

*“Sarve Mangal Mangalye, Shive Sarvarth Sadhike
Sharanye Trambake Gauri, Narayani Namostute”*

She is the mother of world. A small ray of her kindness is enough to remove all the sorrows and obstacles. She is the mother who is always there to remove all the worry of the people of world. Those who worship her really never face any problem in their life, because the loving mother removes their problems by her smiles. Again at one time she is Maha Laxmi (The Goddess of

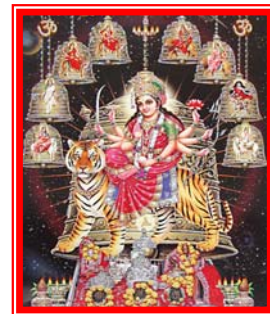


Cuttack Chandi, Cuttack

wealth), Maha Saraswati(The Goddess of Knowledge) and Maha Kali(The Goddess of destruction), that means the goddess of creation, caring, and destruction. The Goddess is worshipped by the people as the Goddess to grant fortune. According to Hindu mythology when the demon Ravana kidnapped Goddess Sita at that time lord Sri Ram planned to worship **Goddess Durga** to remove her troubles and to win over the demon Ravana. So Lord Sri Ram worshipped the Goddess in the season of autumn. The Goddess being pleased with the devotion of Lord Sri Ram, blessed him, which finally made him to win over the demon.

Durga Puja in Orissa

Orissa is not only an ideal choice for monuments, beaches, waterfalls and scenic beauties but also for colorful fairs and festivals. The festivals are as numerous as the days in a year, each with a difference having an individuality of its own. During the festivals the whole environment shimmers with sounds of bells, holy songs, chanting of mantras, lights, and



Nava Durga

the soothing smell of flowers. The pilgrims throng the city all the year round making a more lively and spiritual environment. According to Markandeya Purana the King of Chedi dynasty Suratha started rituals of Durga Puja during 300B.C. Durga Puja has different names in different Puranas and Sastras. In Devi Purana & Kalika Purana it is named as Vijaya Dashami. It is named as Mahaparvana in Devi Mahatmya and Dussehra in Markandeya Purana. Durga Puja is one of the most important festivals in Orissa. Here Durga Puja is more than a festival. It is a celebration of life, culture, popular customs and traditions. It is a time of reunion and rejuvenation to love, to



Maa Mangala, Kakatpur

share and to care. Durga Puja is an important Hindu Festival celebrated all over India with different rituals and festivities especially in eastern India. It is celebrated in the Oriya month of Ashwina (September/October) every year. Durga Puja symbolises the victory of good over evil. Durga Puja is a festival, which is observed for 10 days. In Orissa the Durga Puja is celebrated in two different ways. In Shakti peethas (temples of goddess) the Durga Puja is observed with proper rituals for 10 days. Goddess Durga is also worshiped by devotees in different pendals in form deities. The pendals are decorated with beautiful decoratives.

Navaratri (From 19th September to 27th September)

Navratri, the festival of nine nights is dedicated to Goddess Durga in her nine forms. According to the Hindu calendar, Navratri begins from the first day of the bright fortnight of Ashwina, which usually coincides with the end of the rainy season. The nine days have great religious significance as Goddess Durga, the divine mother, had destroyed the evil force (in the form of the demon Mahisashura) during this period. The celebration of Durga Puja becomes more important in last 5 days (PANCHAMI, SASTHI, SAPTAMI, ASTAMI, NAVAMI, DASAMI).

Special Attraction of Cuttack

The Special attraction of Cuttack is the filigree work. The demand of filigree works may have 'silvered' the hair of many artists in this city but Durga Puja brings the shine back to their craft. Not only there is a rise in the demand for ornaments for the

goddess, especially crowns but also many organizers are embellishing their pandals with their craft. The delicately woven silver and gold threads create a mesh of fine



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fantasy which was once cherished by many. Moving around Cuttack in the evening to mid night during Durga Puja is mind blowing. In the evening of Vijaya Dasami all the deities are taken in beautiful procession for immersion in the near by rivers. In eastern India

apart from Calcutta, Cuttack is the Center of attraction for Durga Puja. Special trains are connected with Cuttack to different parts of India for comfortable journey of tourists on this occasion. In order to clear extra rush of traveling passengers for Duseehera, the Railways has decided to run weekly super fast special trains.

Durga Puja Special Trains

1. Weekly special Garib Rath Express train (Puri-Bangalore)

Ex-Puri as **0869** on every Friday w.e.f. **18.09.2009** to **06.11.2009** (08 trips).

Ex.Bangalore as **0870** on every Saturday w.e.f. **19.09.2009** to **07.11.2009** (08 trips)

0869 (PUI-SBC) WEEKLY		STATION ↓ ↑	0870(SBC-PUI) WEEKLY	
Arri.	Dep.		Arri.	Dep.
-	14.30 (F)	Puri	05.50 (M)	-
15.30	15.55	Khurda Road	04.15	04.35
17.20	17.22	Balugaon	03.05	03.07
18.25	18.27	Berhampur	02.20	02.22
19.30	19.32	Palasa	01.20	01.22
21.25	21.30	Vizianagaram	23.15	23.17
22.40	23.00	Visakhapatnam	22.20	22.40
23.30	23.32	Duvvada	21.48	21.50
22.00(Sa)	-	Bangalore	-	23.00(Sa)

Composition: 3rd AC-15, Guard-cum-Luggage Van-02=Total 17 Coaches

2. Weekly special Express train (Bhubaneswar-Tirupati)

Ex-Bhubaneswar as **0871** on every Friday w.e.f. **18.09.2009 to 06.11.2009** (08 trips).

Ex- Tirupati as **0872** on every **Saturday** w.e.f.**19.09.2009 to 07.11.2009** (08 trips).

0871 (BBS-TPTY) WEEKLY		STATION ↓ ↑	0872(TPTY-BBS) WEEKLY	
Arri.	Dep.		Arri.	Dep.
-	11.45 (F)	Bhubaneswar	14.00 (S)	-
12.10	12.15	Khurda Road	13.25	13.30
13.05	13.07	Balugaon	12.00	12.02
14.15	14.20	Berhampur	10.25	10.27
15.30	15.32	Palasa	09.05	09.07
17.35	17.37	Vizianagaram	06.20	06.22
19.10	19.30	Visakhapatnam	05.00	05.20
19.58	20.00	Duvvada	04.28	04.30
12.30(Sa)	-	Tirupati	-	14.00 (Sa)

Composition: 2nd AC- **01**, 3rd AC-**01**, Sleeper Class-**10**, General Class-**04**, Pantry car-**01**, Guard-cum-Luggage Van-**02**=**Total 19** Coaches.

3. Weekly Exp. Special train (Sambalpur-Howrah) (Via. Angul, Kapilas Road).

Ex-Sambalpur as **0873** on every Friday w.e.f. **18.09.2009 to 06.11.2009** (08 trips)

Ex- Howrah as **0874** on every Saturday w.e.f. **19.09.2009 to 07.11.2009** (08 trips)

0873 (SBP-HWH) WEEKLY		STATION ↓ ↑	0874 (HWH-SBP) WEEKLY	
Arri.	Dep.		Arri.	Dep.
-	20.00(Fri)	Sambalpur	08.00 (Su)	-
21.15	21.17	Rairakhol	06.45	06.47
21.50	21.52	Boinda	06.02	06.04
22.50	22.52	Angul	05.15	05.17
23.05	23.07	Talcher Road	05.00	05.02
23.45	23.47	Dhenkanal	04.00	04.05
02.00	02.02	Bhadrak	01.35	01.37
02.47	02.52	Balasore	00.23	00.25
04.30	04.35	Kharagpur	22.40	22.50
07.05 (Sat)	-	Howrah	-	20.55(Sat)

Composition: 2nd AC-**01**, 3rd AC-**01**, Sleeper Class-**06**, General Class-**06**, Guard-cum-Luggage Van-**02**,= **Total 16** Coaches.

4. Running of a special S/F Weekly Express train between Puri-New Delhi

Ex-Bhubaneswar as **0815** on **24.09.2009** and **03.10.2009** = **02** trips. Ex-New Delhi as **0816** on **26.09.2009** and **05.10.2009**-**02** trips.

1815 Ex-Puri		STATION ↓ ↑	0816 Ex-New Delhi	
Arri.	Dep.		Arri.	Dep.
-	21.30	Bhubaneswar	03.30	-
22.05	22.10	Cuttack	02.40	02.45
23.05	23.07	Jaipur-Keonjhar Road	01.20	01.22
00.43	00.45	Bhadrak	00.30	00.32
04.00	-	New Delhi	-	21.00

Composition: 2nd AC-01,3rd AC-04, Sleeper Class-06, General Class-04, Pantry car-01, Guard-cum-Luggage Van-02=Total 18 Coaches.

5. Running of special express trains between Howrah-Puri-Howrah

Ex-Howrah as **0807** on **23.09.2009**, **30.09.2009**, **07.10.2009**= **3** Trips. Exp-Puri as **0808** on **24.09.2009**, **01.10.2009**, **08.1.2009**- **3** trips.

0807 Ex-Howrah		STATION ↓ ↑	0808 EX-Puri	
Arri.	Dep.		Arri.	Dep.
-	23.30	Howrah	09.00	-
01.10	01.15	Kharagpur	06.25	06.30
02.43	02.45	Balasore	04.20	04.25
03.50	03.52	Bhadrak	03.58	04.00
04.25	04.26	Jaipur-Keonjhar Road	03.05	03.07
05.23	05.28	Cuttack	02.05	02.15
06.00	06.15	Bhubaneswar	01.00	01.10
06.40	06.45	Khurda Road	00.30	00.35
09.30	-	Puri	-	23.35

Composition : 1st AC-01, 2nd AC- 01,3rd AC-01,Sleeper Class-12, General Class- 01, Guard-cum-Luggage Van-02= **Total 18** Coaches.



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