



*Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP), Glasgow
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Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP) Glasgow Trustees' Annual Report (1.4.2022 to 31.3.2023)

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Trustee recruitment and appointment

The change in trustee number and structure was agreed in June, 2021. This was followed during the time as covered in the report. Trustees would be President, General Secretary and another individual with established commitment to BSP

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

Launching the indigenous BSP website. –

As the community work resumed in full swing after the covid pandemic, we had to think of ways to conserve the revenue. The executive committee held several meetings to understand ways to do so. One of which was to re design and maintain the website indigenously. This was to save the charges paid out previously to the private operator, for the website.

The first version of the website, was built by one of our members. This was in use for some time, then we wanted it to be more user friendly, we had to hire a private operator, who re designed it and maintained it on twenty four month contract. As this contract came to an end, another member, who also happened to be in the Executive committee at the time, volunteered to re design the website and make it user friendly, with multiple functionality. This is currently maintained by the Executive Committee. We pay charges to the hosting domain, only, which is one-fifth of what we would have paid if could not be done indigenously. This also has added benefits like, collecting membership payments, sending alerts for payments, and ticketing events, linking with card and Pay pal payments.

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 Sundays, during the term time. We have supplied the reading books to the children. We have about 12 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 three quarter of the face to face lessons are hosted in our homes.

The group of children from this school, also get a chance to perform in BSP event. As a committee, seeing the interest from the parents, we have decided to spread this school outside the Glasgow boundary, we are currently in the process of working out logistics of transforming this as Pan Scotland class, utilising the online platform. But to take to this stage, we will need some funding, which we’ll have to explore.

COMING SOON

BSP BRINGS TO YOU

BANGLA CLASSES

ONLY **£5**

FACE-2-FACE & ONLINE

KIDS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

COMMUNITY CLASSES WITH EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

Please get in touch with us at bspglasgow@gmail.com

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





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)

Date 24 April, 2022

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 twenty 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. The profits from the sale helped us to raise just over £1000.



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**JOIN BSP GLASGOW TO CELEBRATE WITH
FRIENDS, BUY DELICIOUS HOME- MADE
FOOD AT OUR STALLS AND ENJOY LOCAL
PERFORMANCES**



Poila Boishakh
Bengali New Year
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**SUNDAY , 24TH APRIL 2022
2 PM TO 7 PM
POLLOKSHAWS BURGH HALL,
G43 1NE**

STALL MENU

- Tea (unlimited refill)
- Vegetable chop
- Phucka
- Kasha manghso and pulao
- Chicken biriyani
- Sandesh

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BSP's Outdoor picnic

Date 11 June, 2022

At Mugdock Country Park, in the traditional BBQ style, we have entertained over seventy guests at this pond site. It was great to see some of our senior members, there. It was tricky to keep up to the soaring inflation costs.

The Executive Committee has done lot of budgeting to deliver this picnic at a subsidised price for our members. As we have a growing community group who are yet to become members, we also invited them at a non-subsidised price.



BSP'S
SUMMIER
BBQ

11TH JUNE

Mugdock Park
Craigend Pond Site

10:30-4:30



Religious festivals-

Lisitng 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

This is welcoming Goddess Durga. This is marked by cultural event which consists of recitation, song and dances. This is performed by children as well as various adult performers, some senior members also join. This show is followed by serving a delicious dinner cooked by volunteers.



Mahalaya

Sunday, 25th Sep 2022

Venue: Pollokshaws Burgh Hall,
2025, Pollokshaws Rd,
Glasgow G43 1NE

Durga Puja Glasgow 2022



Sarbojanin Durgotsav

Venue: Coats Paisley, High St, Paisley, Glasgow PA1 2BA

Maha Shashti – Saturday, 1st October 2022

Kalparambha, Bodhan, Amontran, Adhibas, Arati: 5pm – 7pm

Preeti Bhoj: 7.30pm – 9.30 pm

Maha Saptami – Sunday, 2nd October 2022

Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 5pm – 7pm

Bhog Bitoron: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Maha Ashtami – Monday, 3rd October 2022

Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 6pm – 8pm, Sandhi Puja: 8pm

Bhog Bitoron: 8.30pm – 10.30pm

Maha Navami – Tuesday, 4th October 2022

Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 6pm – 8pm

Bhog Bitoron: 8pm - 10pm

Maha Dashami – Wednesday, 5th October 2022

Puja, Bisorjan, Santijal, & Prasad: 6pm – 8pm

Preeti Bhoj: 8pm - 10pm

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Durga Puja

This is our biggest festivals, resuming a pause of forty- eight months due to disruptions from Covid pandemic. Hence there was lot of anticipation and enthusiasm. We had to overcome the challenge of finding a suitable venue as BSP does not own any venue.

Our Puja subcommittee, who oversee's this religious activities of our organisation had done a lot of research to find a suitable venue for the mega event. Historically, we have hosted this event at Couper Institute, Glasgow, which was affordable. However, due to change in ownership of the venue we could not hire from the Glasgow Council. So we had to find a suitable one from the private renters. We selected Coats Paisley, which is a magical Gothic revival former church. However the cost of hire increased multiple times. We had to balance the cost by attracting sponsorships which primarily came from various community members. Around sixty-seventy volunteers were involved in various aspects of this event- some in the ritualistic side, some in shopping, some in cleaning, some in cooking, some in serving and clearing off.

We cooked for the five day long festival to serve dinner to two thousand and five hundred guests over these days. We budgetted carefully and managed to host the spectacular event which attracted more and more Bengali and non Bengali guests. Lot of students from Glasgow also came to this event and could enjoy the festivity.

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 after the Covid.

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 09 October, 2022

Kali Puja Monday 24 October, 2022

Saraswati Puja 28 January, 2023

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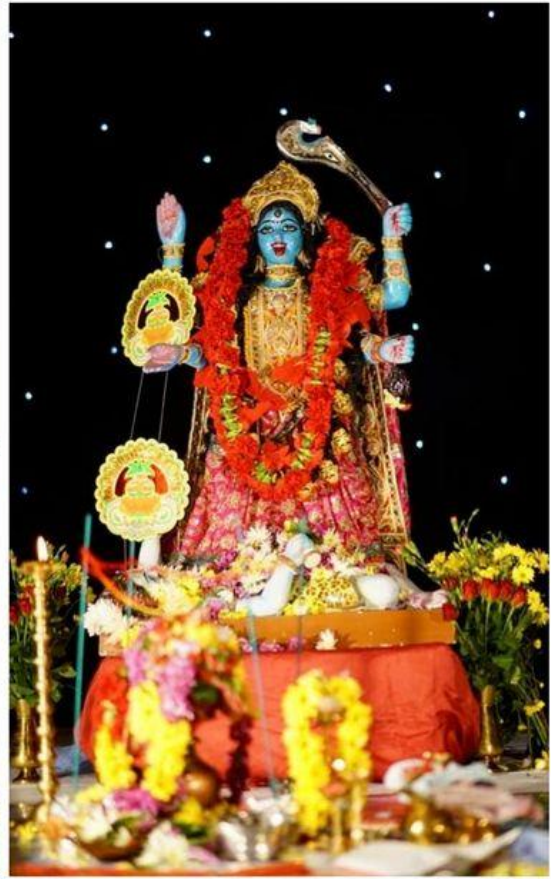
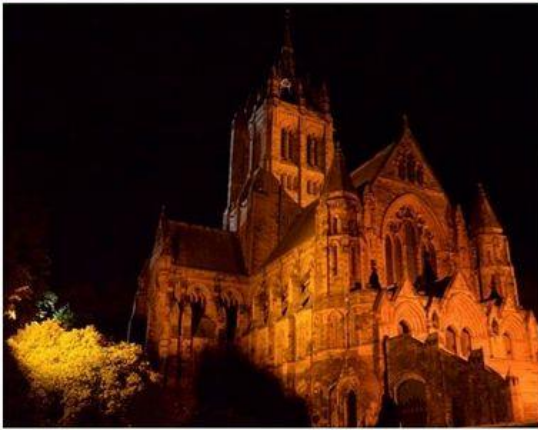
KOJAGARI LAKSHMI PUJA

Puja, Pushpanjali, Arati, Prasad: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Bhog Bitoron: 8:00pm – 9:00pm

***Venue: Pollokshaws Burgh Hall,
2025 Pollokshaws Rd, Glasgow G43 1NE***

Kali Puja Mon Oct 24



Venue:
Coats Paisley,
High St,
Paisley PA1 2BA

Puja starts at 5PM
Bhog at 9PM
Suggested Donation
£15/person, £25/family

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सरस्वती पूजा

Sat 28th Jan

Venue : Clarkston Hall

Clarkston Road, Glasgow G76 8NE

**Puja, Pushpanjali , Aarati, Prasad -
12 PM - 2PM**

**Bhog Bitoron -
2 PM - 4 PM**

Bijoya Somaeloni

Date November 06, 2022

This is BSP's way of celebrating successful conduct of the big Puja event. This is non-ticketed event, where we cook and serve dinner after a cultural programme from various sections of the community.

BSP's income from the member's subscription and donations, supported this event.



brings you...

Bijoya Somaeloni

MUSIC. DANCE. FOOD. ADDA.

**NOVEMBER 6TH
POLLOKSHAWS BURGH HALL
70 GLENCAIRN DR, GLASGOW
G41 4LL**

EVENT STARTS 4PM
CULTURAL PROGRAM 4:30 PM
DINNER 7PM

This event is open to all (including non members). We urge you to become members and support our charity. Details can be found at www.bspglasgow.com, or you can email at

BSP Gaaner Ashor (Invited professional singers and musician)

Date: 27 Nov, 2022

Ticketed event, subsidised for BSP members

Venue: Green Gates restaurant

This covered the show – Professional artists- Sahana Bajpaie and Samantak Sinha

This attracted guests from Glasgow as well as Edinburgh

House full event, 85% of cost was covered by tickets the rest from BSP's fund.

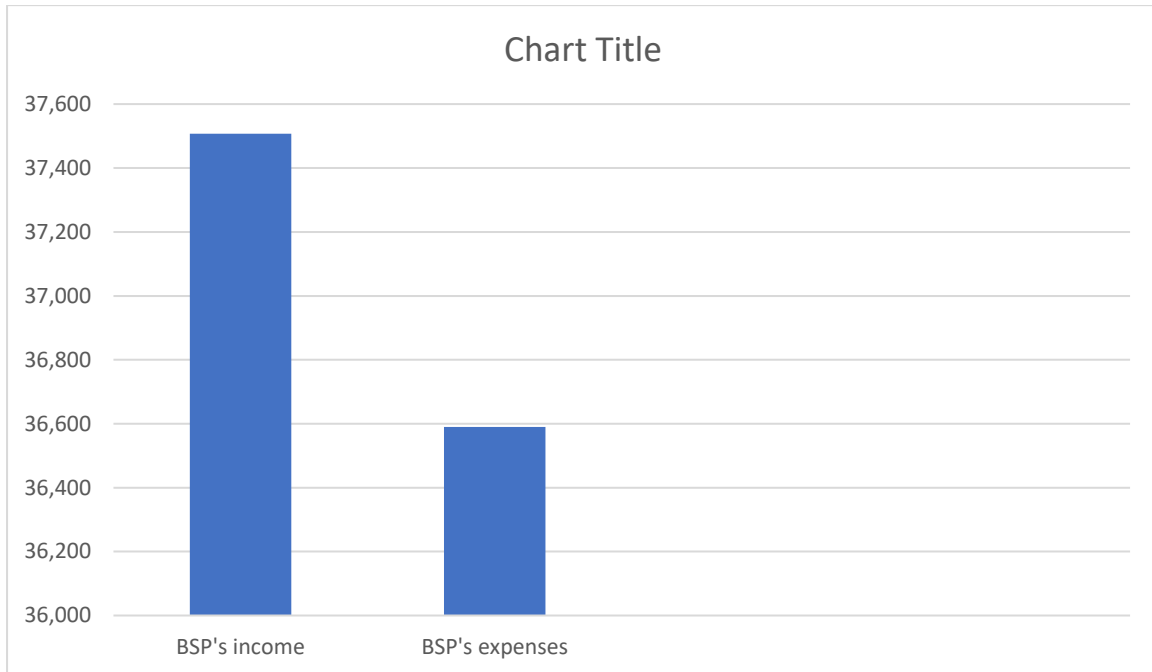
SP GLASGOW PRESENTS

Gaaner Ashor

WITH SAHANA BAJPAIE & SAMANTAK SINHA



27th November 2022



Financial review

For the period 01/04/2022-31/03/2023-

BSP's income has been £37,507, whilst its expenditure has been £36,590 that gives a surplus of £917.00. This has been achieved after very careful budgeting of the various events. This leaves a closing balance of £28,283 in the various accounts at the end of the year.

Almost all of BSP's funds are from donations, subscriptions and grants only at some years. There is no steady income from any source. There is no fixed expenditure like staff monthly salaries, office hire etc.

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.

DECLARATION:

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

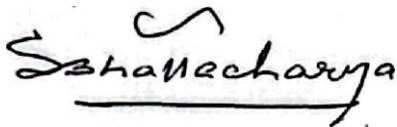
Signed by the charity trustees on 30.12.2023

Signatures:



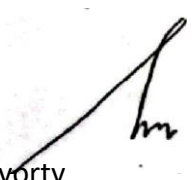
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