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From the Chairman's desk



My dear Children, Sisters, and Brothers of Essex Indians (EI),

Whether you are regular patron or a well-wisher or supporter, this is addressed to all of you. Essex Indians, our beloved organisation, is now 10 years old. In the last year, we have grown in strength and resilience in spite of the pandemic, and we have come closer. As our general secretary says — "a friend in need is a friend indeed!" We needed each other ever more and we transformed our community activities by using digital platforms.

We hosted more than 70 digital events. These included cultural events showcasing many languages and cultures. In particular, we celebrated diverse cultures and heritage from every corner of India.

In doing so, we came to know each other a little bit more. Helping our friends and patrons with both physical fitness and mental health promotion became regular events. Maitreya Bengali Club grew, and teachers, children and parents formed a strong network which has been inspirational to us all. In fact, facing unprecedented odds, we reinvented ourselves like a phoenix using digital platforms.

The participation in these events became international and our reach became global; when it became feasible, we started meeting physically for our cultural activities with appropriate precautions. We are looking forward to Durga Puja/Navaratri and Diwali/East Meets West (EMW) 2022.

I cannot thank my extended Essex Indians family enough, young and old for their contributions during this challenging period. Every one of you are uniquely strong, skilful and have lot to offer.

The women of EI deserve a special mention. They are the real force for keeping everything together. I cannot admire and respect them enough!

Our finances are in good shape and trustees have ambitious vision for the future. My co-trustees have given so much selflessly. They are true leaders, and I am privileged to work with them.

Our junior members were little children when we started our journey. They are now young adults. They are now role models and inspiration to children who follow. This is so important for children of ethnic minority for their confidence and self-esteem. They represent the best of East and West. They are global citizens. They embody what EI stands for - an ability and willingness to embrace all cultures. Tomorrow will be in safe hands.

We are looking forward to our ongoing events Navaratri/Durga Puja and Diwali. Let us keep the light of Essex Indians alive. Let us all work together to fulfil the big dreams of our little organisation.

Love and best wishes Dipankar Da (Uncle)

Mr Dipankar Mukherjee

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Sutapa songs
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Seema Bitan songs
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DrinksWine
Cold drink
Tea/Coffee

Entrée

Dahi Aloo Papdi Chaat Chilli Paneer Fish Amritsari Chicken Tikka Lamb Sheek Kebab

Main

Veg Kofta Curry Paneer Tikka Makhani Karahi Chicken Lamb Rogan Josh

Accompaniments

Naan Veg Biriyani Tomato L Cucumber Raita Salad

Dessert

Gulab Jamun with Ice-cream

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2022 events review and our future plan



My dear fellow patrons and well-wishers of Essex Indians what an incredible year it has been.

We opened our event calendar with Saraswati pujo and Republic day celebration on 6th February in Mayflower High School. With the pandemic restrictions slowly easing up Saraswati pujo was a much awaited face to face event which got the human interaction back that we were longing for. All necessary precautions were taken to have a COVID safe event and no cases were reported.

Our next event was International Mother Language day, an UNESCO international day, celebrated on 19th February. Essex Indians emphasizes on the necessity of knowing our culture and heritage, staying true to our roots and one's mother tongue is the key to that. We run Bangla and Hindi language club, 5 students from Maitreya Bengali club have passed their GCSE in Bengali.

This year we celebrated our signature event Holi on 19th March in Presidents community hall, Basildon. We had a fabulous day with excellent performances, mouth-watering food and an organic colour play at the end. We also handed over our donation to St. Lukes Hospice on the same day.

Baisakhi celebration took place on 14th May and it was another sold out event with people originating from various parts of India and other countries joining. We had cultural program representing celebration of new year in different parts of India.

Our flagship event, generation next festival 'Uttorshuri', funded by national lottery community fund, was staged on 2nd July in Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, London. We celebrated 100 years of Vishwa Bharati, Tagore's legacy – going back to roots. Children and adults of Essex Indians family performed.

Our biggest event of the year Durga Puja was celebrated on 1st- 5th October in Gidea Park and Romford Cricket Club, thank you for sponsoring the venue. First time we celebrated Durga Puja for 5 days following Tithis. Our priests were from our own EI family, we had cultural programs every evening where EI patrons/ community members performed, we fed more than 1000 people over the 5 days with food cooked by our own patrons onsite. We also arranged pujo porikrama in and around London and suburbs with sold out capacity of 75 people. We did probhat ferry which made the locals aware of our festival and we also hosted other pujo porikrama team at our venue.

We are celebrating East Meets West, our Diwali sit down dinner with live entertainment and fashion show, on 22nd Oct in Mayflower School. We have an excellent line up of various performances and lipsmacking dishes in the menu. Looking forward to see you all there.

We will be ending the year with our face to face AGM in end of November, where we reflect on the year passed and plan for the future year with sumptuous dinner.

Apart from all the face to face events Essex Indians also hosted various online events in remembrance of Lata Mangeshkar, Bappi Lahiri, Sandhya Mukherjee and Tarun Majumdar. We host Active Essex virtual gym program, thanks to Active Essex grant and work closely with Basildon Side by Side community platform. As part of the collaboration we participated in Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations and South Asian Heritage month celebrations. We also participated in UKBC 2022 and staged a one act drama which was well appreciated.

We are working on our 2023 event calendar and along with all the events mentioned above we also plan to introduce new events which will help us better our community cohesion even more.

Best wishes,













Essex Indians celebrate Holi

Essex Indians celebrated Holi on 19th March with huge festivity in President Community hall, Laindon West involving 150 people from every ethnic background coming from London, Harrow, Slough, Kent and Pan Essex.



The celebration involved live Bollywood and Bengali music extravaganza and superb dance performances. The finale included a Bollyfit Zumba workshop.

A sumptuous lunch cooked by members was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests. The colour play was conducted outside the hall in open greens.





From the desk of General Secretary



Essex Indians Presents

Durga Puja/Navaratri and Diwali in

Gidea Park

Essex Durgapujo by Essex Indians (EI) Registered Charity 1186579 has started its journey in 2016 moving into 7th year in 2022 with baby but bold and courageous steps.

El protima is rejuvenated by Sanaton Rudra Pal of Mohonbansi gharana Kolkata appreciated by one and all in the last 7 years.

This year we are conducting pujo in pandal style for the first time in Essex with luxury Marquee amidst lush greens and 'Kaash phool' with a covid compliant theme 'Pujo in the Greens' in British venue - Gidea Park Cricket Club, London zone 6 away from noise and hassles with a core of fraternity and festivity.

It will enlighten our friends and family over Full Five Days - 1st to 5th Oct with a 'nirghanto' in the same time and date as Kolkata bringing the pujo authentic flavour.

El pujo inauguration will be by local MP MLA and Mayor of Havering, again bringing the diverse cultural unity.

We are doing 'best of greater London' pujo parikroma for the first time in Essex which is heavily subscribed and sold out now.

'Feel good USP' of our El durgapujo are intricate Sanskrit Mantras, authentic healthy tasty pujo bhog served over 5 days cooked by El members, variety of cultural extravaganza by talented El members and celebrities and above all the 'emotional feel good atmosphere' which is unparallel in the best 5 days of the year.

On behalf of trustees, I sincerely welcome you to our beloved Durgapujo & Diwali celebration.

Dr Anirban MandalTrustee and General Secretary EI

Uttorsuri 2022 Celebrating 100 years of Viswabharati





















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100 years of Viswabharati

Essex Indians 'Shantiniketan in London' Uttorsuri show

Tagore is the national poet of India who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1913. He founded Viswabharati global open university in Shantiniketan in 1921. Even after 100 years, this unique concept of educating ' in the greens' outside the four walls of the classroom is applicable globally. Essex Indians (EI) Uttorsuri festival has been founded in 2014 to educate our generation next regarding Indian rich culture and values. This year EI has paid a tribute to Shantiniketan's 100 years with a unique show 'satabarsho por e' on 2nd July at will explore Shantiniketan's ' Sekal o Ekal' prioritising the relevance of naturistic

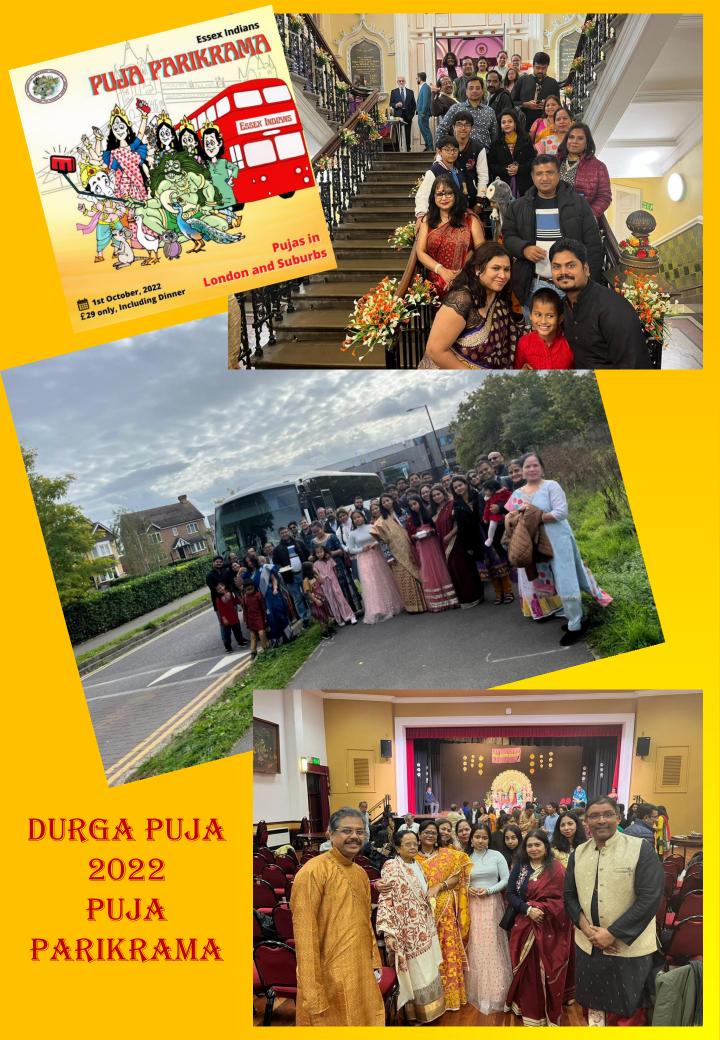
education globally.

The musical concert is directed by renowned Indian vocalist Sounak Chattopadhyay and elocutionist Samya Karpha, coordinated and co-directed by Dr Arpita Ray, Trustee EI, choreographed by Monideepa Seal, renowned classical dancer, and choir envisaged by lead Dr Anirban Mandal, Trustee EI featuring eminent dancers Ahana, Sanchita, Anupriya, Chitra, Olivia Sujata and Sourav and vocalists Ujjwal, Arya, Teerna, Tiyas, Tanisha, Sayantini, Sutapa, Shreyashi, Basabdutta and Moumita and actors Bihaan, Hridya, Arena, Aric, Iman, Manan, Gunjita, Dipankar, Suman, Jayita and Suman. This is

Mayukhjit on flute and eminent musicians of London - Amith, Sandyman, Milan and Douglas.

The costumes and stage decor have arrived all the way from Shantiniketan to bring the authentic culture. This is the first concert of Shantiniketan lives on stage in London'. EI trustees have thanked the live audience (200) in Bhavan UK and the digital audience (250) who joined from all over the world, such as the USA, Canada, Australia, India, Bangladesh and Europe for supporting this





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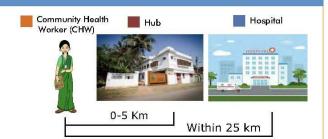
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- ➤ Top 50 Last Mile Responders for COVID Response Alliance, by the World Economic Forum 2021.
- > Ratan Tata, invested in iKure 2020.
- > UNDP's Executive Board Meeting, 2019.
- ➤ Microsoft Ashoka Simplon Accelerator Program 2016.

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2nd

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EMW/Diwali

22nd

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