



THE MANY SIDES OF DURGA CELEBRATION

THERE was an air of festivity in the capital as the Hindus celebrated their biggest religious festival, the Durga Puja, this month. Decorated mandaps, sounds of dhak and ghanta, strong sweet smell of incense, solemn prayers and cheerful celebrations marked the annual worship of The Great Divine Mother. Prasad, a sweet offering, was distributed among the devotees at the mandaps. The third day of the celebration saw Kumari Puja, in which devotees worship a pre-pubescent girl as a manifestation of the divine female energy. A large number of visitors thronged a temporary mandap in Kalabagan. The idols of goddess were taken to Sadarghat and Wais Ghat on the Buriganga river on Bijoya Dashami to immerse those in water. The photos were taken from Dhanmondi, Kalabagan and Dhakeswari temples.

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