

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Hon'ble Justice Bivas Pattanayak in IA No.GA/42/2024 in CS/308/1872 (Balaram Das Vs. Guru Charan Biswas) by order dated 3rd April 2025 has appointed the undersigned as Chairman-cum-Special Officer to hold elections within a period of two months from the date of the order for constituting the board of trustees for management of Dakshineswar Kali Temple and Debottar Estate.

The undersigned has been directed to determine the voting rights and/or extent of shares of the voting rights of the shebait and issue a fresh set of rules and guidelines, if any, after considering earlier rules and guidelines. The undersigned may, if necessary, invite and take suggestions from all shebait in framing new set of rules and guidelines.

For the purpose of such determination of the voting rights and/or extent of shares of the voting rights of the shebait, the legal heirs and representatives of the deceased shebait are invited within 6 P.M. on Sunday, 20th April 2025 to file his/her claim for shebaitship of the Deities of the Dakshineswar Kali Temple and Debottar Estate, in writing, along with evidence, viz., death certificate of the deceased shebait with proof of shebaitship of the deceased shebait (together with their own photo identity proof) in support of his/her claim to be shebait as heir of the deceased shebait. All shebait are also invited to give their suggestions for framing new set of rules and guidelines by 20th April 2025 within 6 P.M.

The undersigned will hold a meeting between 1 P.M. and 4 P.M. on Wednesday, 23rd April 2025 at the office of Dakshineswar Kali Temple and Debottar Estate, Alambazar, Kolkata-700035 to consider such claims of the applicants for their inclusion as shebait in the List of Shebait. The undersigned shall also issue a fresh set of rules and guidelines, if any, after considering the suggestions of the shebait.

The final voters list and the new set of rules and guidelines, if any, will be uploaded/notified thereafter on or within Sunday, 27th April 2025.


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The extant rules are available at the website www.dakshineswarkalitemple.org. The relevant portions whereof are set out herein.

Any shebait willing to contest the elections has to be proposed by another shebait and seconded by any other shebait. No shebait can propose or second more than one shebait for contesting the elections.

Any shebait willing to contest the elections, will have to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) only in cash as caution money along with his/her nomination. Deposit of such caution money will be a condition precedent for allowing him/her to contest the election. Such caution money of the shebait not found to be eligible to contest the election will be returned on scrutiny.

Caution money of the unsuccessful candidates who will fail to secure at least 10% (ten percent) of the votes cast will be forfeited and the same will be used for the benefit of the Trust. Caution money of the successful candidates will be refunded on the day following the declaration of election result.

The final list of the candidates contesting the elections will be published/notified immediately after scrutiny.

Any shebait wanting to cast vote through postal ballot will have to collect the ballot paper personally, on production of his/her photo identity proof or through his/her authorized representative on submission of due authorization letter with copy of photo identity proof attached, from the office of Dakshineswar Kali Temple and Debottar Estate, Alambazar, Kolkata-700 035.

Duly filled in or cancelled postal ballots will be received back at the office of Dakshineswar Kali Temple and Debottar Estate, Alambazar, Kolkata-700035, before the elections on the day to be notified.

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The elections will be held on the date and time to be notified at the office of Dakshineswar Kali Temple and Debottar Estate, Alambazar, Kolkata-700 035.

The procedure for election will be voting by ballot maintaining secrecy and privacy of the choice of the shebait. Each shebait/voter must carry with him/her one photo identity card which he/she may be called upon to produce to prove his/her identity, in case any doubt is raised with regard to his/her identity at the time of voting.

In case of minor shebait, right of voting can be exercised by his/her natural guardian and/or Court appointed guardian.

Nomination of election agents of the candidates to be intimated to the undersigned at least 48 hours before commencement of election.

Immediately after completion of the process of casting of ballots, counting will be done on the date of the elections to be notified under the direct supervision of the undersigned in the presence of the candidates for election or their authorized representatives and the results will be recorded by the undersigned under his signature. Counting of the postal ballots will be made simultaneously by following the same procedure.

The votes cast by the shebait carry value as per stirpes in terms of the orders of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court and the calculations of percentage of vote will be as per value recorded in the voters list.

Declaration of election result and uploading/publication will be made by the undersigned immediately after conclusion of counting of ballots. The three candidates securing the highest percentage of votes will be declared as the elected trustees.

Costs of the election and all ancillary costs like publication of notices in daily newspapers, travelling, stenographer, secretarial, dealing assistant, printing, etc. and as approved by the undersigned will come out of the funds of the Dakshineswar Kali Temple and Debottar Estate.

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The undersigned will submit his report to the Hon'ble Court, as per the direction passed by the order dated 3rd April 2025.

All afore-mentioned notifications relating to the elections will be published by the undersigned on the website www.dakshineswarkalitemple.org. Publication for determination of voting rights and/or extent of shares of the voting rights of the shebait and elections will be additionally published by the undersigned in abridged form in the daily newspapers, 'The Telegraph' and 'Bartaman'.

If any further communication is needed regarding the election, the same will be published by the undersigned only on the website www.dakshineswarkalitemple.org.

Jyotirmay Bhattacharya

Hon'ble Ex-Chief Justice Jyotirmay
Bhattacharya, Chairman-cum-Special Officer
Dakshineswar Kali Temple and Debottar
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