03. 14.10.2026
(D/L) CT. NO. 05
(ARPAN-A.R.CT.**)**

In The High Court at Calcutta

CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
(Appellate Side)

W.P.A. 29012 OF 2026

UTTOR PALASHI SANHATI AND ANOTHER
VS.
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND OTHERS

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... For Petitioners

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... For Private Respondents

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of petitioners is taken on record.

2. By presenting this writ petition, *inter alia*, prayer is made for issuance of mandamus thereby directing the concerned police authority to provide assistance to members of Uttor Palashi Sanhati being petitioner no.1 so that seamlessly Durga Puja can be organized for the year 2026.

3. State respondents and private respondents are represented by learned advocates.

4. Learned advocate representing State respondents has filed a communication dated 7th October, 2026 of Officer-in-Charge, Jetia Police Station, Barrackpore Police Commissionerate and same is taken on record. Copies of the said communication are made over to

learned advocates representing petitioners and private respondents.

5. It is disclosed in the said communication that there are two warring groups within Uttor Palashi Sanhati being petitioner no.1 and both are claiming right to organize Durga Puja. Issue is not new as it is disclosed in the communication that in the previous year dispute cropped up between two groups and issue went before the learned Executive Magistrate, Barrackpore *vide* M.P. Case Nos. 38 of 2025, 728 of 2025 and 3247 of 2025. There is also dispute with regard to eligibility of a particular group which will receive government grant for organizing Durga Puja for the year 2026.

6. If petitioner no.2 finds that she has right to organize Durga Puja being office bearer of Uttor Palashi Sanhati, which is being infringed by members of other group, in that event, petitioner no.2 is required to take necessary steps for resolving the issue by approaching Civil Court.

7. This Court while exercising jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India ought not to delve into the issue of having right of respective parties to organize Durga Puja.

8. However, Officer-in-Charge, Jetia Police Station, Barrackpore Police Commissionerate is directed to keep vigil at the locale and to see that no untoward incident takes place.

9. Writ petition stands disposed of.

10. Parties to act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this court.

(SAUGATA BHATTACHARYYA, J.)