



দুর্গাবাড়ী
Durgabari

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

1. Administration - It has helped streamline various processes related to discipline in temple affairs and enabled the prompt resolution of devotees' queries. The availability of a designated Manager at the office to take care of day-to-day needs of the devotees and visitors. This has also led to a significant increase in footfall, with a positive impact now reflected in Dharamshala occupancy levels. Additionally, timely support and contributions from the Trustees have played an important role in facilitating various repairs and developmental works.
2. Revamp of Infrastructure - The Infrastructure Team at Durgabari serves as the silent backbone of the temple complex. With much of the infrastructure over 30 years old and showing signs of wear, the team has worked diligently-despite a limited budget-to maintain, restore, and enhance it for long-term sustainability.

Through a well-planned, phased approach, they have undertaken several critical upgrades. These include a complete facelift of the Dharamshala with the replacement of old windows by durable aluminium ones, upgrading outdated GI pipes to long-lasting CPVC pipelines, and installing PTMT taps and fittings that resist corrosion

and hard water scaling. In addition, the team has addressed seepage issues, repaired roof leaks, carried out essential electrical work, and completed extensive painting to restore the structure's strength and appearance.

During Durgotsav, the installation of a large-diameter water pipeline has ensured smooth and timely preparation and distribution of bhog, significantly improving operational efficiency during peak activity.

These efforts have greatly enhanced both the functionality and visual appeal of the Dharamshala, while supporting seamless community activities across the premises. Even within financial constraints, the Infrastructure Team has ensured optimal utilization of resources, systematically maintaining and upgrading key areas including the Dharamshala, stage-auditorium, water systems, staircases, and mandir premises.

Overall, the team's dedicated efforts have played a vital role in preserving the infrastructure and fostering a positive, well-maintained environment for all.

3. Temple Affairs - Durgabari celebrated various pujas such as Saraswati Puja, Annapurna Puja, Jagaddhatri Puja, Bipattarini Puja, Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi alongwith special puja for Mandir Pratistha Divas of Lakshmi Narayan, Kali, Shiv and Ganesh; all of which witnessed encouraging footfalls. It hosts monthly religious discourses, conducts daily, monthly, and annual pujas, and

celebrates almost all major festivals. Moreover, each of our monthly Satyanarayan Puja and Amavasya Puja, performed throughout the year, was entirely funded by generous donors. Durgabari provides an ideal environment for the study and practice of ancient traditions and rituals.

After a gap of many years, we also revived the publication of our consolidated “Durgabari Panjika” which was well received by devotees and members of the community. The Panjika serves as an important spiritual and cultural guide, helping devotees stay connected with temple pujas & rituals, festival dates, and religious observances throughout the year.

4. Dharamshala - A dedicated team worked closely together to upgrade the Dharamshala facility. All rooms have been freshly painted and equipped with modern bathroom fittings and fixtures. Old air conditioners have been replaced with new ones. and new mattresses, pillows, blankets, and other essentials have been either purchased or received through donations. These fully renovated rooms have significantly contributed in achieving full occupancy at the Dharamshala. Effective marketing and enhanced publicity through strong networks have also played a key role in this success.

5. Canteen Services - New Canteen vendor M/s. Shankar Caterer was engaged for Dharamshala canteen for guest facility and has been doing wonderful job. They are providing breakfast, lunch & dinner services with reasonable rates.

6. Socio Religious Services - Social initiatives have always been an integral part of Durgabari's vibrant community life. During the year 2025-26, Durgabari organized several health camps, including eye check-ups, dental care, and bone health camp, all of which witnessed enthusiastic participation from both members and residents of the surrounding colony.

Continuing its annual tradition, the Durgabari Society donated Sarees to Ramakrishna Mission, Bharat Seva Ashram and sometimes to NGO reaffirming its commitment to social welfare. In addition to these efforts. Durgabari remains deeply focused on education, not only through teaching initiatives but also by supporting underprivileged students with scholarships, thereby contributing to their academic growth and future opportunities.

7. Vibrant Platform - Durgabari serves as a vibrant platform for cultural, educational, and youth-oriented programs rooted in traditional values. It offers a wide range of activities, from Vedic puja rituals to indoor games, yoga sessions, dance classes, and a well-stocked library that caters to people of all age groups. The Auditorium nurtures artistic expression among the youth, supporting interests such as painting, classical music, yoga, and classical dance. Dedicated yoga and dance classes further encourage individuals to explore and develop their inner talents.

In addition to cultural enrichment, Durgabari promotes holistic well-being through its Homeopathy Clinic to treat minor ailments.

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8. Durgoutsav – As every year, the most-awaited festival, Durga Puja, was celebrated with immense enthusiasm by people of all age group – from toddlers to senior citizens. The excitement continued through to Kali puja, with wholehearted participation from members and devotees alike.

