

Final Pujo Letter

17 October 2020

Dear friends,

Further to my previous letter regarding this year's Durga Pujo there have been significant developments. We have received only a handful of written responses from our members who did not support either of the options mentioned in my letter and discouraged us to celebrate Durga Pujo this year. Meanwhile there have been further restrictions imposed by the UK Government due to the rising cases of COVID 19 in the country including the Midlands. After taking everything into careful consideration the Executive Committee have come to the final decision that we would not be able to go ahead with our Durga Pujo in MIA this year. It was a very difficult decision but probably the correct one given the current circumstances during this pandemic. However we are organising an online MIA Webinar on Saturday 24 October and Cultural programme on Sunday 25 October from 4 pm onwards. The Webinar will be in the form of an 'adda' between members of MIA which will try and replace the actual Pujo environment which will be lacking this year. The Cultural Programme will have a variety of items themed around Pujo. The link for the two-day programme will be put on the website.

I hope you will all understand the rationale behind our decision not to celebrate our most important festival this year. If all goes well we will all come back together next year to celebrate Durga Pujo like what we have done in the past.

Many thanks.

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Secretary

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