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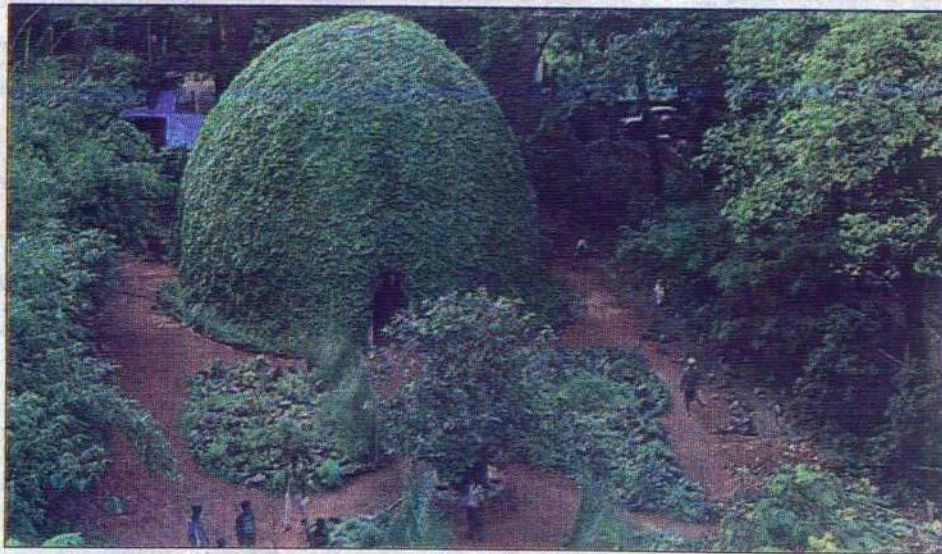
Bengal signature to Bollywood Puja

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Sept. 10: Bollywood's Durga Puja is all set to get Bengal touch this year. Two artisans from Berhampore will be decorating the Durga idols of the Puja organised by singer Abhijit. Apart from that, the singer has also invited three *dhakis* from the same place.

Shola pith artists — Parimal and Nirmal Karmakar — are currently busy in making Shola pith ornaments as their work will be on display at the Mumbai's famous Lokhandwala Sarbojanin Durgotsav which is organised by singer Abhijit. The Karmakar brothers have



Workers give the final touches to a forest cave-like pandal at the New Alipur Suruchi Sangha Durga Puja pandal in Kolkata on Thursday. PHOTO: Asian Age

already despatched majority of the ornaments through courier service and will themselves fly to Mumbai to decorate the idol of Goddess Durga, a day before Mahalaya.

Abhijit and the organising secretary of the Durgotsav, Satakyi Roy, are always known to have preferred traditional art and crafts for their puja. Earlier, Kumartuli artist late Nimai Pal had built clay models for them. This time, his son Uttam Pal is making the same. Besides, traditional drummers from Banschator village of Beldanga in Murshidabad, Madan Das and his associates will play drums at the Puja pandal in Mumbai for four days.