 5:30 PM to 7 PM SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCES from India

7 PM to 8 PM - Local performances on Facebook/YouTube



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Financial review

Statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

The annual loss of £406 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 is 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

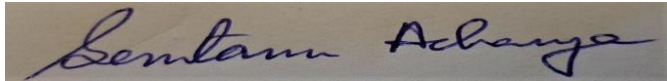
With the continuing Covid19 pandemic still ravaging the world, we decided to suspend all the mass gatherings including the ‘Durga puja’, the most important annual programme of the BSP, second year in a row. However, with very high vaccination rates, we are optimistic that our normal BSP activities will resume 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:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Santanu Acharya".

Print name: DR SANTANU ACHARYA

Designation: TRUSTEE

Date: 15th December, 2021