

In The High Court at Calcutta
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
(Appellate Side)

W.P.A. 29217 OF 2026

**SANTOSHPUR MORE DURGOTSAV SAMITI AND
ANOTHER
VS.
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND OTHERS**

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Mr. Arka Kumar Nag, Adv.
Mr. Shirsanya Roy, Adv.
Ms. Shrobana Sengupta, Adv.
Mr. Kaushik Bandyopadhyay, Adv.

... For Petitioners

Mr. Billwadal Bhattacharyya, AAG
Mr. Anish Kumar Mukherjee, Adv.
Mr. Tamoghna Pramanick, Adv.

... For State

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of petitioners is taken on record.
2. By presenting this writ petition prayer is made for issuance of mandamus thereby directing the concerned police authority to provide assistance to Santoshpur More Durgotsav Samiti being petitioner no.1 to organize Durga Puja for the year 2026 at a new site.
3. However, it is submitted by Mr. Arka Kumar Nag, learned advocate representing petitioners that till date no permission is granted by the concerned police authority to organize Durga Puja.
4. Mr. Billwadal Bhattacharyya, learned Additional Advocate General representing State respondents has filed a communication dated 7th October, 2026 of Inspector-in-Charge, Amdanga Police Station, Barasat Police District and same is taken on record. Copy of the

said communication is made over to learned advocate representing petitioners.

5. It is disclosed in the said communication that Durga Puja is being organized at the same venue where puja was performed in previous years. It is the decision of the petitioner no.2 to organize a separate puja at a separate venue in the name of same club/ Samiti. It is further disclosed in the communication that on enquiry it was found by the police authority that Durga Puja is being organized at the original venue by the newly selected office bearers of the existing puja committee/ Samiti, pursuant to the change of office bearers no outsider was found to have taken over the said puja. In support of disclosure of such fact a resolution of the Committee/ Samiti is also enclosed to the communication dated 7th October, 2026.
6. Though it is specifically contended on behalf of petitioners that the land on which Durga Puja is proposed to be organized by the present petitioners, is owned by a person who has granted permission to the petitioners to organize Puja but whether separate permission needs be granted for organizing Durga Puja for the year 2026; such issue needs to be decided by the Inspector-in-Charge, Amdanga Police Station being respondent no.4.
7. Since it is submitted on behalf of petitioner no.2 that an application on designated portal is submitted seeking permission to organize Durga Puja for the year 2026, a formal communication shall be made by the respondent no.4 by 24 hours disclosing as to whether such permission is accorded or not.
8. If there is feud between two groups within the puja committee/ Samiti which has been organizing Durga

Puja at the venue for some time, in that event, issue ought not to be delved into by this Court while entertaining this writ petition. If petitioner no.2 finds that right to organize Durga Puja being office bearer of petitioner no.1 Committee/ Samiti is being infringed, in that event, petitioner no.2 is required to approach Civil Court in pursuit of remedy.

9. With the above observation writ petition stands disposed of.
10. Parties to act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this court.

(SAUGATA BHATTACHARYYA, J.)