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Kali Puja will be celebrated on October 25, 2014. Puja begins at 6:00pm followed by Dinner and then our professional program.

Costs for food are covered in Patron membership fees, however general members can purchase food plates by letting us know in advance. Details are below.

Date: October 25, 2014

Venue: [Logan High School, 1800 H Street, Union City, CA](#)

[See parking Map at Logan High School](#)

Kali Puja schedule

Time

Events

6:00PM-8:00PM

Kali Puja

7:30PM-9:00PM

Dinner (See Food menu below)

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM

Shovon Ganguly (professional program by Kolkata artist)

Shovon Ganguly - a versatile singer



Shovon Ganguly was the winner of 2012 SaReGaMaPa, a musical reality show on Zee Bangla. He first got noticed in the national scene, when he participated in the Indian version of the show, X factor. Shovon started young, learning music in childhood, Shovon has 7 years of training classical Indian music. Shovon's first guru in music was his father, Swapan Ganguly. A singer of Rabindrasangeet and adhunik gaan, Swapan discovered his son's talent at a very tender age. "I found all the elements that make a good singer in my son when he was hardly a year old. He had a clear sense of rhythm and beat, something that many people lack. I was sure that he would be able to make it big in music," said Swapan. Quite unlike most parents, Swapan would urge Shovon to prioritize singing before studies. "My father always wanted me to become a singer. However, I managed to juggle both studies and music," said Shovon. After his initial training under his father, Shovon went to learn classical music at Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty's school, Shrutinandan. "I was a studying in school at the time when my father took me to join Shrutinandan," said Shovon. He trained there for seven years before joining composer Abhijit Bandopadhyay. However, Shovon could not continue for too long. "My mother would take me for music classes at that time and she was not keeping well. It was difficult for her to take me every day. So I had to go to Jayanta Sarkar in Gangulybagan for training," said Shovon. Jayanta Sarkar took Shovon closer to big reality shows. "Earlier, I had participated in Eto Sur Ar Eto Gaan on Doordarshan, Tarana and Surdariya on ETV Bangla but Jayanta Sarkar told me to

aim higher,” he said. Shovon had to change his genre of music. “Jayanta sir told me to listen to popular Hindi songs and also to learn to sing them. Earlier, I would only sing classical, semi-classical, adhunik and old Hindi songs,” said Shovon. Although not quite to his father’s taste, Shovon has had to master modern film music. “My father would not appreciate Bollywood film music and would think that I am not doing the right thing. However, now he realises that this music is popular,” said Shovon. His versatility as a singer is his strength and his energy and enthusiasm always makes his live performances a memorable one.

[See Shovon's message to Bay Area residents](#)



Tickets for Shovon Ganguly for Non-members only General admission tickets for Non-members are \$30 each and can be obtained at the registration desk on the festival site. Note: This program is free for Prabasi general members and patrons and is included in the membership fees.

Food Menu and Price

Food will be available for **general members and non-members for \$15 per plate**. The menu is as follows.

- Goat Curry
- Chana Dal
- Alu Cauliflower vegetable
- Veg Pakora
- Zeera Rice
- Naan
- Papad
- Chatni
- Rosmalai

Note: Patron Members do not need to purchase food since it is included in their membership fees. There will be a food vendor at the site where you can purchase food plates.

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