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## The story of the Central Texas Bengali Association: An ongoing saga (EP:9) – Subha Addy

### ...Continued from July 2023 edition

Time moved on, and more and more Bengali families moved in to make Austin their hometown. The next president of CTBA Partha Pratim Dey, was at the helm. The executive committee consisted of:

President: Partha Pratim Dey  
 Vice president: Subhomoy Chatterjee  
 Secretary: Joydeep Roy  
 Treasurer: Prabir Sarkar  
 Puja Secretary: Krishna Gupta  
 Cultural Secretary: Sonali Sur  
 Food Secretary: Debasree Dasgupta  
 Magazine Editor: Subha Addy

In 2006, for the first time there was an invited external artist show during the CTBA Durga Puja. The famed artist of India Usha Uthup won the hearts of the listeners, with her unique collection of songs and great showmanship. The cultural show during the Puja also included a play, written and directed by Partha Pratim, "Jonoiko Santrashbadir Mrityu", staged by the theater group "Utpat". The local band, "Samakal" under the direction of Dr, Anitesh Barua, also entertained the Puja attendees. A competition was organized for a new name of the annual magazine. Out of several entries, "Dhrubotara" was selected as the most appropriate by the judges. The winner was our very own, Ms. Krishna Gupta, a very active member of the Austin community. The first issue of "Dhrubotara" magazine was professionally printed and entries from about 20 adults and 30 children.

**From the president's desk Partha Pratim wrote, -- "We all are on our own sequence. Let differences be our strength and let the strength be very differently united."**

...To be continued

## Call for Content – CTBA Annual Pujo Magazine - Dhrubotara, 2023

Friends, it's that time of the year again. Time to submit your articles to be featured in this year's annual pujo magazine, Dhrubotara. Like every year, we're looking to collect member creations around the following segments:

- Stories
- Poems
- Travelogues - with color pictures
- Recipes - with color pictures
- Painting / Photography
- Comics / Cartoons
- Jokes

### Guidelines

- Only original content created by author
- Can be in English or Bengali
- No political content
- All content must include:
  - Title (paintings & photographs as well)
  - Creator / author name
  - Author city (if not local to Austin)
- If contributor is younger than 18 years, please provide age

**Submission Deadline: September 30, 2023**

Submit to: [Dhrubotara@ctbaaustin.org](mailto:Dhrubotara@ctbaaustin.org)

## Giving Back Saree Drive

In Austin, CTBA conducted a Saree collection drive. Thanks to our generous members, 348 sarees were collected and donated to [Asian Family Support Services of Austin](#)



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## "Jugalbandi " -Musical Concert on Mahalaya

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 AT 4 PM – 7 PM

### "Jugalbandi " -Musical Concert on Mahalaya

Covenant United Methodist Church - Austin, TX

Thank you for your huge support.

200+ tickets sold out already!!!!

Book your tickets asap. Limited seats available.

Tickets available on

<https://www.ctbaaustin.org/.../jugalbandi-ctba-mahalaya...>

Event link -

<https://m.facebook.com/events/634335155271696?mibextid=ZOUUBX>

## OtherEvents – Non CTBA

### Krishna Janmashtami Celebrations!

Wednesday, September 6, 5:30 pm to 12 AM | Thursday, September 7, 5:30 pm to 10 pm

Hare Krishna Temple of Austin, 1003 Adventure Ln, Cedar Park, TX 78613-4016, United States

Welcome Lord Krishna and experience the joy of devotion with various cultural programs. Step into history at Janambhoomi, explore a mini Nand Gaon, and relive enchanting stories. Don't miss Matki Phod, Cow darshan and delicious Prasadam!

Parking @ Vista Ridge High School.  
 200 S Vista Ridge Blvd, Cedar Park TX 78613

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**Hare Krishna Temple of Austin**  
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 1003 Adventure Ln, Cedar Park, Texas, 78613

**Sri Krishna Janmashtami**  
**2 Days of Grand Celebrations**  
 6 Sept, 5:30 pm - 12:30 am CDT  
 7 Sept, 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm CDT

### Krishns Janmashtmi Utsav

Saturday, September 9, 5:30pm to 12 AM

Radha Madhav Dham, Driftwood, TX

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**Janmashtmi Utsav**

Sat, Sep 9<sup>th</sup> • 5:30pm - midnight

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Celebration of Shree Krishna Janmashtmi - starts with Arti and Dinner Mahaprasad served at 5:30pm.

Krishna Leela based dance performances, Dahi Handi breaking, Darshan of Bal Gopal in Swing, Krishna Abhishek and Joyful Chanting until Midnight.

Dress your children in krishna outfits, sweet recognition & prizes for all children in costume. All welcome, No Charges.

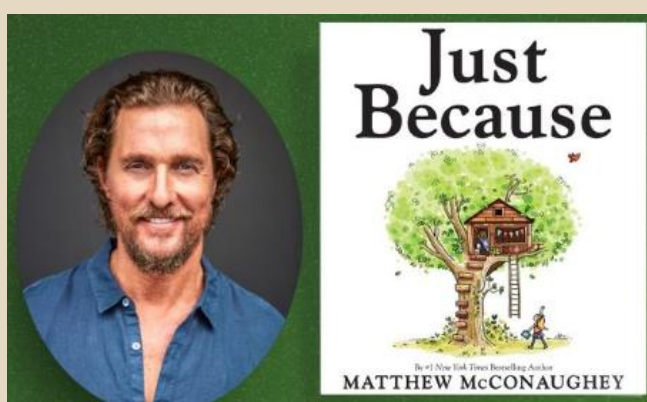
### A Photo-Op + Meet & Greet with Matthew McConaughey

Saturday, September 9, 10:00 AM

Book People, Austin

In his debut children's book, Just Because, Matthew McConaughey, Academy Award-winning actor, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Greenlights, and father of three, explores the contradictions all around us, and how they make us who we are. Filled with his trademark humor and wisdom, McConaughey's soulful and irreverent collection of life lessons empowers readers, big and small, to celebrate how we are all full of possibility. Why? Just because.

Tickets [here](#). Ticket will include a pre-signed copy of the book and a photo-op with Matthew for a group of up to 4 people!



### Austin Garba Culture Fest with Bhoomi Trivedi

Sunday, September 17, 6:30 PM to 11 PM

Round Rock Amphitheatre, 3701 North Interstate Highway 35, Round Rock, TX 78665

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Prepare to be mesmerized by the enchanting live performance of Bhoomi Trivedi, a renowned bollywood sensational singer who has captivated audiences with her soulful voice. Immerse yourself in the rhythmic beats of Garba, a traditional Gujarati dance form that will get you grooving to its infectious energy.

Tickets [here](#)

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Saturday, September 23, 5:00 PM

East View High School

Ajjul Hakim and his team will be performing with the Austin Nattomoncho on the same stage? They will be presenting the hilarious comedy play "2x2=4, Dui dugoon e char" along with Austin Nattomoncho's production of "Dakghar". Come and enjoy two plays with one ticket.

Tickets here: <https://ticketstripe.com/Austin-Bangla-Theatre>



### SEF Dandia Dhamaka 2023

Saturday, September 23, 6:00 PM

Round Rock Sports Center, 2400 Chisolm Trail, Round Rock, TX

Preetysa and Sameer with Shree Shakti will provide live music for your dancing enjoyment. The fun continues with a Bollywood Dhamaka hosted by DJ Nish.

Bring your friends, bring your family, for food, music, dance, and more. Family-friendly, this event is fun for everyone, with special activities for the kids, a pre-dandia beginner workshop, photo booth, and food and other vendors.

Tickets [here](#)

### SEF Dandia Dhamaka 2023

Dandia for a Cause...Dandia with Style

Sat, Sept 23, 2023, 6 pm

Round Rock Sports Center

2400 Chisolm Trail, Round Rock, TX

Ticket: \$20

Group Discount: 10% off for 10+

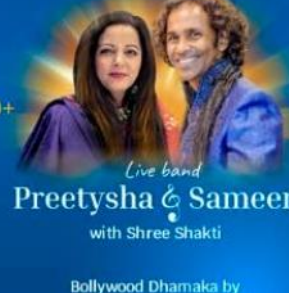
5 yrs and under: Free

Dandia Sticks: \$5

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