

## Durga Puja Ends

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Earlier on Sunday morning, Bisarjan Puja took place. Preparations for submersion of the idol are going on with devotees gathered at Puja pavilions to take the parting blessings of the Goddess Durga for good health, peace and happiness.

President Zillur Rahman met the leaders of the Hindu Community at Bangabhaban on Sunday to exchange Puja greetings.

On Saturday, prime minister Sheikh Hasina visited different Puja pavilions in the capital and greeted the devotees and members of the Hindu community.

According to Bishuddha Shiddhanta Panjika, the Hindu religious almanac, this year the goddess Durga arrived on earth in a palanquin and will return by an elephant. Though the palanquin symbolises rough weather, the departure on elephant indicates a good harvest.

Taposh Kumar Pal, general secretary of Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee, told bdnews24 that at 9.15am on Sunday Bisarjan Puja took place.

Colourful processions were held at 4pm carrying the idol of the Goddess for submersion. "Most of the idols in Dhaka have been submerged at Waiz Ghat into river Buriganga," he said.

The Durga Puja festivals began on October 13 with Mahalaya, the invocation of Goddess Durga, Amantran and Adhibash.

This year, Durga Puja was observed at 27,000 pavilions across the country, of which 172 were in Dhaka city.

The pavilions were all colourfully decorated where dance and musical events were held every evening. The temples were illuminated with colourful lights.

Many pavilions had put up big screens for live projection of the Puja rituals and celebrations.

In Dhaka, the Dhakeshwari Temple, Ramna Kali Temple, Dhaka University Jagannath Hall, Ramakrishna Mission, Anandamayi Ashram and Loknath Brammhachariya Ashram staged Durga Puja this year.

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