

4. *Extend ourselves beyond Festive mode:*

It's **Durga Puja**, the most awaitable festival for Bengali Community. Hope you most of aware that, the whole community have been immersed in this four day of festival. All the class caste discrimination has quite revoked in those days.

Last year on '**Saptami**' of **Durga Puja**, when all the people were immersed with joy, naturally the children were not the exception of the rules. Even if they were more drench in the essence of festival. Meanwhile two of our member (Mallabhum Prayas) went for visit Durga Puja Pandals-



- Oh! Wait! Wait! Wait!
- ❖ What happened?
- See this.
- ❖ What?

Suddenly they seen that, **a ten years old children was cleaning his cloth Infront of a Tube well** in the area adjacent to Bishnupur Police Station.

- Let's interact with him.
- ❖ What is your name?
- ✓ He said that "*Amar name babu Ruidas.*"
- ❖ What are you doing here now?
- ✓ Washing clothes
- ❖ Why you engaged in cloth washing rather enjoying festival?
- ✓ With tears "*Amader abar Durga Puja!*"

After more interaction with him, we got to know that, his mother is mentally ill after a socked and his father, Bijay Ruidas is a van driver. The whole family depend on the income which comes from a small van. He has three more siblings. The more surprising fact is that, the child had been suffering from teeth damaged from last few days. Due to that, he does not eat food from last few days properly.

- We need to do something for him.
- ❖ What should we do?
- We should take him to doctor immediately.
- ❖ How we can arrange doctor in this festive session?
- Let's try our best.

After exploring the availability of doctor, Fortunately Dr. Ajay Roy (A dentist at Bishnupur Hospital) was available at the moment and he immediate took him for the treatment.**Dr A. Roy immediately treated the child by free of cost.** Despite of that, Dr. Roy handed over some money and provide all the required medicines free of cost to the child.

So, when all the society engaged to celebrate Durga puja with their beloved families and busy to wearing new dress, some part of our society might face lots of pain, sadness so on, which need to be addressed. Sometimes we need **Extend ourselves beyond the Festive mode to help the needy people/ community/ children...**



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