

From the Secretary's Desk

It is going to be a matter of great joy that like previous years Chittaranjan Park Kali Mandir Society will be celebrating Sri Sri Annapurna Puja on Wednesday, the 29th March, 2023 with Shastric injunction. On that day we expect a large gathering like that of Sri Sri Durga Mahashtami for Puja, Pushpanjali and collection of Annkut-rice & Mulbhog which will be organised in large quantities. On the day of Annapurna Puja there will be Annakut Darshan, besides decorative Pandal and Cultural Programme delighting thousands of devotees.

Apart from celebration of Sri Sri Annapurna Puja, KMS is also gearing its efforts with devotion for celebrations of Sri Sri Neel Puja - worship of Lord Shiva on Saturday, the 8th April, 2023. This is going to be predominantly a ladies day as from morning to late in the evening ladies are expected in large numbers, attired in ceremonial clothes and will make floral offerings to Lord Shiva. We are sure that the turnout of devotees will resemble as Mahashivaratri Utsab.

I also cordially invite you all to assemble in the Mandir Complex at the dawn of Saturday, the 15th April, 2023 to participate in the *Surya Pronam* (obeisance to Sun-God - a unique event introduced by KMS, in the year 1400 Bangabda) and welcome the new Bangabda, 1430. I am quite sure that many of you have been participating in the Suryapronam - in the lush green lawn of Mandir Complex year after years as it is an old belief that if you remain spiritual on the very first day of the year, the chances of remaining good, with the blessings of Deities, continue throughout the year.

Coming back to the remarkable achievements of the KMS during the month of March, 2023, were the skillful management of a number of Pujas (Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja, Holika Dahan, Dol Utsab including song and dance during Prabhat Pheri, Sri Sri Shoni Puja, Sri Sri Kalika Puja), Celebrations, Religious Discourses, Cultural Programme and a **Grand Golden Jubilee Celebration of KMS being the 50th Year of Kali Mandir Society - Saturday, the 4th March, 2023 and which stands culminated on 3rd March, 2024.** Your august participation, inspiration, support and encouragement in this unique festival in the morning of 4/3/2023 for Special, Puja, Pushpanjali, Prasad and Bhog and also at the time of inauguration and

presentation during Felicitation Ceremony and in the evening Cultural Programme made it a well managed affair.

In the month of April, Pujas to be performed and rituals to be celebrated in Mandir by maintaining religious sanctity are Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja (5/4/2023), Sri Sri Shoni Puja (8/4/2023) and Sri Sri Kalika Puja. I would like to have your benign pesence on these Pujas and Festivals, as your attendence is stimulant and make us highly motivated.

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Dr. Pradip Majumdar



ANNAPURNA PUJA DETAILS

Wednesday, 29th March, 2023

- Puja 8:00 a.m. Anjali 10:30 a.m.
- Annakoot preparation -11:30 a.m.
- **Yogna** 12:30 p.m. **Bhog** 1:00 p.m.
 - Sandhya Aarati 7:15 p.m.
 - Annapurna rice distribution : After Annapurna Puja Aarati
 - Cultural Programme 7:30 p.m.

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COMPUTER CLASSES



Gradually the Free Computer Classes are gaining momentum with addition of new participants every week. Presently the classes are being conducted on every Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. for kids and students and from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. from other participants. Freshers are requested to contact Shri Ashim Banerjee (9811599225) for further information.

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MAY THE FESTIVAL OF COLOURS BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE WITH HAPPINESS AND HEALTH. THOUGH BELATED.

The festival of colours of spring was on 8th March, 2023 and this was celebrated in Mandir Complex in a grand way. Whenever we splash colours on somebody, we show our truthful towards them maintaining a lifelong brotherhood and showering them with all possible love. On 6th March, 2023, after Satyanarayan Puja, Holi-ka-Dahan was arranged at Mandir to signify the victories of good over evils. After the usual ritual the bamboo hut was set on fire.

Prabhat Pheri was organised by the revellers of Holi on the morning of 8th March 2023. Ladies and gents attired in yellow costumes assembled at Mandir Comlex at 8.00 a.m. in the morning and went around a portion of C.R. Park, with soulful melodious Rabindra Sangeet, music and dances, throughout the doljatra. The air was filled with the fragrance of spring bloomed flowers, abir and the sound of music. After making the round, the







members of the jatra returned to Mandir to the delight of C.R. Park residents.

At 11.00 a.m. the residents again assembled at the Mandir to exchange greetings and coloured powder (abir). In the afternoon all were entertained with sweets. The colourful gathering was a day to be remembered, in the days to come.

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OBITUARY

1. Shri M.L. Sanyal of C-465, left for his heavenly abode on 20th March, 2023.

Our deepest condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace. OM SHANTI.

GOLDEN JUBILEE



Our favourite Kali Mandir was established in 1073 on a hillock. Today, Kali Mandir has completed a long journey of 50 years with lots of ups and downs. 1973 is still fresh in our memories even to-day, and remember those Patrons who tired relentlessly to establish 3 Temples in Chittaranjan Park then named as East Pakistan Displaced Persons' Colony. There was no proper available road, no public transport, no piped water in our houses. But those Patrons had a vision and dreamt to establish holy temples in Chittaranjan Park, which would be acclaimed by the whole world one day. Their vision has taken shape to-day and Kali Mandir celebrated Golden Jubilee in a big way, on 4th March, 2023. It was a memorable day for the Life Members of KMS as well as the residents of CR. Park. Today Kali Mandir is a *tirthasthan* which was the pious vision of our old friends who are no more with us to-day.



The day started in the morning with the lighting of lamps and sankalpa by the office bearers of KMS, special puja was performed by Rev. Swami Santatmanandaji Maharaj of Ramakrishna Mission along with the monks of Bharat Sevashram Sangha. They sought the blessings of Maa Kalika for the well being of her devotees. Pushpanjali was performed by the respected Priests in the Mandir followed by distribution of prasad. Yogna was performed followed by Bhog Aarati. All the devotees, residents of Chittaranjan Park and others partook holy



bhog prasad. Seat-in arrangements were made for the Sr. Citizens and general bhog was distributed in the back lawn. On account of Golden Jubilee, the bhog prasad was of a special type with an added item of large sized "Kalo-jam" prepared in house.

Evening programme an attraction one covering the felicitation ceremony with a memento to all the Patrons, Office Bearers, MC Members, Special Invitees, Office Staff, Medical Practitioners, Priests, Financial Expert, Legal Advisor and Internal Auditor. It was also decided to honour all the Life Members with a memento, for the glorious occasion.

In the Cultural Programme, melodious songs were presented by the members of Kali Mandir Choir Group as also two budding artists from C.R. Park. Special attraction in the Cultural programme was the presentation of devotional songs by Padma Palash, topper of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa. His two hour presentation mesmerized the audience who remained in their seats till late hours. Dignitaries like Shri Saurabh Bhardwaj, Minister and Ms. Ashu Thakur, Councillor graced the occaison.

Lighting and flower arrangements in the Mandir Complex was of high order and it was a day to be remembered by all.

MEDICAL & BLOOD DONATION



A free Medical and Blood Donation Camp was organised by KMS on 19th March, 2023 at its premises. The Medical Camp was conducted under the leadership of Dr. Buddhadev Chowdhury, Sr. Ortho/Neuro Surgeon (AIIMS). In all 55 beneficiaries attended the camp and obtained the benefit.

Blood Donation Camp was conducted by courtesy Indian Red Cross Society. In all 18 volunteers came forward to donate precious blood which would save some lives.





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MANDIR CALENDAR: APRIL, 2023 PUJAS AND OTHER EVENTS IN THE MANDIR

Date	Day	Timings	Events
Puja and Other Events			
29.03.23	Wednesday	Morning/Evening	Sri Sri Annapurna Puja - Pushpanjali -Prasad - Bhog, Cultural programme.
05.04.23	Wednesday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
08.04.23	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
13.04.23	Thursday	Morning/Evening	Sri Sri Neel Puja & Fasting
14.04.23	Friday	-	Mahabishnu's Sankranti and end of Bangabda 1429
15.4.23	Saturday	Morning/Evening	Suryapranam (6.00 A.M.) , Nababarshabaran, Special Puja, Pushpanjali and Bhog - Nababarssha Utsav - Gunijan Sambardhana / Panjika Unmochan / Cultural programme
Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)			
01.04.23	Saturday	-	Ekadashi / Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
Pujas and Events in May, 2023 (For Advance Information)			
To be announced separately on receipt of Bisuddha Sidhanta Panjika			
Religious Discourses at Netaji Subhash Hall (NSH) / Sri Sri Mohan Sant Kutir (SSMSK)			
02.04.23	Sunday	11.00 A.M. (SSMSK)	Discourse by the devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji
08.04.23	Saturday	6.00 P.M. (NSH).	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees
22.04.23	Saturday	730 P.M. (NSH)	Satsang by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda Special Events
29.04.23	Saturday	6.30 P.M. (NSH)	Sri Ramakrishna Kathamrita Discourse by Swami Shatatmanada Maharajji, Secretary Ram Krishna Mission (Delhi)
All are cordially invited to participate			

MEMBERS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO COLLECT THE GOLDEN JUBILEE MEMENTO LATEST BY APRIL 5, 2023.

It has been observed that our monthly "Newsletter" does not reach to our Life Members / Readers in time, due to various reasons. To ensure timely delivery Members / Readers are requested to send their e-mail ID immediately with membership numbers at our Office.

LIBRARY DIVISION

Now 14 Newspapers/Magazines are available for reading. New books have arrived to take the benefit of your reading. Any advice from your side is valuable for us

BOX COLLECTION

January/February, 2023 - An amount of Rs. 6.52 Lacs has been collected inclusive of our Mandirs, Saraswati Puja, Hemeopathy & Naturopathy Boxes.