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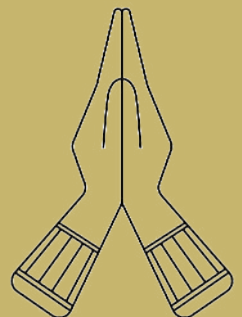
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From the Presidents Desk

Dear Friends,

As we welcome another Durga Puja, my heart is filled with joy and gratitude. This festival has always been more than a religious occasion for us — it is the time when our community gathers as one family, sharing devotion, and togetherness.

The year gone by has given us moments of challenges as well as achievements. What makes me proud is the way our members stood by each other, offering help, encouragement whenever needed.

Our annual souvenir is not just a collection of articles and memories; it is a reflection of who we are — a community that values culture and service. I sincerely thank everyone who has contributed their time, effort, and creativity to bring this publication to life.

Even as we celebrate, let us pause to remember with respect and affection the members we lost in the past years. Their presence and contributions will always remain part of KSUC's journey, and we carry their memory in our hearts during this Puja.

Durga Puja is a celebration of victory of good over evil, of light over darkness. May Ma Durga bless each one of us with health, peace, and happiness. Let us continue to walk together, keeping our traditions alive.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Durga Puja.

With warm regards,

*Sudip Bhowmik
President, KSUC*

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সম্পাদকের কলমে

কোডিচিক্লানাহাল্লি সার্বজনীন উৎসব কমিটি (কেএসইউসি) এর পক্ষ থেকে সকল সদস্যদের জানাই শারদীয়ার শুভেচ্ছা।

শরতের নীল আকাশে সাদা মেঘের ভেলা, কাশ ফুলের হাতছানি আর ঢাকের কাঠির ছন্দে আছে এক মেলবন্ধন। এই মেলবন্ধন বাঙালির হৃদয়ে ডাক দিয়ে যায় বাঙালিয়ানার আবেগ। তাই প্রতি বছরের মতো এই বছরেও মাতৃ আরাধনার আয়োজনে মেতে উঠেছি আমরা সবাই। তবে এই বছর কেএসইউসি সদস্য এবং শুভাকাঙ্ক্ষীদের জন্য একটি গৌরবময় বছর কারণ তাদের অদম্য উৎসাহ ও উদ্যোগে আমাদের দুর্গাপূজা দ্বাদশ বর্ষে পদার্পন করলো। কে এস ইউ সি-র পূজো সবার পূজো। এই দুর্গোৎসব সবাই কে নিয়ে।

আমি কেএসইউসি-র নিষ্ঠাবান এবং প্রতিশ্রুতিবদ্ধ সদস্যদের কাছে কৃতজ্ঞ, যারা উৎসবটিকে একটি প্রাণবন্ত, বাস্তবায়িত এবং আনন্দদায়ক অনুষ্ঠান করার জন্য গত কয়েক মাস ধরে দিনরাত পরিশ্রম করছেন। আমি কেএসইউসি এর পক্ষ থেকে, সকল বিজ্ঞাপনদাতা, স্পনসর এবং শিরি কনভেনশন হলকে তাদের সর্বান্তকরণে সমর্থনের জন্য ধন্যবাদ জানাই।

অবশেষে, আমি কেএসইউসি দুর্গাপূজা ২০২৪-এর গৌরবময় সাফল্য কামনা করি। মা দুর্গা আমাদের সকলকে সুস্বাস্থ্য এবং সমৃদ্ধি দান করুন।

জয় মা দুর্গা!

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Acknowledgements

*As the fragrance of festivity fills the air and the beats of the dhak awaken our hearts, the Kodichikkanahalli Sarbojanin Utsav Committee (KSUC) warmly welcomes you to the joyous celebration of **Durga Puja 2025**. Together, let us invoke the blessings of Maa Durga and immerse ourselves in the colors, sounds, and spirit of this grand occasion.*

*The **KSUC Souvenir Team** extends its deepest gratitude to our talented writers and contributors. Your words and creativity have added soul and vibrancy to these pages, making this souvenir a treasured keepsake for years to come.*

*We also bow with appreciation to our dedicated **Patrons and Members**. Your unwavering encouragement, untiring efforts, and collective enthusiasm are the true pillars of this celebration. Without you, this dream would not have taken such a beautiful shape.*

*A heartfelt acknowledgment goes to our tireless **KSUC Team**, who worked passionately to gather advertisements, design, compose, edit, and polish each page with care and devotion. Your commitment has transformed this publication into a shining reflection of our festive spirit.*

*Our sincere thanks to our **generous sponsors**. Your support has not only made this event possible but has also magnified its grandeur, allowing us to celebrate Durga Puja with even greater joy and splendor.*

As we come together to celebrate, may the divine power of Maa Durga fill our lives with strength, harmony, and prosperity. Let us rejoice in the unity of our community and carry forward the eternal spirit of Durga Puja with boundless zeal and devotion.

*With festive regards and warm wishes,
KSUC Souvenir Team – 2025*



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The philanthropic initiatives of KSUC

No Child of a Lesser God

Community service has always been at the heart of KSUC's activities. Along with celebrating our cultural traditions, we remain committed to giving back to society in meaningful ways. Each year, we dedicate part of our efforts and resources to initiatives that support education, child welfare, and social well-being. This year too, we are glad to carry that tradition forward.

Like in earlier years, we were able to raise funds for social welfare work.

With the Committee's decision, we set out to support three local Anganwadi centers in our neighbourhood. These centers are part of the Government of India's Integrated Child Development Services program. They play a vital role in providing early learning, care, and nutrition to young children, especially those from families where parents are daily wage earners or often without steady jobs.



The children (aged 3–6 years) come from poor and underprivileged families, where scarcity is a daily reality. Their deprivation is hard to miss, and harder still to ignore. We felt it was time to take a small step to bring them some joy and support.

We plan to provide the children with school bags, notebooks, pencils, pencil boxes, and water bottles. In addition, we will support the Anganwadi centers with chairs, floor mats, and a few educational toys to enhance the learning environment.

To ensure the contributions are meaningful, our team visited the centers in person. Through our conversations with the staff and teachers, we prepared a practical list of items that would best serve their needs.

Through this small initiative, we hope to bring joy to the little ones and contribute to their early growth and development.

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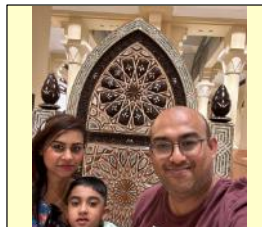
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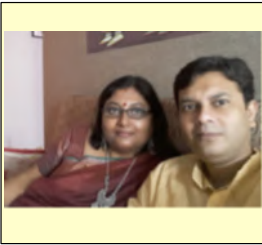
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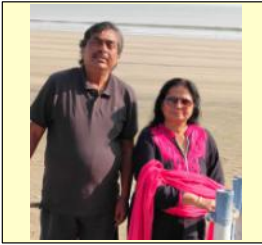
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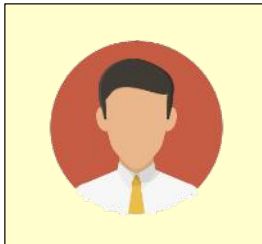
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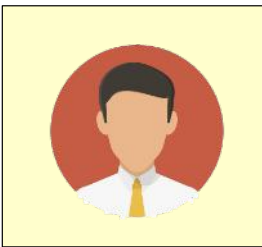
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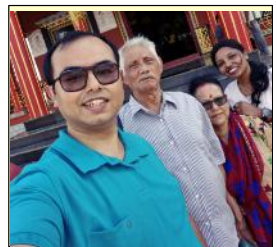
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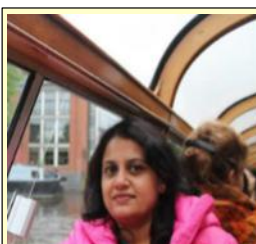
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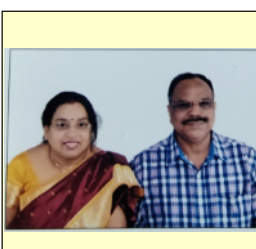
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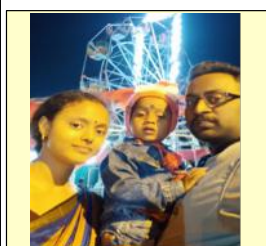
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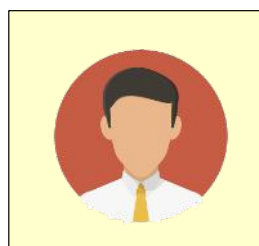
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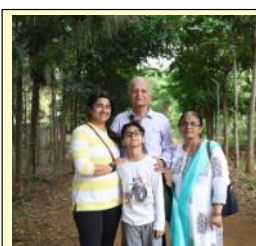
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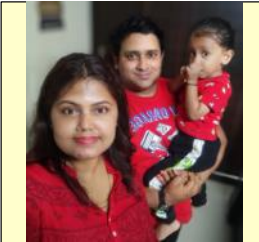
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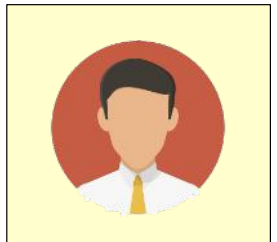
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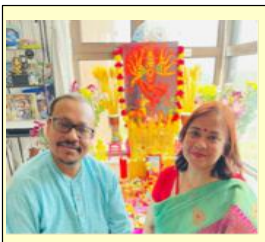
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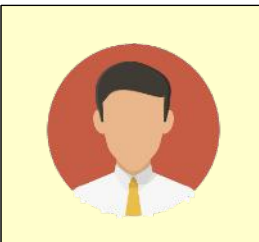
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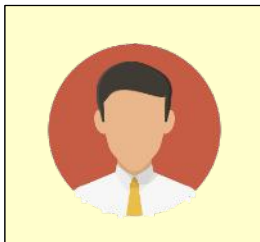
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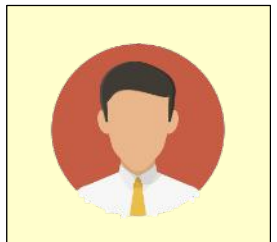
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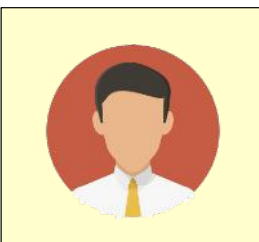
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Top: Looking through my window, Leh

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Right: Masks for Cham Dance

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Top: The mighty Khardungla pass

Bottom: Local ladies at Nubra Valley



Top: Maitreya Buddha at Turtuk

Bottom: Turtuk Monastery



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Bottom: Turtuk Moonrock mountains, Lamayuru



Top left & right: Ladakhi people

Bottom: People of Aryan Tribe



The serene Pangong Lake



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The Engima of Nights

Sritama Mazumdar

‘The enigma of the nights,
A celebration of sighs and sights,
Filling life to the core,
With dreams and depths galore.’

‘The silver shine on the cloud,
Makes one stare aloud,
The little dove flies by,
Spreading hopes of morn to nigh.’

‘All houses have a calm stay,
With lights to brighten our way,
The tranquility so over- powering,
The harbinger of the next beginning.’

‘The only words that I can say,
At the end of a day,
Think of all things dear,
And a new day will be clear.’



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When Rain Is The Purge!

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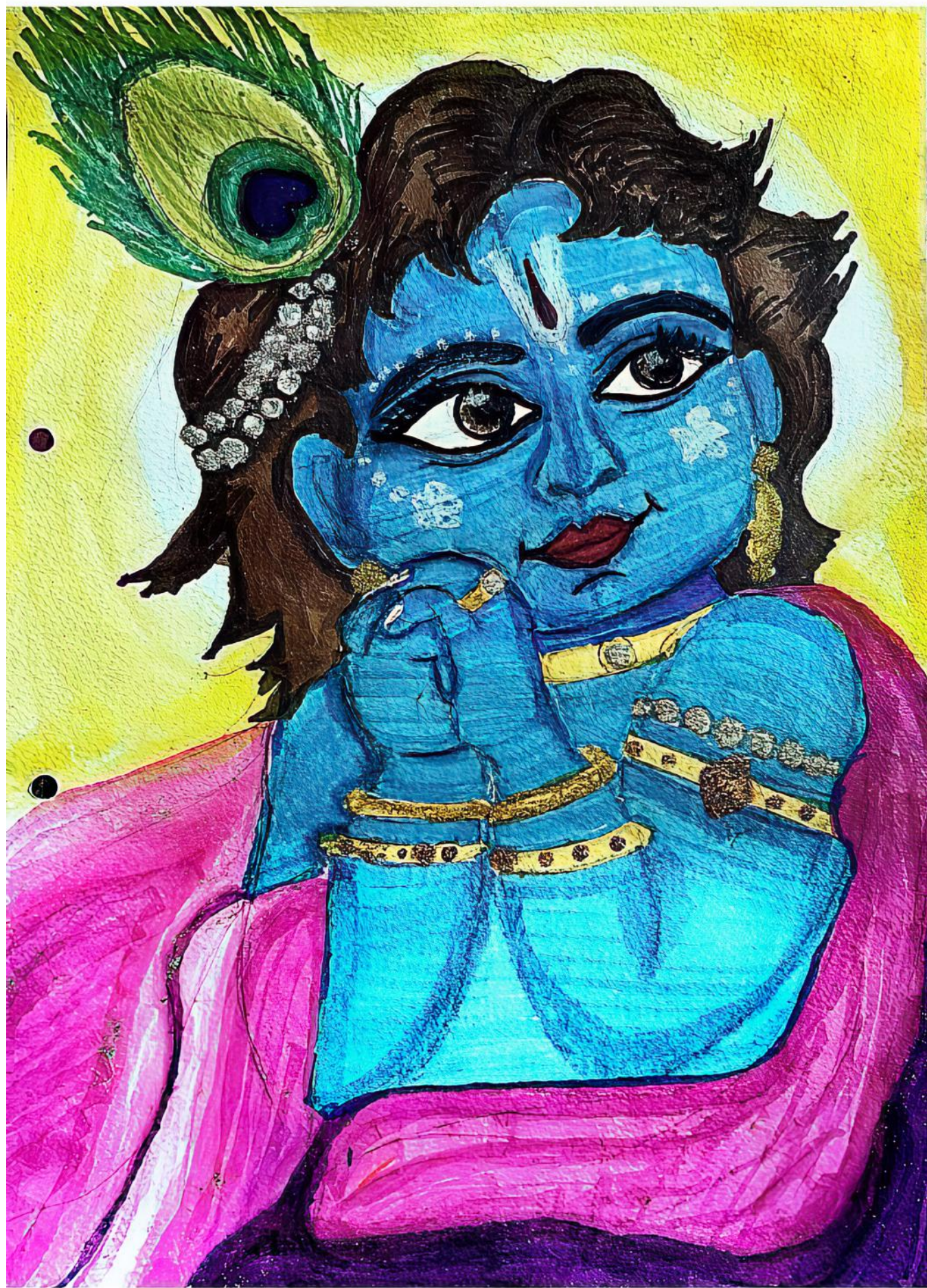
Pelting rain piercing through, teasing some romantic strain,
Taking chance on dabby weather that rinses all pain.
The grime accrued on surfaces saying last adieu,
And bitter sweet memories dissolved in dulcet reinforced
view.

The over ladened clouds subtly dragging the imminent
caliginous phase,
Breaking their preponderance to douse the parched soil and
solar blaze.

A culminating brouhaha of petrichor is raised,
Monsoon diary invokes again the muses of nostalgic days.

A cup of streaming capachino brewing some favourite
symphony on lips
And pitter patter prosody of rain emerges with helicon tips.
Its unstinted downpour incites the philharmonic bliss to my
distorted self
Cleansing the scars of my sufferings as in its profusion I delve.

The raindrops trickling down the window pane hazing the
world yonder,
Its sonorous rhythm lulls a monotony to sweet slumber.
I shall entwine it in my veil to rinse all accrued mundane pain,
Cascading with immaculate strain it filtrates my soul to
remain unstained.



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Kedarnath Yatra: Each step is a narrative, and every breath is a blessing

Surajit Saha

There are journeys that begin with a plan, and then there are those that begin with a calling. The Kedarnath Yatra belongs to the latter. Nestled in the lap of the Garhwal Himalayas, Kedarnath is not just a destination—it is a pilgrimage for the soul, a walk into silence, and a moment of surrender to the almighty.

This travelogue is a humble attempt to capture the essence of a two-day journey to one of India's most revered shrines. From the bustling ghats of Haridwar to the serene heights of Kedarnath, every step was a blend of challenge and grace. The trek tested endurance, the temple offered peace, and the mountains whispered timeless wisdom.

Day 1: Haridwar to Sonprayag

6:00 AM: The day began with the chants of “Har Har Mahadev” echoing through the ghats of Haridwar. We took the cab and started our journey towards Sonprayag, a village in the Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand. The drive was long—almost 8-10 hours—but the changing landscapes kept us mesmerized. We took the route through **Haridwar – Rishikesh – Devprayag – Srinagar – Rudraprayag –Guptkashi – Sonprayag**.

On the way in Devprayag, we witnessed the **holy confluence where the Alaknanda and Bhagirathi rivers join to form the Ganga**. The entire journey was accompanied by breathtaking views and roar of the rivers.

After having lunch we continued our journey and reached Triyuginarayan temple, the ancient temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Legends say that the sacred wedding of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati took place here. At the temple, it is believed that the eternal flame or Akhanda Dhuni was lit during their wedding and has been burning continuously since then.

After taking the blessing there, we reached Sonprayag in the evening.



Sonprayag to Gaurikund

From Sonprayag, a short jeep ride took us to Gaurikund. This was unique as only specific vehicles were permitted to ride through these roads. Gaurikund, the base camp for the trek to Kedarnath.

The temperature was around 3-4 degrees. The sacred hot water spring in that low temperature added to our astonishment. We also visited the Gaurikund temple dedicated to Goddess Parvati.

Its time to take some rest and get ready for the trek next day.

Day 2: Trek To Kedarnath

Good morning, its 3:30AM! We are ready to start the trek. A 22 km hike one way. We packed all essentials and started on foot. Soon enough we were among the scores of people towards the same destination. Whether on foot or on the back of a pony or at the back of “pithu” or palki – everyone had the same dream – to have a darshan of baba Bholenath. After walking for sometime, we got the first glimpse of majestic Himalaya which was shining like a tip of a diamond from otherwise dark surroundings.

On the way, there were small shops offering tea, coffee, snacks – basically enough places to take a pause and recharge for the next round. The Mandakini River flows alongside for much of the route, its sound a constant companion. There was another sound constantly over our heads – the ferrying helicopters – from various starting points to Kedarnath.



We stopped at few places for a break with maggi and chai, watching clouds roll over the valley. After more than 9 hours of climbing, the first glimpse of the Kedarnath Temple, standing tall against the backdrop of Mount Kedarnath – part of Gangotri range of western Himalayas, filled us with enormous energy. The temple complex, surrounded by mountains makes every step of the trek worthwhile. This is was the first day of temple opening since October 2024.

We went to our guest house for some rest. In the evening, we came to the temple complex and was spellbound the sight of the temple amidst the mountain background. Probably that was an ideal view for pro-painters. We witnessed the huge queue of people waiting for the darshan. Something that we already anticipated for the next day.

Day 3: Jai baba Bholenath

We came to the queue at 4:00 AM. Temperature – zero degree, first time ever in my life. Already there were quite a lot of people waiting before us.

As the time kept ticking, the beauty of sunrise on the mountains unfolded before our eyes. That was something magnificent. The temple, decorated with flowers – was shining in the bright sun light.

As the day progressed, some people were getting innovative to bypass the queue. But all their efforts were crushed by the fellow good samaritans. By the time we could enter main temple, it was almost 10:00 AM. With the blessing of the almighty, we could perform the puja and offer our prayer in very satisfying manner. Even though the temple inside was bustling with scores of people.



After that we went to visit the “Bheem Shila”, the massive boulder which miraculously halted the fury of the 2013 flood water to make any impact to the temple. We also visited the “Sheer Bhairavnath Mandir”. Shree Bhairavnath is believed to be the protector of the Kedarnath valley.

The return journey back

At around 12:30PM we started our journey back. By that time the sky was filled with rain clouds, and it was a consistent rain pouring down. So, we had to put our rain gear and started the trek back cautiously. The descent was quicker but equally scenic. Navigating through the incoming crowd and persistent rain and wind – that was some challenging experience. Endurance and knee reflexes were at full testing mode. But, with the blessing of Lord Shiva, we completed the journey back in almost 5 hours and returned to Gaurikund and then Sonprayag on the same day.

Some travel trips

- **Start Early:** Begin your trek from Gaurikund as early as you can to avoid afternoon weather changes and ensure you reach Kedarnath before dark.
- **Fitness Matters:** The 22 km trek is steep and demanding. Prepare with cardio and leg workouts at least 4 weeks prior.
- **Weather Watch:** Carry rain gear and check the weather forecast. Sudden are very common.
- **Stay Options:** Book your stay in Kedarnath in advance. Accommodation is basic but sufficient.
- **Altitude Awareness:** Drink water regularly and rest if you feel dizzy.
- **Mobile Network:** Limited connectivity. BSNL and Jio work best near the temple. 5G has better connectivity.
- **Cash is King:** ATMs are rare. Carry enough cash for food, lodging, and emergencies.
- **Respect the Environment:** Carry your trash back. Kedarnath is sacred and ecologically sensitive.

Essentials to carry

- Valid ID proof (mandatory for registration)
- Trekking shoes with good grip, Trekking poles or a stick.
- Backpack (30–40L)
- Raincoat or poncho
- Warm jacket (temperatures drop below 5°C), Woolen cap, gloves, and socks
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Water bottle (preferably insulated)
- Power bank
- Basic medicines (paracetamol, ORS)
- Snacks (dry fruits, energy bars, glucose). Avoid eating heavy food during the trek.





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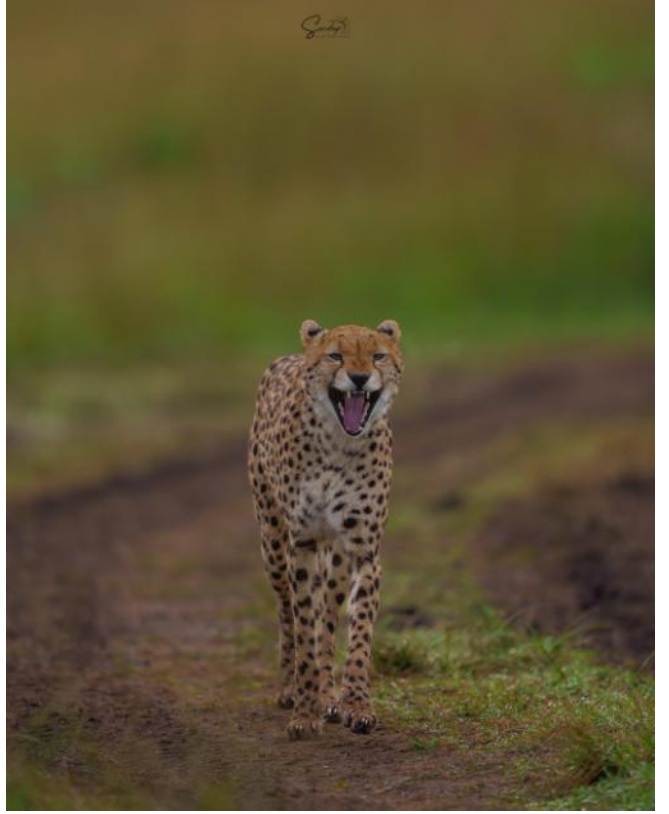
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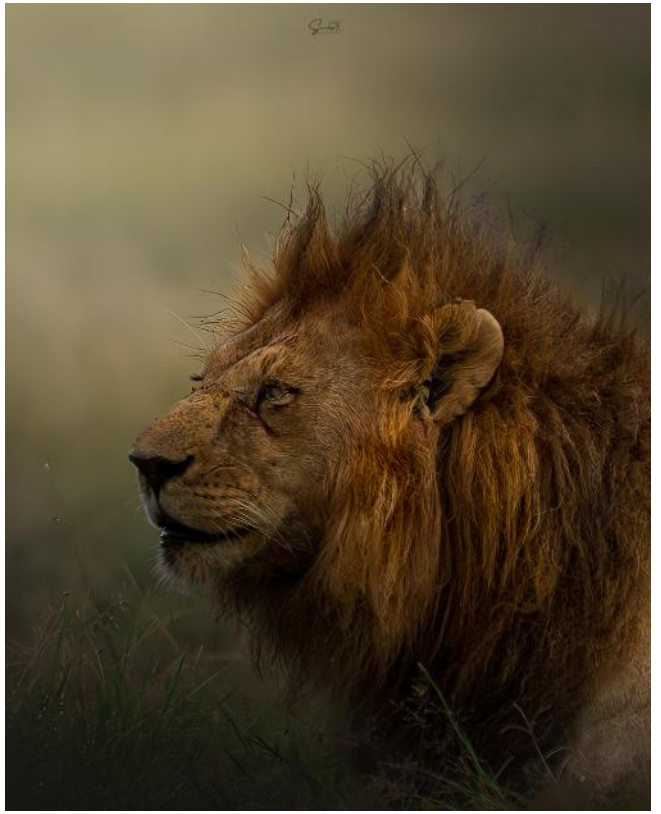
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