



BKPA

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BKPA Kali Puja

Saturday, November 10th, 2018
Tagore Hall
Somerset, NJ 08873

3:00 — 4:30
Puja & Anjali

4:30 — 5:00
Syama Sangeet

5:00 — 5:45
Prosaad

6:00 — 7:30
Cultural Program Part I
Udbodhoni
Maaer Koley Kolkata
Bardhoyer Baranasi

7:30 — 8:30
Fireworks & Dinner

8:30 — 9:30
Cultural Program Part II
Chirodiner Gaan

Thank you for joining us today!
See you at our future events.

Dear Readers,

Welcome to BKPA's third annual Kali Puja! I hope all of you are enjoying the festivities. Two years ago, we held our first Kali Puja, a day spent with family and friends, filled with fun. It takes such impressive amounts of teamwork, leadership, and energy to put together this event and the many others that the organization holds throughout the year. These cultural events are not just one of the core aspects of BKPA; they also shape our unique experience of East-West cross-cultural understanding.

Back when I was in third grade, my family attended our first BKPA event, Saraswati Puja. With the blessings of the Goddess of Learning, we began attending Bangla class. Immediately, I found a connection with all these kids who spoke Bangla just like me. It was exciting to learn more of the Bengali language and to understand more about the culture as a whole. Most importantly, I felt extremely proud to have a place where I could learn and share my Bangla heritage outside of my house.

As the years went by, BKPA became less of a Bangla class and more of an extended family. I realize now how lucky I am to celebrate Noboborsho, Rabindra Jayanti, and Kali Puja with the same group of people who spend Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas with me — allowing me to celebrate both sides of my cultural identity. Even on a day to day basis, I am so proud and thankful that I am able to understand, speak, read, and write both English and Bangla. I can easily communicate with my grandparents and other relatives, and I can learn and understand any catchy Bangla song on my own.

My experience really reflects on the organization as a whole — BKPA is a group brought together by cultural pride and guided by the passionate leadership of Meena-mashi and Anup-mesho. From the moment I joined, I felt that BKPA was unique because I was not just learning the Bangla language, I was also forming a new understanding of myself, my family, and my culture. Under the nurturing guidance of all the Mashis and Meshos, who generously volunteer their time, we learn how to read, write, recite, sing, and dance. Most importantly, we learn how to be proud of the Bengali heritage that we keep alive despite being almost 8,000 miles away from Bengal.

Best Regards,

Mitali Chowdhury

BKPA Executive Team Member & Previous Co-President



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 2, 2018

Anita Dam
BKPA, Founder
449 N Pennsylvania Avenue
Morrisville, PA 19067

Dear Anita,

Thank you for reaching out to us about your Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program experience in Kolkata, India during the summer of 2017. As you know, the CLS Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. government. The CLS Program seeks to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering foreign languages that are critical to U.S. national security and economic prosperity.

I was pleased to hear about your commitment to continuing to learn Bangla, your CLS language, as well as your work with the organization that you founded, the Bengali Kids of Princeton Area (BKPA). We are always happy to hear about CLS alumni continuing to invest time and energy towards learning critical languages and the cultures associated with them.

I commend you and the BKPA on more than ten years of work in helping young Americans understand the rich Bangla language and culture, while also giving back to the local and international communities. Our world is more connected than ever before, and it will be people like you and BKPA members who take the first step to be ambassadors of cross-cultural understanding and advancing American interests abroad.

As BKPA members approach higher education, I hope they consider applying to the Critical Language Scholarship Program to further advance their Bangla language skills or other critical languages offered through the program, while also considering the importance of pursuing languages for national security, economic prosperity, and a globalized workforce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Radomski".

Carol Radomski, PhD
Program Officer, USA Study Abroad
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

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CONSUL GENERAL OF INDIA
NEW YORK



October 23, 2018

MESSAGE

I am pleased to know that the Bengali Kids of Princeton Area (BKPA) is organizing Kali Puja and Diwali Celebration on November 10, 2018 in Somerset, New Jersey. Kali Puja and Diwali are very important festivals of India and have special significance for Bengali Community.

Since its establishment in 2001, BKPA is providing a platform for members of Bengali Kids to learn about Bengali language, culture and heritage by conducting several classes. I appreciate BKPA's efforts to bridge the gap between American and Bengali Community and evolve connections across cultures and countries while learning about Bengali culture.

I convey my greeting to the Bengali Kids of Princeton Area (BKPA) for the successful organization of Kali Puja and Diwali Celebration 2018 and believe they will continue the legacy of rich heritage of Bengali culture and pass it on to future generation.

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শুভেচ্ছা বার্তা

বিকেপিএ-র সমস্ত সদস্য/ সদস্যা ও অভিভাবকদের শুভ বিজয়া, ঈদ, দীপাবলী ও খ্রিসমাসের প্রীতি ও শুভেচ্ছা জানাচ্ছি। আশাকরি দুর্গাপুজো এবং উৎসবের দিনগুলো তোমাদের পরমানন্দে কেটেছে।

আসন্ন শ্যামাপুজো- ভক্তি ও অনাবিল আনন্দে কাটিয়ে, দীপাবলীর রঞ্জন বাজি ও প্রদীপের আলোয় আলোকিত হয়ে, নাচ-গান-কবিতাপাঠ-আবৃত্তি-নাটকে অংশ নিয়ে, রসনা তৃষ্ণি ভুড়িভোজে। এটাই বাংলা, বাঙালী তথা সারা বিশ্বের উৎসব-প্রেমী মানুষের বৈশিষ্ট্য। তোমরাও সে জোয়ারে গা ভাসাবে, অনুমান করা যেতেই পারে।

আনন্দের সঙ্গে জানাচ্ছি, অন্য বছরগুলোর মত এবারও পোয়েটস ফাউন্ডেশন শিক্ষার উন্নতি ও প্রসারকল্পে ভারতবর্ষ, বাংলাদেশ ও নেপালের ৫০-৫১ জন গরীব ও মেধাবী স্কুল-কলেজ-ইউনিভার্সিটি ছাত্র- ছাত্রীদের বৃত্তি (স্কলারশিপ) দেবার সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করেছে, ১৬-২০ জানুয়ারি ২০১৯, কলকাতার বিড়লা আকাদেমি সভাঘরে। বিকেপিএ-র সদস্য/সদস্যা ও অভিভাবকদের (অথবা তাদের প্রতিনিধি) উক্ত বাংসরিক বৃত্তিপ্রদান অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত থাকার আমন্ত্রন জানাচ্ছি।

বাঙালী ও বাংলা ভাষা-সাহিত্যের কৃষ্ণ, সংস্কৃতি, সংহতির উন্নতি ও প্রসার কল্পে পোয়েটস ফাউন্ডেশন ও বিকেপিএ-র ভবিষ্যৎ উজ্জ্বল ও বর্ণময় হোক। সবাই সুস্থ থাকুন। সবার মঙ্গল কামনা করি। শুভেচ্ছান্তে -

প্রদীপকুমার চৌধুরী

প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও সাধারণ সম্পাদক

Message from BKPA Co-Presidents:

Dear BKPA Families and Friends,

We welcome you to the Bengali Kids of Princeton Area's third annual Kali Puja. BKPA gives kids an opportunity to learn about the Bengali language and culture in a fun way.

As Kali Puja is our biggest annual event, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the organization's progress. Starting off in the beginning of 2018, Saraswati puja on January 27th at Durga Mandir was a grand success. During the summer, we organized a summer camp and had lots of fun. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather we had to cancel our summer picnic. We know many kids were looking forward to the picnic, but we will make it up with our upcoming holiday event. Throughout the year, including the summer, we had weekly Bengali Heritage Class (BHC) at the Plainsboro Recreation and Community center. The weekly BHC classes gives members the opportunity to learn how to read, write, and speak Bangla. Moreover, the weekly class gives us a consistent, specified time to come together with our friends to learn songs, dances, and plan upcoming events and community work.

Three years ago, Kali Puja started as a small event but has grown to be our main event, and therefore, an extra special occasion to look forward to. This year's puja theme is "Kolkata and Kalighat". We hope you enjoy all the effort that has been put forward to organize this puja and cultural show—our favorite part is always the fireworks! We would also like to extend our gratitude for enjoying Kali Puja with us, whether it is your first time or you have been here since the first one!

As always, BKPA members would like to thank our BHC teachers, parents, and volunteers for giving us a platform to express ourselves and learn about our heritage. We are so proud to be part of the BKPA family and it has been an honor to be your presidents.

Sincerely,

Anisha Das

Anushka Purkayastha

2018 BKPA Co-Presidents

Committee Members:

Co-Presidents:

Anisha Das, Anushka Purkayastha

Vice Presidents:

Rupsha Chakraborty, Swayam Shuvra Chakraborty

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Sahil Banerjee, Mitali Chowdhury, Sanjukta Mahata, Sohan Pramanik

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Nidhi Pramanik, Akanksha Purkayastha,
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Assistants:

Anika Bandyopadhyay, Anjelika Banerjee, Agniv Chatterjee,
Kavisha Dutta, Eshan Ojha, Jason Roy, Anjali Mukhopadhyay, Saayan Sarkar

Thank you, to our past Presidents:

Sahil Banerjee & Mitali Chowdhury
Sohan Pramanik & Sanjukta Mahata

Soham Bhattacharya

Arnob Dam

Pia Pal

Anu Gupta

Anita Dam

Nikhilesh Dey

Subha Samanta

Sneha Basu

Nimita Mittra

Mission & Vision

BKPA stands for “The Bengali Kids of Princeton Area”. Our mission is to bridge the gap between American and Bengali cultures, while learning about the Bengali Culture, Heritage, and Language in a fun way.

Bengali is the 7th most spoken language in the world. Our organization focuses on four pillars of instruction: Education, Cultural, Literary and Charity.

As American Bengali Kids, our goals are to pursue higher education, establish ourselves as good citizens, and give back to the local and global community.

Four Pillars

EDUCATIONAL

- Weekly Bengali Heritage Class
- Trips/ Tours
- Physician Shadowing Program in India

LITERARY

- E-Magazines
- Book Publishing
- Providing Academic Scholarships in West Bengal

CULTURAL

- Saraswati Puja
- Bengali New Year
- Summer Picnic
- Kali Puja
- Holiday Play Outing

CHARITABLE

- Autism Walk
- Performance at Nursing Homes
- Volunteering Abroad

Executive Committee Members

Co-Presidents:



Anisha Das



Anushka Purkayastha

Vice Presidents:



Rupsha Chakraborty



Swayam Shuvra Chakraborty

Other Executives:



Sahil Banerjee



Mitali Chowdhury



Sanjukta Mahata



Sohan Pramanik

Founder:

Anita Dam

The Bengali Heritage Class concentrates in exposing kids to our Bengali language, culture, heritage and helps them to learn the material in a FUN WAY.

Current students are...

Aabir	Arush S	Rishi
Aarohi	Autri	Rishita
Aaryan	Ayan	Roopkatha
Aishani	Ayushee	Rupkatha
Akanksha	Bipasha	Rupsha B
Amolika	Biswajoy	Saesha
Anish	Kavisha	Sayan Shuvra
Anisha	Krittika	Shalin
Anushka	Mia	Shreya
Anya	Nidhi	Sienna
Arin	Pratyush	Sreya
Arkayan	Raj	Swarnab
Arush K	Reyan	

Bengali Heritage Class Teachers:



Language Teachers:

Anjali Ganguly
Biplab Majumdar
Rupa Sanbui
Sujoy Dutta
Meena Dam
Sumana Bhattacharya

Teachers' Assistants:

Arush Sanbui
Biswajoy Majumdar
Akanksha Purkayastha

Performing Arts:

Simi Purkayastha
Subhamita Chanda
Sutapa Banerjee
Sabari Chaterjee
Debjani Das

Costumes & Make Up:

Soma Das
Lata Banerjee
Sanchita Pratihar
Sumana Bhattacharya

কালী পূজা ও ভাইফোঁটা

তিয়াসা চ্যাটার্জী

Student: St. Xavier's college, Kolkata
(2nd Year, Mass Communication and Videography)

শরতের সোনালী রোদুর, আর মেঘের খেলাকে সঙ্গে নিয়ে উমা ফিরে যান ক্লেলাসে। বাঙালীর মনকে থাস করে এক অদ্ভুত শূন্যতা। প্রকৃতিতে আসে আমূল পরিবর্তন। লক্ষ্মী পুজোর পরে রাতের নিস্তব্ধতায় কান পাতলে শোনা যায় বারে পড়া শিশিরের শব্দ, ভোরের বাতাস বয়ে আনে হেমন্তের সূর। কাঞ্চিক মাসের অন্ধকার অমাবস্যার আলো হয়ে আসেন শ্যামা মা। বেজে ওঠে কালী পুজোর নিষ্ঠন্ট।

শহর কোলকাতা বাঙালীর প্রাণের প্রিয় এবং যে শহরের নাম দেবী কালীকার সঙ্গে যুক্ত সেখানে কালী পুজোর দিন অন্যান্য দিনের থেকে অনেকটাই আলাদা। ভোর থেকেই হাজার- হাজার ভক্তদের সমাগম ঘটে মায়ের মন্দিরে- মন্দিরে। কালীঘাট, দক্ষিণেশ্বর, আদ্যাপীঠ, করুণাময়ী কালী মন্দির, ঠনঠনিয়া ও ফিরিঙ্গি কালীবাড়ি, ত্রিপুরেশ্বরী মন্দির ইত্যাদির পাশাপাশি , শহর জুড়ে তৈরি হয় সহস্র মন্দপ দেবীর আরাধনার জন্য।

অন্ধকার বিনাশকারিণী দেবী, মা

কালী সমস্ত অন্ধকাররূপী দুঃখ, অমঙ্গল ও পাপের বিনাশ করেন। তাকে মৃত্যু , ধ্বংস ও কালের দেবী বলে মানা হয়। মহাকালী হলেন দুর্গার সব থেকে ভয়ঙ্কর রূপ যিনি শুশানে মহাকাল বা শিবের অর্ধাঙ্গনী হিসেবে বিচরণ করেন। লোক কথায় প্রচলিত যে ঘন



জঙ্গলের মধ্যে আদি-গঙ্গার পাড়ে অবস্থিত কালীঘাট মন্দিরে, যেখানে সতীর ডান পায়ের আঙুল পড়েছিল, সেখানে প্রতিদিন তান্ত্রিক ও কাপালিকদের রক্ষনাবেক্ষণে ছাগল ও নরবলির প্রচলন ছিল। কালীপুজো তখনও সার্বজনীন ভাবে পালিত হত না। শ্যামাপুজো লোকপ্রথায় পরিবর্তন হওয়ার পেছনে নদিয়ার রাজা কৃষ্ণচন্দ্র রায় , কোলকাতার নন্দকুমার রায় ও বর্ধমানের দেওয়ান ব্রজকিশোর রায়ের অবদান আছে। এনাদের পৃষ্ঠপোষকতায় উদয় হয়

বঙ্গ সাহিত্যের এক প্রমুখ - রামপ্রসাদ সেনের। তাঁর সৃষ্টি শান্তিপদাবলী ক্রমশই বাংলার বিভিন্ন এলাকায় প্রসিদ্ধ হয়ে ওঠে।

কালীপুজোর দিনের আলোকসজ্জা ও আতসবাজির মাধুর্যে রাতের আকাশকে মনে হয় নক্ষত্র - খচিত। এই রাতে সকল অলক্ষ্মীর বিনাশ হয়ে থাকে। তাই দেবীকে ধনলক্ষ্মী রূপেও আরাধনা করা হয় এবং পালন করা হয় দীপাবলি। এই খুশির আবহে বাঙালীর পরের উৎসব ভাতুড়িতীয়া বা ভাইফোঁটা, ভাইয়ের দীর্ঘায় ও মঙ্গল কামনা করে তাদের বরণ করে নেয় বোনেরা। এই অনুষ্ঠান ভাই-বোনের মধ্যে এক বিশেষ বন্ধন সৃষ্টি করে যা ভাষায় ব্যক্ত করা প্রায় অসম্ভব। উৎসব আসে, চলেও যায়, থেকে যায় পরিবার- পরিজনদের সাথে কাটানো কিছু অবিস্মরনীয় মুহূর্ত যা অনুভব করতে চাইলে এই সময় একবার কোলকাতায় আসা চাই। কোলকাতা সকলকেই আপন করে নিতে শেখায়, একবার এলে সেই টান উপক্ষা করা যায় না।

বালুরঘাট

সায়ন শুভ চত্রবর্তী

তর দুপুরের বালুরঘাটে
ঘুরছি মাঠে ভাইয়ের সাথে

কখনো ভাব, কখনো আড়ি
খেলনা নিয়ে কাড়াকাড়ি

দাইয়া, মাঞ্চা, মামা মামী
নেইতো বকা শুধুই হামি

সবার সাথে সিনেমা হল
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আবার যাবো ভাই ॥



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“ শায়ের পায়েরজো হয়ে উঠনা ফুটে ফন। ”

Ishani Chowdhury

“Kolkata, My Second Home”...

By: Aishani Mukherjee

Our family has been moving since I was little. I was born in Boston, Massachusetts, but we hardly stayed there. It was like, we stayed in one place one or two years, (if we were lucky, maybe two and a half) then one day, out of the blue, we would get a call from my dad that we had to pack up our things and move. Whenever I heard this, wherever I was, this news always shattered my heart into a million pieces. I quite vividly remember the last few times that I moved. One particular place that we frequently went and came back from was Kolkata. I have so many memories there that even I can't keep count of all of them! The last time we visited was in January, for my Aunt's wedding. I call her Sweetheart (I don't know why, the name just stuck since I was little), and she calls me that back. Anyhow, it was really fun. The night before we left, I was so sad! I didn't want to leave India at all. Both my mom's parents and my dad's parents live in Uttarpara, so we don't have to travel a million miles to

get to each other's houses. Anyways, I'm gonna change the topic now. My most fond memories of visiting Kolkata.....hmmm, let's see. One thing my



family loves doing is eating egg rolls. I remember one day my mom, aunt, and I went on a busy night to a roll shop. Mmmm, it tasted like heaven! One specific place we went to eat rolls was Bedwin. Gods, it is good! (Definitely try it) Another memory I have is City Center 2. It is a huge mall in Salt Lake City. There are so many high-quality shops there! It's one of my favorite malls ever. So, I

know I said I have a lot of memories of Kolkata, so I can't list ALL of them, but I have one more for you. The last memory I will share is Rajarhat. It's where I lived before I came here from 2014-2015. That is a good place. I loved it there. My friends were the best, and our parents were even better friends. I went to a good school, and everything was perfect. Until we moved again, back to the USA was devastated. However, I like my life here as well. But it's not too bad over at Kolkata at all. Not at all.



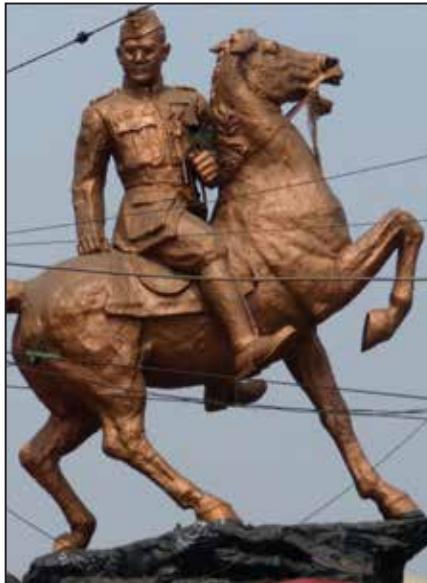
My Kolkata Trip

By Anisha Das

A couple of years back I took a trip to Kolkata with my family. I have visited the city before – but I was too young to remember the details. Just the thought that I would be going to Kolkata brought in lots of anxiety in my mind. I had some pre-conceived ideas but was pleasantly taken aback by modern Kolkata.

I saw Malls, numerous hotels, flyovers in Kolkata. The malls also had arcade and bowling allies where I spent time with my friends. The best part of it was the food court – which offered different varieties of mouth-watering foods. In addition – there were KFC and McDonalds chain that were serving Indian varieties of food.

I saw people dressed up just like me, as a matter of fact I found only in suburbs & villages ladies wearing saree & salwar. I was totally fascinated by Dakshineswar Kali Temple, Belur Maath on the bank of river Ganga and the Victoria Memorial. I also spend a day at Nicco Park & Science city. My favorite place was the Poush Mela in



Shantiniketan though. I went with my Aunt and Mom and it reminded me of 4th of July Carnival back home in US because of the variety of rides, prizes, etc. There were many booths filled with clay & ceramic sculptures and hand-crafted garments, leather ware & colorful jewelry and booths selling pickles, mouthwatering sweets. There was Baul musicians, local folk dancers who made the evenings splendid.

Besides sightseeing there have been many fond memories created while spending time in Kolkata. Some of the best parts were visiting family and touring fun places. I saw

some of the best Christmas lighting in the central city of Park Circus and Esplanade area and in the malls.

Visiting my family was a wonderful experience for me because I got to meet relatives from both sides of parents. I have experienced the best hospitality I could ever imagine. I met my Aunt and cousins for the first time; they came from Australia to see us. I got to do many things I had never done before, such as ride on a motorcycle, riding a Toto (3 wheeler) and get driven around by a chauffeur. It was a memorable experience to connect myself to my heritage and my family. I would love to go back and visit Kolkata again.



Toto Car

আর একটা বছর কেটে গেলো...

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St. Louis থেকে -
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সামাজিক এবং সাম্প্রদায়িকদায়বন্ধতা

(giving back to the community)

স্বযং শুভ্র চক্ৰবৰ্তী

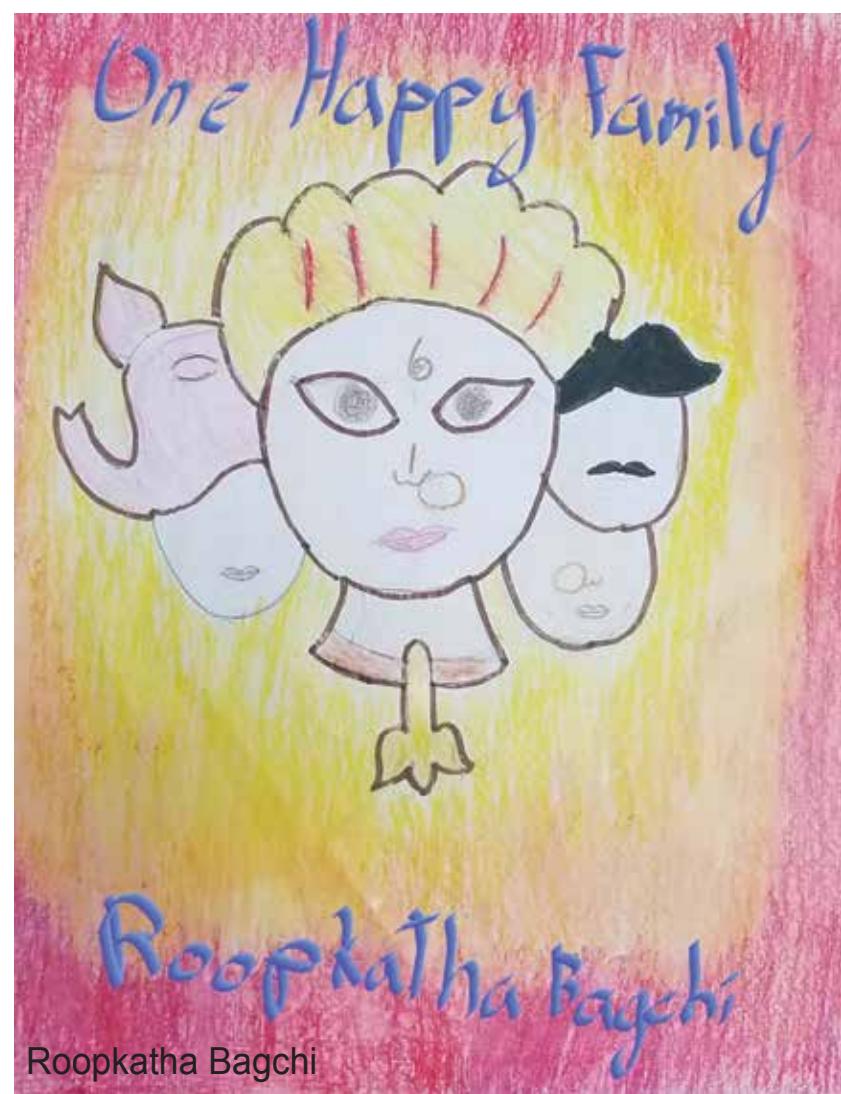
Volunteer মানে স্বেচ্ছাসেবক। আৱ স্বেচ্ছাসেবক মানে, একজন যিনি নিজেৰ ইচ্ছায় অন্যদেৱ সেবা কৱেন, কিংবা, অন্যদেৱ জন্য কাজ কৱেন। কিন্তু তাৱা এই কাজেৰ জন্য কোনো টাকা নেয় না। আমাৱ মনে হয়, যে community আমাৰেৰ সবকিছু দিয়েছে, আমাৰেকেও সেই community র জন্য কিছু কৱা উচিত।

এইখনে অনেক volunteer কৱাৱ অনেক সুযোগ আছে। সব স্কুলে একটা ক্লাব থাকে, যেখানে খুব সহজে volunteer hours পাওয়া যায়। তাছাড়াও লোকাল library, soup kitchen অথবা বাড়িৰ কাছেৰ মন্দিৱেও ভলাণ্টিয়াৰ কৱা যায়। আমি প্ৰায় সব জায়গাতেই volunteer কৱাৱ সুযোগ পেয়েছি কিন্তু আমাৰ মনে হয়, সব থেকে ভালো গেগেছে senior citizen home -এ গিয়ে, সিনিয়াৰসিটিজেনদেৱ সামনে perform কৱতে। hours এৱ থেকেও তাৰে হাসি মুখ আমাৰ কাছে আৱো অনেক valuable।

আমাৰ মনে হয় volunteer কৱাৱ সময়, একটা জায়গা

বাব কৱতে হবে যেই খানে তোমাৱ interest আছে। এৱকম জায়গায় কাজ কৱলে volunteering একটা কাজ হয়ে দাঢ়াবে না, সেই কাজে গেলে তুমি নিজেও আনন্দ পাবে। আমি বিজ্ঞান ভালোবাসি, তাই আমি সপ্তাহে একদিন কৱে Liberty science center এ volunteer কৱতে যাই। ঐখনে আমাৰ ভীষণ মজালাগে। আমি অনেক

কিছু জানতে পাৱি। Science Center এ যাওয়াৱ জন্য আমাকে অনেক সকালে উঠতে হয়, অনেক দূৱে যেতে হয় কিন্তু আমি তাও কৱি, কাৱণ আমাৱ interest এৱ subject নিয়ে কাজ কৱতে আমাৱ ভীষণ আনন্দ হয়। আমি কলকাতায় গিয়ে মাদারটেরেসাৱ হোম এও কাজ কৱতে চাই। এটা আমাৱ ভবিষ্যতেৰ লক্ষ্য (future dream)।



My most memorable day

By Ayan Das

Last year I visited Aruba, a Dutch Caribbean island in South America. I have spent time in the most beautiful beach with white sand and deep blue waters. But the most memorable day was when my dad took us for a submarine ride.

We got tickets on-line and then took a cab to down-town Aruba. There we had to wait till our boarding time. A boat took us to the submarine. I had the chance to view the beautiful shore lines from the edge of the boat.

Soon the sub-marine was in sight floating in the middle of the sea. It looked like something from a movie – but was much smaller in size. We lined up to board the sub-marine. I also shook hands with the captain.

We got inside the sub through a small stair. There were port holes from where we would be able to see outside. After everyone was boarded – the submarine started to go down. There was a digital scale which was showing how far we were going under water.

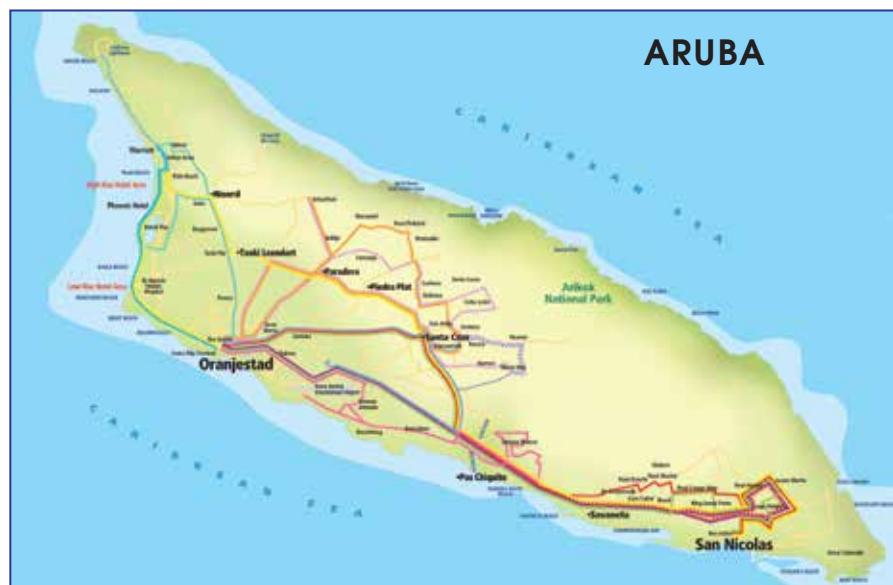
At some point – we actually landed on the sea-bed.

The sea bottom was full of beautiful coral and numerous fishes going in and around them. The sub was going around an area. We also saw couple of ships under water. One of them was actual ship-wreck and the other one was put down for display purpose.

After 30 minutes – the sub started to go up. We took plenty of pictures of the sea-life. My only regret is I was looking for a shark and could not find one.

After the submarine ride – we came back to shore in the same boat. My mom got some souvenir, so we

remember our journey and we came back to the hotel. That concluded the most memorable day of my life when I fulfilled my dream to ride in a submarine.



My Fond Memories of Kolkata

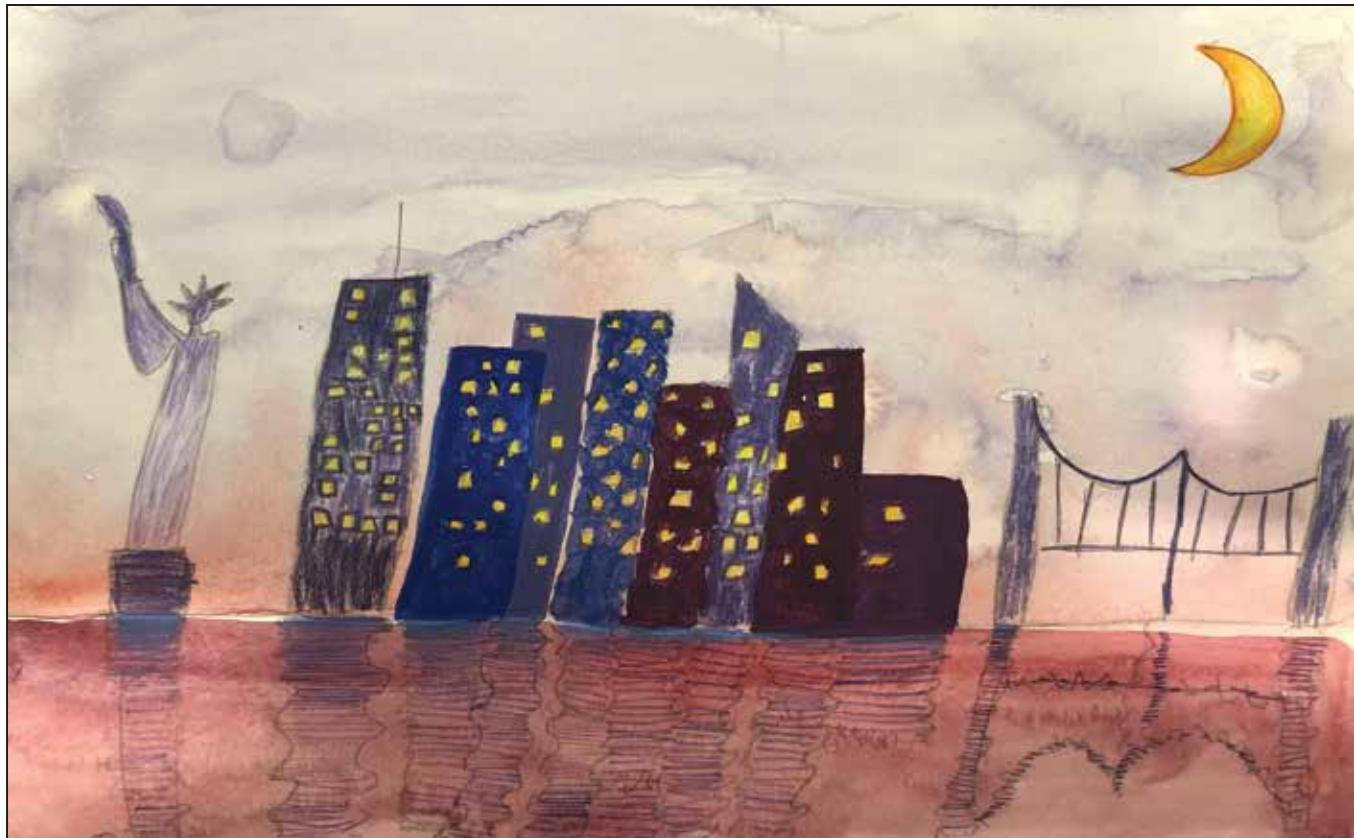
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My Fond memories of Kolkata by:

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Ayushee Mukhopadhyay

kolkata: the city of joy
by Arin Dutta

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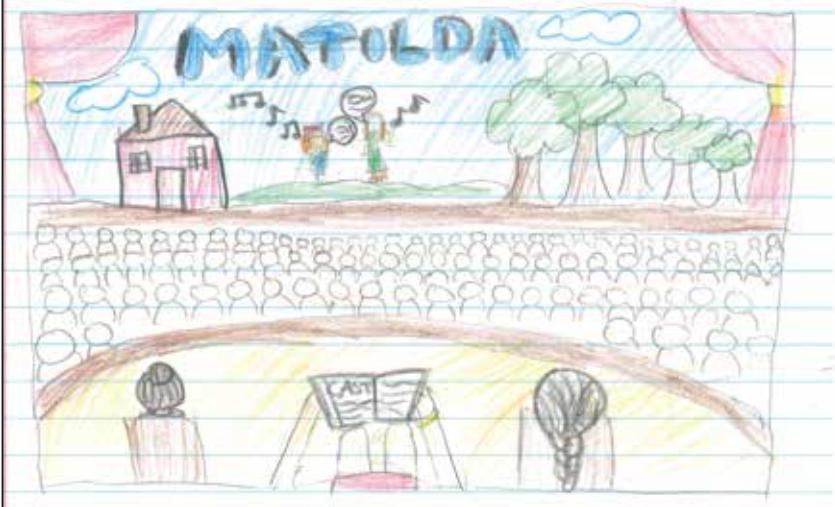
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Rishi Sanbui

Amar Priyo BKPA Event

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Amar Priyo BKPA Event

By
Akanksha PurKayastha

Amar priyo BKPA event hoiche jokhon amra Broadway Show gechi. Okhane amra boroder ebong bondhuder sathe gechi. Jawar pothe amra snacks kheyechi ebong amra games kelechi. Amra onnorokom show dekhechi jamon "Matilda" ebong onek kichu show-te amra beshe gaan ebong nach dekhechi. Shob kichur modhye anander chilo amader jol khabar (breakfast) bus e boshey. Tai amar shob theke priyo BKPA Event hoiche Broadway Show.

বিশ্বজ্ঞান Fond Memories Of Kolkata

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My trip to Hong Kong Disneyland

By Arush Kundu

I have always dreamed of going to Disneyland, so I was very excited when my father told me that we were going on a vacation to Hong Kong Disneyland. I was so excited I felt like doing 20 jumping jacks that day. So I waited and waited until the day came. When the day had come we reached Hong



Kong at night. Then the next morning, my dad had lots of work so I watched television. Then the next morning my family went to Disneyland. When we reached Disneyland, first my dad bought me some caps. Then we started walking and walking. My family and I went on lots of rides, and then we went to the castle. We also went to a toy shop. At night, we watched the fireworks. I was so happy that I had a fantastic adventure that I would have done 50 laps around my school gym.

অজানা এক দেশে

সুনীতা মুখোপাধ্যায়

(আয়ুষী ও অঞ্জলির ঠাকুরমা)

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নাইকো পাওয়ার শেষ

এই দেশেতে এলে , -

যা চাওয়া যায় সবই নাকি মেলে ,

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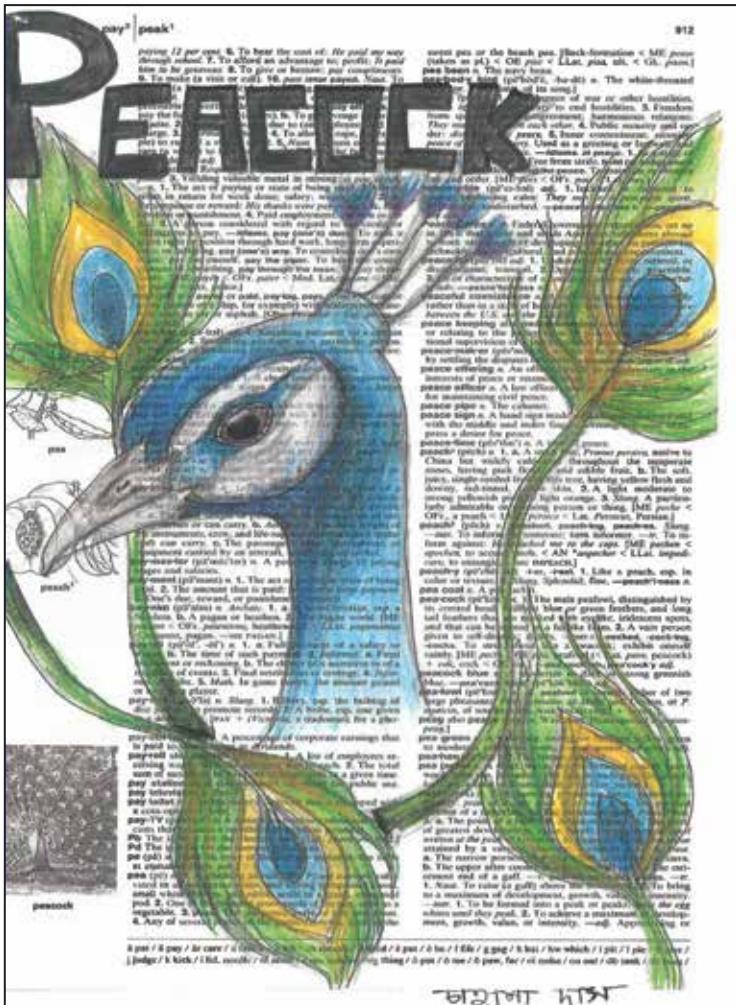
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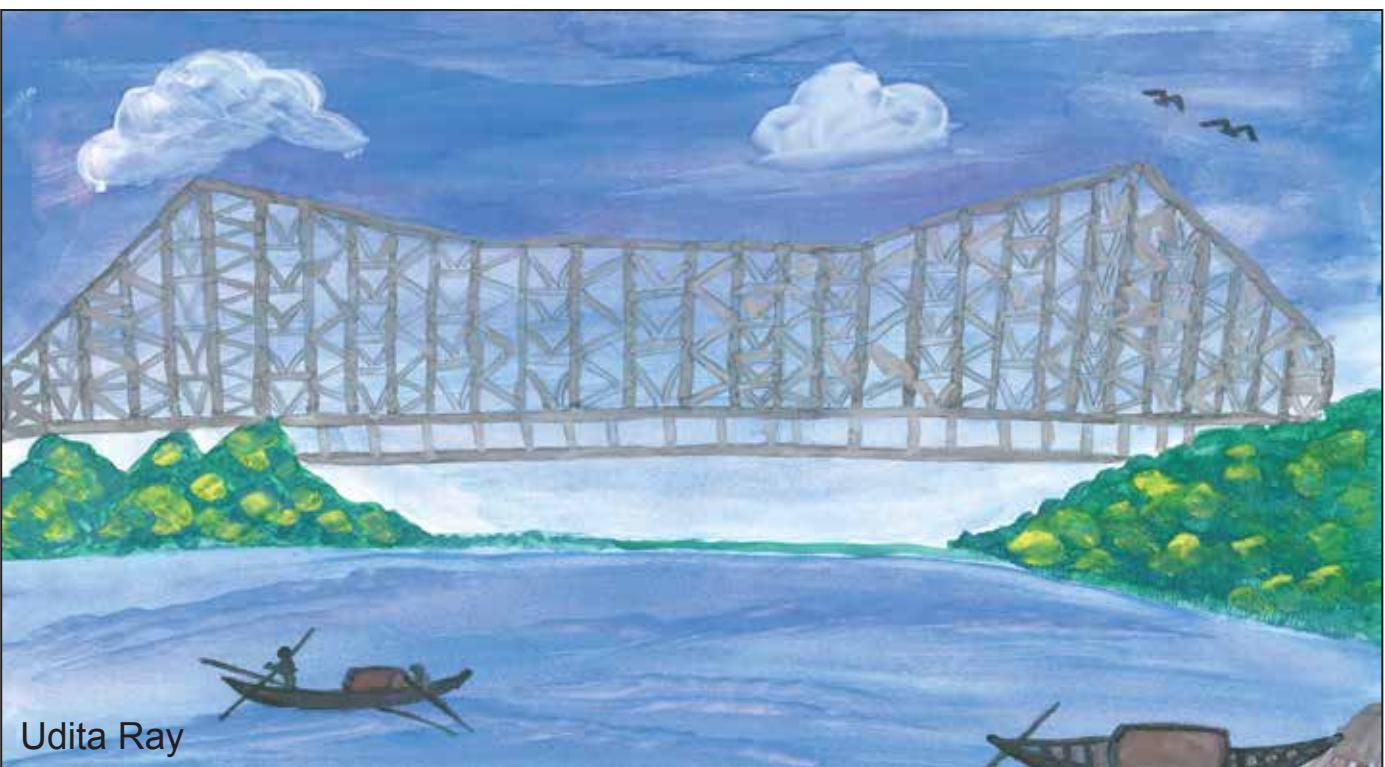
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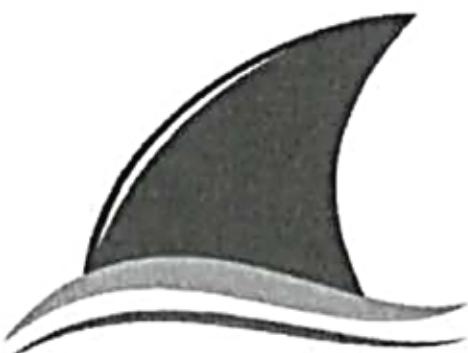
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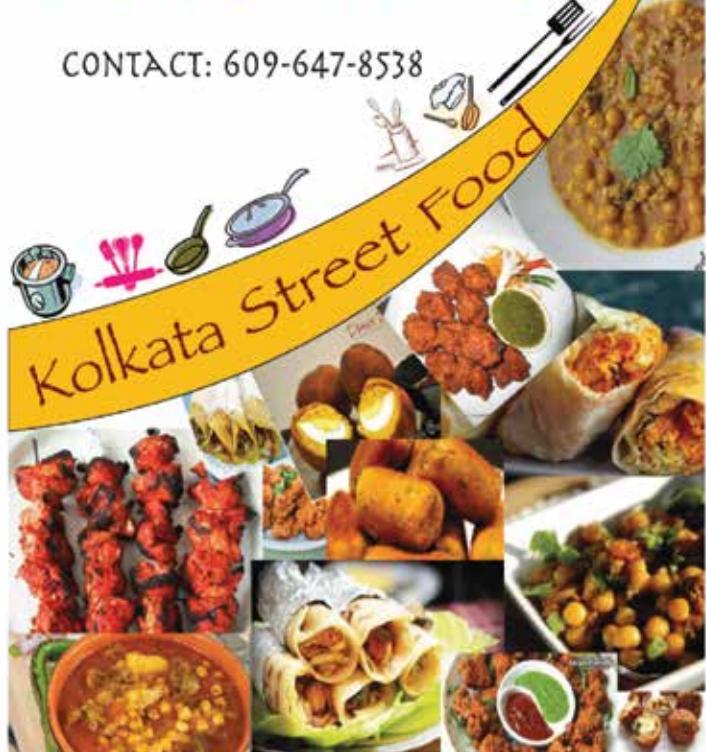
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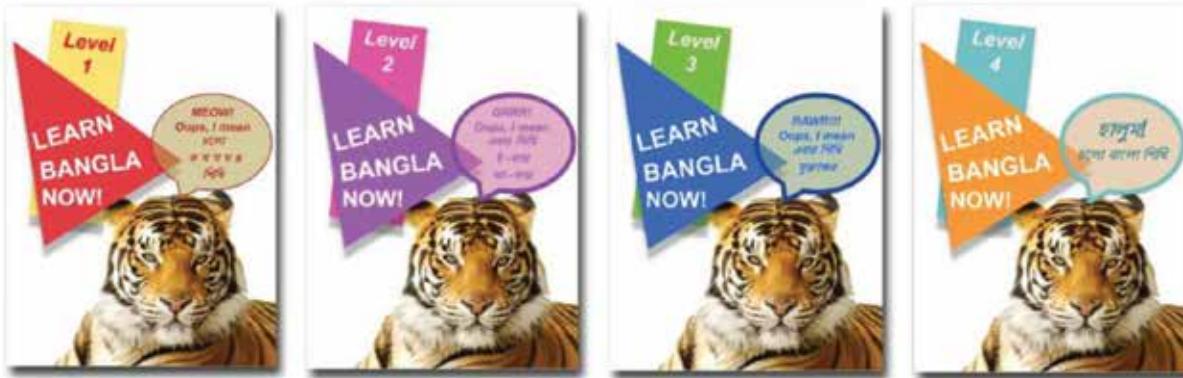


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