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For the full timetable of events and more information, visit the association's website.



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(Image: Dorset Indian Association) Rohan Sen, a member of the Dorset Indian Association said the event first started in 2016 with few families has now grown into a major cultural event drawings attendees from all across Dorset.

Rohan said: “We have the Puja followed by the cultural program. The first day features a Quiz, the second day is Charades, and the third day concludes with a Fashion Show. Then, on the fourth day—our get-together—we’ll have performances including songs, dance, and piano”

Rohan shared that Durga Ma idol is handcrafted by skilled artisans from Kumartuli, Kolkata, India, a neighbourhood famed for its centuries-old idol-making tradition.



(Image: Dorset Indian Association) He said: “We got it from Kolkata. So, it's a fibreglass idol and we got it in 2017.”

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Rohan said: “During the Durga Puja we make sure we do everything. Like I look after mainly the media side and there are trustees who look after everything that happens upon the puja.

“We all give our heart and soul for this for five days.”