



**Infusing Joy and Colour in People's Lives -
The Creations of Artist Udayshankar**

UDAYSHANKAR, Delhi based cartoonist, illustrator and painter sends festive greetings for our young members with a very special artwork. His illustration of Ma Durga was displayed in 20 venues across Delhi during Durga Puja this year, as 20 X 12 feet size posters.



I am delighted to learn Moscow is celebrating its 31st Durga Puja! The Moscow Durga Puja Committee's relentless efforts in keeping our traditions alive for so many years is truly admirable, and I am delighted to be able to connect with the Indian community of Moscow during this festive occasion.

I live in Delhi, and I am a cartoonist, illustrator, and painter by profession – having been doing this since earning my degrees from Calcutta University and the Indian College of Arts, Kolkata. Be it cartoons or portraits – I find that the most fulfilling part of my job is being able to transmit the joy I get from doing my work to others.

This year, with celebrations being held differently due to the ongoing pandemic, one of the key highlights for me personally has been my painting depicting Maa Durga slaying the Corona virus being printed as posters 20 feet long X 12 feet wide, and displayed in 20 venues across

Delhi during Durga Puja. The idea was to depict hope, and provide reassurance that good will prevail over evil like it always has. Other posters I created were put up as a friendly reminder to maintain physical distancing, while staying true to the celebratory spirit of the occasion!

I would like to send my festive greetings to you all, especially the young readers of your wonderful magazine Aaratrika, by means of my special artwork.

Sharodshuveccha and stay safe!