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Durga Puja & Naranaryan Seva 2023 – An Appeal

“Atmano Mokshartham Jagadhitaya Cha”

For one's own liberation and for the welfare of the world.

We dream of an awakened India, developed India. But we believe development should be all-inclusive, and should start from the most deprived & interior areas. We cannot leave anybody behind while we progress as a nation. Our priority is to pull back all those segments of the population who have been ignored by the civilized world till now.

As Swami Vivekananda said: **“They only live who live for others”**

Inspired by these ideals, Mission For Human Excellence (MHE) started the journey in 2008. Self-orientation through pure unselfish service is what we try to achieve through this voluntary work. It's this spirit, which is important, and not the quantum of work.

Journey of Mission For Human Excellence (MHE)

MHE is a philanthropic organization catering to the service for mankind. One of the main activities of this organization is upliftment of the Sabar and Birhor communities in the West Bengal & Jharkhand regions. These communities are the two most primitive tribes in India. In Belpahari region total around 350 sabar families in 20 villages are the beneficiary group. MHE has already started various activities in this region, like – running coaching centers (currently 3 centers with 100 students), offering of dresses, winter garments, regular weekly ration (vegetables, Dal, Egg etc) offering to lactating and pregnant sabar mothers in Belpahari region. 16 Sabar girls are continuing their studies staying at Satyabharati, Konnagar and 1 student is studying at Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan near Dum Dum, Kolkata in Sanskrit Hons. We also try to renovate / construct houses which are in dilapidated condition and tried to arrange drinking water in 3 villages. MHE also conducted some medical camps at Belpahari region with the help of other benevolent organizations. MHE has also organized Saraswati Puja in last several years and Durga Puja in last 15 years. The Puja organized by MHE in 2009 was the first ever Durga Puja arranged in this region. In Ghatsila region we are running two coaching centers at the village Chologora and Tumankocha where around 120 students are getting regular studies. At Ghatsila, one homeopathy medical center is running, and doctor sits there in weekly basis. In Ghatsila region as well we are getting opportunity to serve the lactating & pregnant mothers (around 15 families) by providing Dal, Eggs & green vegetables in regular basis. Other than Belpahari and Ghatsila region, regular ration offering are done to 2 other places Sabarnagar (Jharkhand) and at Chandil region (Jharkhand).

We also arrange lunch programs to different Sabar and Birhor villages time to time.

At Sabarnagar total around 80 families and at Chandil region total around 120 families getting regular ration (twice a month)

All these activities have been possible with the help of many benevolent organizations and other well-wishers.

Durga Puja celebration – 2009 – 2022

- ✚ The Puja that is being organized for last 14 years is not just mere rituals. The aim of the puja is to help the local people (around 10,000) to participate in a grand celebration with their own cultural heritage.
- ✚ Every year before the Puja a full family survey is done among all Sabar family members. New dresses are distributed every year (Like Sari, saya, blouse to all Women, Shirt or Fatua to Men and children dresses) – total around 1500 individuals in Belpahari and 250 individuals at Ghatsila.
- ✚ Volunteers from Kolkata and the volunteers from the nearby villages work together during the Puja days.
- ✚ Free Tea & 'Sarbat' service is available for all the persons visiting Puja Mandap.
- ✚ A book stall on Ramakrishna Vivekananda Vedanta Literature is there - mainly with low cost books and photos, lockets etc. Villagers and students are getting interested on this.
- ✚ Saptami, Astami & Navami - on these 3 days everyone got Khichuri Prasad along with whole some lunch meal. Every year around 5,000 people take prasad on these days.
- ✚ Cultural programs are very enjoyable. This is the main attraction of this grand celebration. Different years we have different type of local cultural programs like - Chou Dance, 'Jhumur Song', Kirttan Song, Tarjja Song, Magic show, Drama etc. Other than these there are different tribal dances from different local groups – like Sarpa Dance, Pata dance, Karam dance, Bhuang dance etc.
- ✚ People who stayed far from the Puja pandals (around 10/15 km) we arrange to provide cars to bring them in this celebration.
- ✚ In 2019 this Puja was organized at the village Digha (near Ghatsila), in 2020 at Singaduba (Belahari) and in 2021 at Tapovan (near Gopiballavpur). This year the Puja will be arranged at the same place at the village Chirakuti, Belpahari.

Enlightened by the warmth of togetherness and by the enthusiasm of a new hope, this time also we have planned to arrange **Durga Puja in Belpahari**. So let's join hands to bring a smile on all those faces through a grand celebration. This will be our 15th anniversary of this Puja.

Durga Puja & Kali Puja – 2023

We all know that considerable amount of finance is required to organize such a grand occasion. To keep it within a reasonable limit, we have tried to draft a budget for this year's Durga Puja too alike the previous years. However, we have taken in consideration the fact that there has been substantial increase in prices in certain essential commodities this year. The budget for this year's Durga Puja & Kali Puja is as follows:

PARTICULARS	Budget (in INR)
Durga Puja Pratima (Idol)	20,000
New Dresses for 500 Sabar & Birhor Families (Belpahari & Ghatsila)	5,00,000
New Dresses for 80 Sabar Families (Sabarnagar)	80000
New Dresses for around 200 Birhor children at Bundu region	25000
Decorator, Pandal, Electric & Mike	1,20,000
Puja & Dashakarma	30,000
Puja Bhog Prasad (Lunch for 6000 people in 3 Puja days)	2,50,000
Book Stall	10,000
Cultural Program	40,000
Transport (To Bring villages staying far)	50,000
Volunteers	10,000
Miscellaneous	10,000
Kali Puja Expenses	70,000
Total	INR 12,15,000 (Rupees Twelve lakh fifty thousand only)

Note: The total expenditure of last year's Durga Puja, Kali Puja, and all region dress distribution for Sabar and Birhor families was around INR 11.5 Lakh

We had been getting whole-hearted support and good wishes from many well-wishers which have been the key source of inspiration-cum-sustenance for such a grand occasion in the Durga Puja celebrations at Belpahari for the last 13 years. We believe that this time also we will get the similar support from you to make this Durga Puja a worthy celebration.

So as the bell rings, we hope all of us would be there to chant together:

“Om Sarvamangala Mangalye Shive Sarvarthasadhike…….”

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After an online transfer to the above A/c, please send an e-mail / whats up message to Amit Das and/or Sabyasachi Dutta giving the details of your transaction with the subject of the email specified as "Contribution toward Durga Puja celebration at Chirakuti – 2023". Else, you may please send an email to missionforhumanexcellence@gmail.com

From last few years' Durga Puja celebration at Chirakuti is given below



Route Map: In Google map Search with Odalchua S.T High School

