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That time of year is here!



PUJA MUSINGS

With Mahalaya heralding the arrival of Goddess Durga, the festive season that Bengalis look forward to every year is upon us. Navratri too has begun and, along with the celebrations, the shopping, improvements in the weather and the anticipation of good times, the DI too is geared up to contribute to the happy mood.

In the past, the Club has been the venue for a pause from the huge crowds thronging Puja pandals, the loudspeakers intending to provide melody and rhythm to frenetic footfalls (but largely ending up in cacophony), and the nourishment pangs that crop up so frequently during these times. In the coming days too, the premises will be providing a welcome break and relief from the hustle and bustle of the city, with serene surroundings, a popular Puja pecking menu and an opportunity for members to show off their festive frills. The Club will be closed for two of the days – Asthami and

Navami (Sunday and Monday) – for members to visit kith and kin and, of course, the superbly decorated pandals and lighting. Indeed, the thematic qualities and artwork that people get to see are improving year after year, becoming a major worldwide attraction.

Special programmes are lined up at the DI in the coming days, beginning with a big Puja prelude on Wednesday, where music, dhak and *dhunuchi naach* will be accompanied by the beats of Indicred. In the sports arena, World Cup matches will be screened, providing scope to cheer the Men in Blue who are tipped to win the cup this time. Besides, an in-house Open Doubles Darts Tournament will be held in the first week of November, where members can hone their aiming skills. Swimming and other activities will continue in full swing, allowing the shedding of those extra calories gained during the festive days.

Fridays at the DI are changing... Karaoke, the growingly successful 'serenading' sing-alongs, are likely to be supplemented by fresh-look bands. The first such, Three is Company, is scheduled to perform on October 20. The following Friday will witness the English karaoke, and the Hindi one on the Friday preceding Diwali. So, tune in for a cracker of a time!

The weatherman has announced the withdrawal of the monsoon, and clear, sunny days lie ahead. We'll miss the pitter-patter of rainfall, while the decrease in humidity will be welcome. What with the activities, the food, the music and the prevailing excitement of Puja, good times at the DI are guaranteed for all.

shared by Amit Ukil

STOP PRESS!



This morning, Sunday October 15, was a delightful surprise as we welcomed Mr Francis Groser to Zach's Lounge to felicitate him as the earliest entry on the Neil O'Brien Indian Quizzing Hall of Fame for his contribution to quizzing in the 1960s. A bunch of quizzers, past and present, converged on the venue and were treated to some nostalgic anecdotes, pop up quiz questions, photo ops, and coffee!

FOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

01 OCT ONWARDS

Puja SPECIALS

Prawn Cutlet (6 pcs) with Condiments	- 240/-
Cabin style Fish Cutlet (2 pcs) with French Fries & Condiments	- 175/-
Fowl Cutlet (2 pcs) with French Fries & Condiments	- 175/-
Chicken Puff Fry (2 pcs) with Condiments	- 175/-
Googni puri (4 pcs)	- 90/-

by SNACK BREAK CAFE

Grab your Puja-type snacks from Snack Break Cafe

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Cabin style Fish Cutlet 2 pcs with french fries & condiments ₹175

Fowl Cutlet 2 pcs served with French Fries & Condiments ₹175

Chicken Puff Fry 2 pcs with condiments ₹175

Googni Puri 4 pcs ₹90

COMING EVENTS

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Festive Magic @ DI

PUJA PRELUDE

TUNES OF INDICRED

DHUNUCHI DANCE | DHAK DANCE | EXCITING PRIZES | TASTY TREATS

18 OCT **7:30 PM ONWARDS**

Celebrate the Festive Spirit DI Style

COURTYARD@DI | ETHNIC WEAR | CLUB RULES APPLY

LIVE @ **DI**

20 **08**
OCTOBER PM ONWARD

DEAN VANJOUR | SREEJA PAUL | LEIF VANJOUR

THREE IS COMPANY

Day	Date	Event	Performer/Team	Venue	Time
Wed	18-Oct-23	Festive Magic@DI: Puja Prelude	Indicred	COURTYARD@DI	7:30 PM
Fri	20-Oct-23	Bar Night	Three is Company	Live@DI	8.00Pm
Sat	21-Oct-23	OFFICE CLOSED			
Sun	22-Oct-23	CLUB CLOSED			
Fri	27-Oct-23	English Karoake	Chris & Leo	Live@DI	8.00Pm
Sat	28-Oct-23	CLUB CLOSED			

CELEBRATING?

If you're celebrating an event, birthday, anniversary or whatever, the DI is happy to offer facilities for private booking.

Please check the chart below and call the office for details.

Event & Party Space Available

As it gets closer to festival season, the DI is happy to offer various facilities for private booking. Please check the chart below and call the office for details.

CHARGES FOR BOOKING OF FACILITIES @ DI				
AREAS	HEADS	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS	OTHER CHARGES
COWPER'S KOLKATA	25	3000/-	8000/-	
ZACH'S LOUNGE	50	5000/-	15000/-	
KINGS PUB BAR	20	4000/-	12,000/-	
NEIL O'BRIEN PLAYZONE	30	3000/-		
DINING @ DI	40	5000/-		
FAMILY@ DI	20	5000/-		
SWIMMING POOL	50	15000/-	25000/-	
NEILO' BRIEN SPORTS ZONE		4000/-	9000/-	
INDOORS@DI HALL & LAWN (TUESDAYS) + CAR PARKING SPACE	200	75,000/-	2,00,000/-	Rs 30,000/- for outside catering
INDOORS@DI HALL & LAWN (OTHER DAYS) + 6 CAR PARKING SPACE	200	1,75,000/-	3,00,000/-	Rs 30,000/- for outside catering
MUSIC SYSTEM & MICROPHONE		500/-	1500/-	
PROJECTOR & SCREEN		1700/-		
*18% GST APPLICABLE ON ALL RATES				

SPORTS NEWS

The DI Intra Darts and Intra Snooker Tournaments are underway in the next couple of weeks.



BAR OFFERS 2:1 on these drinks

JOHNNIE WALKER BLONDE WHISKY

JIM BEAM BOURBON WHISKY

TEACHER'S HIGHLAND CREAM

TEACHER'S 50 WHISKY

ROYAL RANTHAMBORE WHISKY

AFTER DARK WHISKY

MAGIC MOMENTS VERVE VODKA

TEACHERS GOLDEN THISTLE SCOTCH WHISKY

BULLDOG LONDON DRY GIN

SKYY VODKA

TAMERLANE BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY

OAKSMITH GOLD WHISKY

WHILE STOCKS LAST

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



The Kids Plus Quiz on October 7 was a great success with 35 kids registered, 7 teams, 8 rounds and lots of fun, prizes and surprises. Barry Antunis was exceptional as the Quizmaster.

Read all about it in Roshan Choudhury's write up [here](#).

The Hindi Karaoke has picked up a lot of steam with crowds joining in the singing of retro Hindi and Bengali favourites and enjoying themselves on the dance floor - every second Friday of the month, folks. And English Karaoke is on the 4th Friday of every month

FESTIVE SEASON CONTRIBUTION & CHRISTMAS TREE REGISTRATION

The Festive Season Contribution Mail and the Christmas Tree Party registration mail have already been sent out. [Click here to download the mailer](#)

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