



GIVE STRENGTH FOR A LIVING, O GREAT DURGA DEVI ...



DURGA, the originator of the universal process in its entirety, is praised and worshipped in the last five days of Durga Puja, a festival specially set-aside for her. Devotees from all walks of life flock to the various mandirs to pray to the goddess for 'shakti' -- the divine power. Mandaps depicting the tranquil and turbulent, serene and fierce Durga Devi, with many hands fanned out stood tall in all temples. Chorus' chanted: "O great goddess Durga, thou art fame, thou art prosperity, thou art steadiness, thou art success, thou art knowledge, thou art intellect; and as I bow to thee ... O supreme goddess, grant me protection". The festival ended yesterday with the immersion of the idol of the goddess in the River Buriganga.

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