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Fifty girls were worshipped as manifestations of the divine feminine during Kumari Puja at the Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission in Barrackpore on Monday.

Observed on Ashtami during Durga Puja, the ritual venerates a young, prepubescent girl as the living embodiment of Goddess Durga and Adi Shakti, symbolising the purity, innocence and divine energy of the Mother Goddess.

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