Trustees Report and Financial Statements

North London Prabhati Sangha

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Registered Charity number
1147144
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www.nlpsuk.org	*Registered Charity No:* ***1147144***
Banker : ***NatWest***	*Insurers :* ***Gallagher***
Independent Auditor *:*	
Tulsi Rupa Makwana (CIPFA)	

Trustees message

2025 was another successful and inspiring year for NLPS, marked by strong community participation, cultural celebration, and continued growth in engagement across all generations.

Throughout the year, we delivered a varied programme of religious, cultural and social activities that brought together members, volunteers, supporters and visitors from across London and beyond. Our events provided opportunities for worship, cultural expression, volunteering and community cohesion, helping us fulfil our charitable objectives while preserving and promoting Bengali and Hindu traditions.

A particular highlight was our flagship five-day Durga Puja celebration, which marked its 10th year under NLPS. The event continued to attract large numbers of devotees and visitors, with daily attendance exceeding 400 people. Through prayers, cultural performances, music, dance and community meals, the festival once again demonstrated the strength and vibrancy of our community.

We also celebrated Saraswati Puja, Dol Jatra (Holi), Janmashtami and Kali Puja, alongside Bengali New Year festivities, family events and year-end celebrations. Each occasion provided an opportunity for members of all ages to come together, strengthen community bonds and pass cultural traditions to younger generations.

The involvement of children and young people continues to be one of our greatest achievements. Their participation in cultural performances, devotional activities and community events demonstrates the enduring relevance of our heritage and provides confidence for the future of NLPS.

None of our achievements would be possible without the commitment of our volunteers, members, supporters and local well-wishers. We remain deeply grateful for the countless hours of voluntary effort, generosity and dedication that underpin every event and activity delivered by the organisation.

Through our dedicated website www.nlpsuk.org we can reach members and well-wishers far and wide. We update our website regularly and give advanced notice of our future events. It is also populated with photographs and video streams of our recent pujas, activities, and other events.

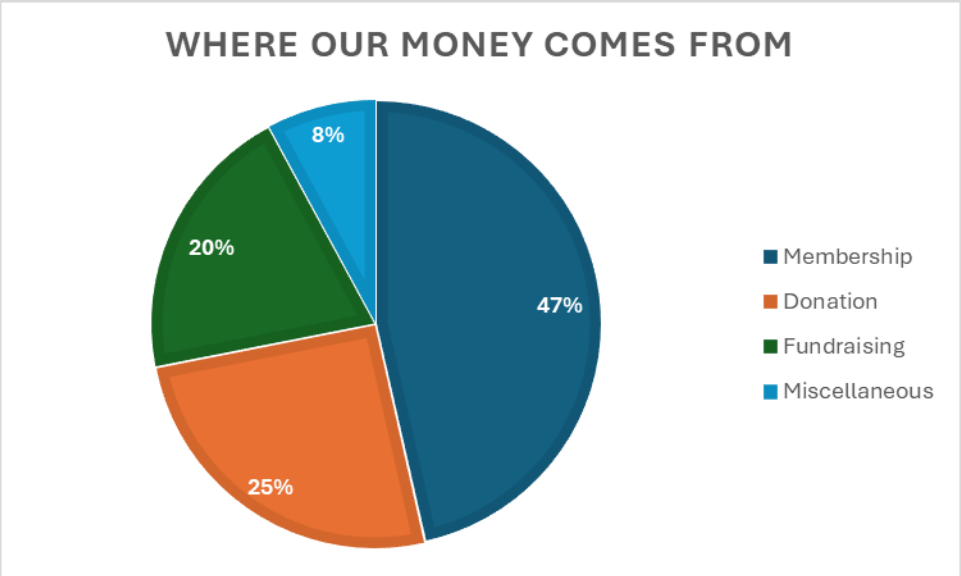
As we look ahead, we remain committed to broadening participation, strengthening community engagement and ensuring that NLPS continues to be a welcoming place for people of all ages and backgrounds.

We thank everyone who has contributed to the success of NLPS during 2025 and look forward to another year of service, celebration and community spirit.

With sincere thanks,
The Trustees of North London Prabhati Sangha (NLPS)

Our objectives

- *To promote Bengali and Indian culture and heritage*
- *To help educate the public in the religious and cultural traditions of the Bengali and Hindu community.*
- *To provide facilities, opportunities and a communal environment for our multicultural society*

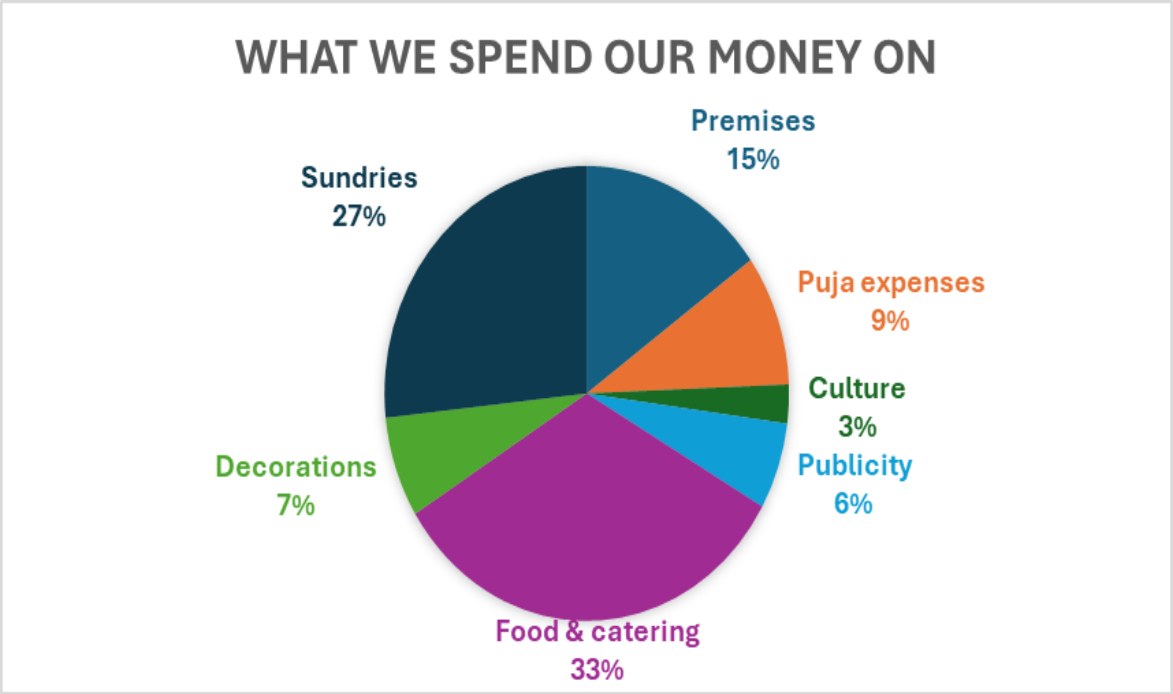


Where we work, who we work with and what we do

- *North London Prabhati Sangha (NLPS) is a charity, and its main objective is to promote and celebrate the culture and traditions of Hindu way of life and facilitate the integration of the people from the Indian sub-continent with the community in the UK.*
- *NLPS has gained charity status with the Charity Commission in May 2012.*
- *The organisation was established over 32 years ago, in 1991, and since its inception NLPS has celebrated over all the major Hindu pujas including the flagship 5-day celebration of Durga Puja.*
- *We have organised numerous events and activities for its members and the community including sports days, mother tongue and music classes.*

- *NLPS is entirely funded by its members and supporters and to date has not sought any sponsorship or statutory funding.*

- *NLPS has vision to further widen our activities and integrate the wider community, and as set out in our strategy and vision, we continue to increase our donor base. We shall increase our membership and appeal to businesses and statutory bodies for their support to our cause.*



Our activities

- *Celebrate four main cultural festivals each year - to uphold the traditions of these centuries' old festivals and pass them on to the next generation*
- *Durga Puja – our flagship festival lasting five consecutive days, which we have celebrated since 2016.*
- *Annual seaside outing - to give members and others in the community an opportunity to enjoy a visit to the seaside on a daytrip.*
- *Annual Sports day - to involve everyone especially the children and the youth in taking active part in various sports on the. The occasion also serves to bind the members of the community and inculcate a sense of caring and sharing with others.*
- *Mother tongue classes in Bengali - to ensure that the younger generation do not forget their roots completely and are able to communicate effectively in both English and Bengali.*

- *Christmas and Sonkranti celebrations - to celebrate the mainstream festivals along with our own and help integrate our community*
- *Dance and music - to uphold age old traditions and encourage participants to showcase their talents for everyone to enjoy.*
- *Sports and healthy living - to create awareness in the community that involvement in sports can be a contributor to good health and is necessary to ward off illnesses caused by a sedentary lifestyle.*
- *Translation / interpretation - to empower the older members of the generation in particular, to make informed decisions on everything that effects and improves their life and help to engage with rest of the community.*
- *Bengali new year (Poila Baisakhi or Noborsho) It symbolises prosperity, abundance, and new beginnings, featuring traditional rituals, music, dance, and festive food*

Review of the year 2025

- *It has been a wonderful year for NLPS. We celebrated all the Pujas, including Dura Puja, the annual summer activities including family day with barbeque and end of year celebrations.*
- *We engaged more children and youth in all our activities and in particular the young performed at our various functions.*
- *We continue to expand our activities and bringing together our children and women to be more involved and play more active roles in the future of NLPS.*
- *We celebrated our flagship celebration of Durga Puja, having started it in 2016, it continues to grow with over 400 visitors each and every day over the 5 consecutive days.*
- *We continued to celebrate all other one-day Hindu pujas – including Dol Jatra, Janmashtami, Kali Puja, and Saraswati puja. These traditional pujas continue to attract people from across London. Our devoted volunteers continue to support us during these wonderful occasions.*

***Saraswati Puja** (February 2025)*

- *The Saraswati Puja festival (also known as Vasant Panchami or Vasant Panchami) is a festival devoted to Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, music and art.*

- *Traditionally during this festival children are taught to write their first words. The colour yellow has a special meaning during this festival, and people usually wear yellow garments during the holiday, and yellow sweets are consumed within the families.*

- *NLPS celebrated this puja in February 2024 and children, in particular, joined in the celebration and prayers and seeking blessings of the goddess for success in learning, arts and crafts.*

***Dol Purnima** (March 2025)*

- *This festival is also known as **'Dol Jatra',** or **Holi** commonly referred to as the festival of colours, is the last festival of a Bengali year.*

- *Holi is also known by the name of Dol Purnima in West Bengal*

- *The festival is celebrated by placing the idols of Krishna and Radha on a picturesquely decorated palanquin and this would be round the main streets of the city. The devotees take turns to swing them while women dance around the swing and sing devotional songs. Throughout the procession men keep spraying coloured water and colour powder, **'abeer'** at them*

- *For the devotees of the Lords, this is an occasion to pray for the ushering in of joy and happiness. We celebrated the festival at a community centre, in Haringey, with great fanfare. There were bhajans and prasads (food) were distributed lavishly and people indulged in putting coloured powder on each other*

- *There were songs and dance to the accompaniment of musical instruments presenting an enchanting view to the hundreds of people who came to celebrate this auspicious occasion.*

***Janmasthami puja** (September 2025)*

- *Janmashtami is the celebration of Sri Krishna's birthday, the eighth Avatar (representation) of Vishnu, meaning the facet of creator that manages the preservation aspect of life.*

- *We had a full day of celebration of Janmashtami and guests came from all places including from far away as Birmingham and Loughborough.*

- *Highlights included Bhajan Kirtan, pujas, and a speech on Bhagbhatam by monks from ISKON.*

- *Our young children performed plays based on the life of Krishna which mesmerised our audience*

Durga Puja *(October 2025)*

- *The festival marks the victor of goddess Ma Durga in her battle against the demon Mahishasura; it epitomises the victory of good over evil, though it also in part a harvest festival celebrating the goddess as the motherly power behind all life a creation.*

- *NLPS celebrated Durga Puja in October, over five days with hundreds of devotees coming together every day and evening to make it a very special festival.*

- *There were daily prayers, devotional songs, music and dance performances by children and professional artists, and served Prasad throughout the day.*

- *People form the locality, across London and even from as far as the Midlands came throughout the day and shared in our celebration rom all religion*

Kali Puja *(October 2025)*

- *NLPS celebrated Kali puja on a November night with hundreds of devotees coming together to make it a very special and enjoyable night. There were prayers, songs, art performances and served Prasad.*

- ***Maa Kali*** *is the fearful and ferocious form of the mother goddess Durga.*

- ***Kali Puja*** *is done to diminish the ego and all negative tendencies that hinder spiritual progress and material prosperity. Performed on the night of* ***Kartik Amavasya****, Kali Puja is an intense invocation to the fearsome goddess. The main purpose of the puja is to seek the help of the goddess in destroying evil – both in the outside world and within us.*

Summer activities *(August 2025)*

- *We held family days including a barbeque families brought cooked dishes and shared with each other to make it a very family friendly day out.*

End of Year celebration *(December 2025)*

- *NLPS celebrated another eventful year, and invited all members, volunteers and the community to come together and reflect and say farewell to 2024*

Arts and performance

- *NLPS held a number of arts and performance activities for young children to take part in cultural songs and dances, ably taught by an experienced teacher of Bengali music.*

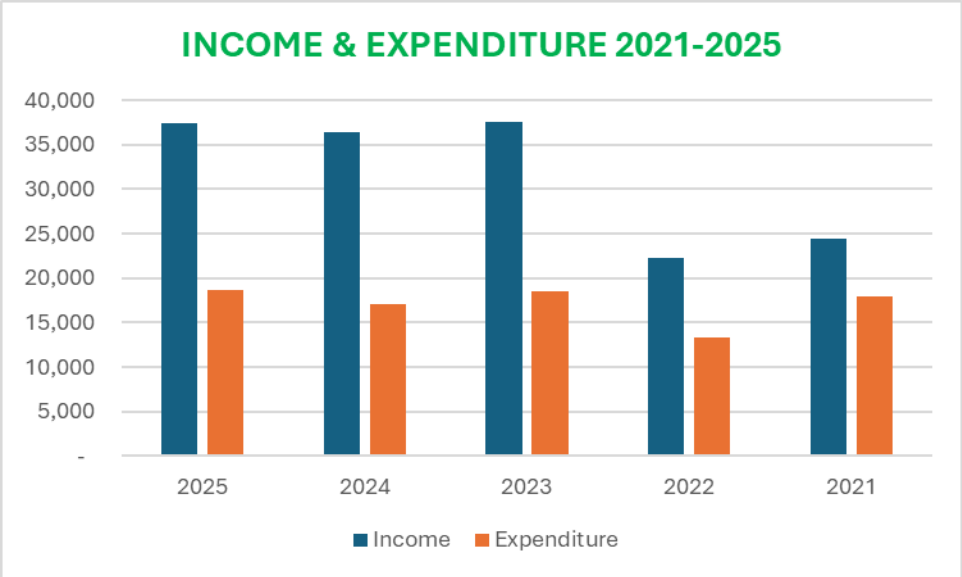
- *Children took part in short religious plays, and we are actively encouraging all families to encourage their children to be more involved in cultural art and music.*

Our supporters

- *NLPS does not employ any paid staff. We have over 45 members and their families who regularly come together to help with the organising and running of the festivities.*

- *In addition, we have army of volunteers - men, women, and children. They prepare and serve food (Prasad) to all guests attending the festivals.*

- *Many local businesses and community groups lend their support in many ways to raise awareness and involvement of the community to our activities and festivities.*



Financial review of the year 2025

Incoming resources

- *Incoming resources for the year ended 31 December 2025 were £37,463 (2024: £37,246).*

Resources expended

- *Resources expended during the year ended 31 December 2025 were £18,685 (2024 : £17,051).*

Surplus

- *The surplus for the year was £18,779*
- *It has been added to general reserves.*

Balance sheet and cash flow

- *The charity remained financially stable throughout the year and maintained sufficient cash resources to support its ongoing activities and commitments*

Reserves

- *At the end of 31 December 2025 unrestricted reserves stood at £116,914 (2024 : 98,436)*

Investments Policy

The organisation's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence, does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. NLPS currently adopts a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream bank.

Plans for 2026 and beyond

During 2026, NLPS aims to:

- *• Continue delivering a high-quality programme of religious, cultural and community activities.*

- *• Further strengthen engagement with children, young people and families.*
- *• Increase volunteer participation and encourage wider involvement from members.*
- *• Expand awareness of NLPS through community outreach, social media and digital communications.*
- *• Maintain the successful delivery of Durga Puja and other major festivals.*
- *• Develop additional fundraising opportunities to support the long-term sustainability of the charity.*
- *• Continue promoting community cohesion, wellbeing and cultural heritage for the benefit of current and future generations.*

Structure, governance and management

North London Prabhati Sangha is a registered charity and governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The Board of Trustees are the members of the association

North London Prabhati Sangha is controlled by Trustees as set out on page 3. The day to day running of our activities are entrusted to a management committee, made up of some trustees and general members and led by the chair of trustees.

The trustees of the charity are volunteers; they provide the full range of experience and expertise required to add significant value to the work of the charity. They do not receive any remuneration for their roles as trustees.

The full Board of trustees and general members meet at least every quarter to: scrutinise performance of the organisation in relation to its objectives; receive reports of its members and deal with major strategic issues.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

Internal controls

In recognition of its responsibilities for internal control, the trustees have established control systems that aim, in part, to provide reasonable but not absolute assurances against material misstatement or loss.

The controls in place include:

- *Authorisation controls by responsible personnel to ensure that only transactions which are necessary and fall within the scope of the charity.*
- *All and only authorised transactions are taken into the accounting records.*
- *Safe custody of assets including periodic physical verification of their existence at sites where these are located*
- *Preparation of forecasts and budgets which allow the trustees to monitor the key business risks and financial objectives and identify variances arising during the periodical reporting cycles.*

Public benefits

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and have referred to the guidance when reviewing our purpose and mission and in planning future activities. In particular, consideration is given to how planned future activities will contribute to our strategy.

Further information about our work and getting involved can be found on our website www.nlpsuk.org

Independent auditors report

An independent examination of charity accounts is carried out when a charity's annual income is over £25,000.

The purpose of an independent examination of charity accounts is to ensure that all money is accounted for, and records have been kept correctly.

Under the Charities Act 2011, trustees have a legal duty to appoint 'an independent person who is reasonably believed by the trustees to have the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination of the accounts'.

No specific qualifications are required of the independent examiner, but they must have a strong understanding of charity accounts.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North London Prabhati Sangha (NLPS)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North London Prabhati Sangha for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the NLPS you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: *Tulsi Rupa Makwana*

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies *(if any): Chartered Institute of Public Financial Accountants (CIPFA)*

Address: *24 Aldborough Road, Upminster, RM14 2RJ*

Date : 29th October 2026

North London Prabhati Sangha
Statement of financial activities

(incorporating an income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31st December 2025

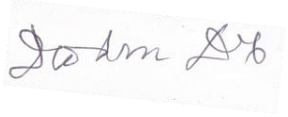
	Unrestricted	***Restricted***	***2025 Total***	*2024 Total*
	£	***£***	***£***	*£*
Income from:				
Donations	*34,504*	*0*	*34,504*	*35,190*
Gift aid	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Other income	*2,959*	*0*	*2,959*	*1,247*
Total income	***37,463***	***0***	***37,463***	***36,437***
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities:				
Pujas	*15,092*	*0*	*15,092*	*13,600*
Social activities	*3,592*	*0*	*3,592*	*3,450*
Total expenditure	***18,686***	***0***	***18,686***	***17,051***
Net income for the year	***18,779***	***0***	***18,779***	***19,386***
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	*98,134*	*0*	***98,134***	*78,748*
Total funds carried forward	***98,943***	***0***	***98,943***	***98,134***

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf on 25 October 2026

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Trustee	*Chair*	*Treasurer*

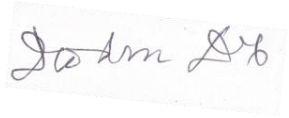
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	(£)	(£)
FIXED ASSET		
Tangible assets (Deities)	*5,662*	*5,369*
Depreciation	*(1,082)*	*(271)*
	4,580	***5,098***
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	*-*	*-*
Cash at bank	*112,334*	*93,036*
	112,334	*93,036*
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors - due within one year	*-*	*-*
NET CURRENT ASSETS	*112,334*	*93,036*
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	***116,914***	***98,134***
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Revenue reserves b/fwd	*98,134*	*78,748*
General funds	*18,780*	*19,386*
Total funds	***116,914***	***98,134***

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Trustee *Chair* *Treasurer*

Statement of Cash Flow
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Net cash provided by operating activities	*19,861*	*19,655*
Cash flows from investments activities :		
- Interest from investments	*-*	*-*
- Purchase of fixed assets (deities)	*(563)*	*(5,369)*
Cash (used in) investing activities	*(563)*	*(5,369)*
Change in cash and cash equivalent in the year	*19,298*	*14,288*
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year	*93,036*	*78,749*
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	*112,334*	*93,036*

Analysis of net debt

	as at 1 Jan 2025	Cash flow	At 31 Dec 2025
Cash at bank and in hand	*93,036*	*19,298*	*112,334*
Total	***93,036***	***19,298***	***112,334***

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Trustee	*Chair*	*Treasurer*

Members

A big thank you to all our members. We are grateful for their time, commitment and generosity in supporting NLPS to deliver all the amazing activities and celebrations.

Alok Mukherjee ***(trustee)***
Amit Deb
Anadi Deb
Anitya Dutta
Bapon Roy
Bidhan Deb
Bidyut Deb
Bimol Roy
Biswajit (Mitu) Deb
Chompok Deb ***(trustee)***
Debobratha Deb
Gauranga Deb
Gourapada Deb ***(trustee)***
Hira Deb
Jahar Shil ***(general secretary)***
Krishna Paul
Kukil Chandra Deb
Manik Chandra Deb
Millie Chowdhury
Minakhi Vyas
Modan Deb ***(trustee)***
Niranta Deb ***(trustee, Chair)***
Pankaj Roy
Pradip Dev
Projoy Deb
Pronoya Deb
Pulok Shome
Purabi Deb
Rajasree (Millie) Ghosh Chowdury
Ranadhir Deb ***(trustee, treasurer)***
Rohit Sengupta
Romen Deb
(Late) Rotan Deb
Rothna Modak
Sagar Deb
Sanjay Braman
Sanjay Deb
Shayon Paul
Shourav Paul
Shubash Deb
Dr Shumonta Dev
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Sumontro Deb
Susitol Deb ***(trustee)***

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