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CHITTARANJAN PARK KALI MANDIR SOCIETY (KMS)

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From the Secretary's Desk

Respected Members / Readers,

As the year 2016 is knocking at the door, I, on behalf of the Managing Committee (KMS) and on my own behalf, wish each one of the KMS Members and Residents of Chittaranjan Park and adjoining areas a healthy, happy and prosperous NEW YEAR 2016. May the Divine Mother Kali showers HER immense blessings on all of you.

In the KMS we all, in a spirit of dedication, have travelled through more than 42 years. We are now marching unitedly towards another year with a determination to work for the KMS's all round progress and prosperity.

The year 2015 has been, yet another year of advancement for the KMS in various spheres: religious, cultural, developmental and philanthropic activities. It is by dint of your unstinted support, co-operation and active participation that the KMS has been making its strides year by year. To recapitulate, during the year 2015, performance of daily pujas of the Deities in the Temples, rituals, special pujas and festivals continued with deep religious spirit and enthusiasm, religious discourses attracted more and more people and service to pilgrims staying in the sacred Balananda Tirthashram : Dharmashala received more response. On the cultural front, entertaining programmes on the occasion of Sri Sri Durga Puja, 2015 and other festivals deserve special mention. On the maintenance side, the conspicuous points were extensive repair and developmental work of the store room, general bhog area, boundary wall and Sebayat's dwelling unit. Philanthropic activities too received the attention of the MC.

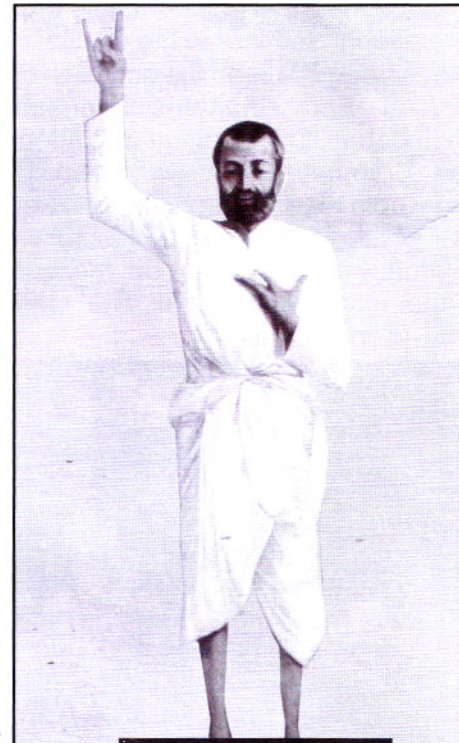
In the month of January, 2016 Sree Sree Kalika Puja, Sree Sree Satyanarayana Puja and Sree Sree Shoni Puja will be held on 9th, 26th and 30th January respectively. Please do come and participate in these sacred events in your favourite Mandir, besides, other religious and cultural functions as shown in the Mandir's Calendar.

We also pledge to work in the New Year (2016) with more vigour and dedication and of course, with the valuable support of you all, to maintain the growth and accelerate momentum of our sacred institution, which is so dear to all of us.

With regards,

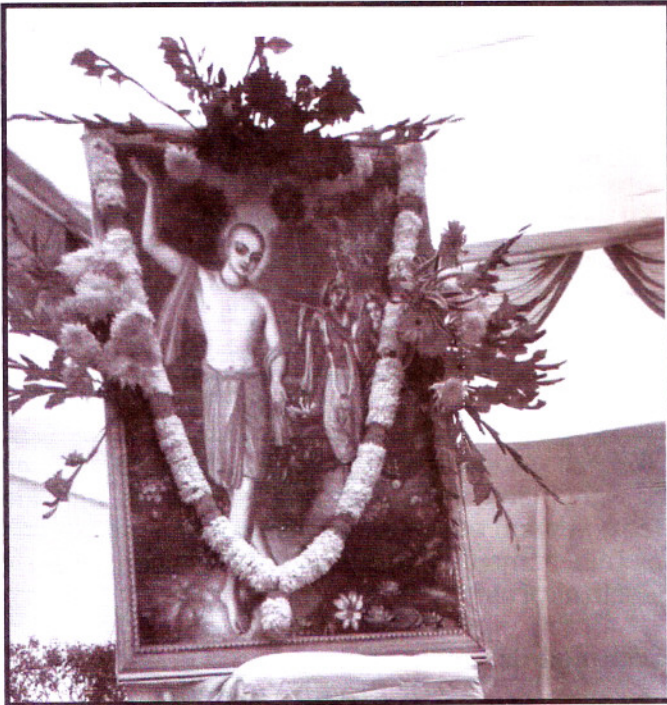
Dr. Pradip Majumdar

শ্রীরামকৃষ্ণের কল্লতরু উৎসব



১৮৮৬ সালের ১লা জানুয়ারি। এই দিনে কাশীপুর উদ্যানবাটীতে 'কল্লতরু' হয়েছিলেন ঠাকুর রামকৃষ্ণ। উপস্থিত ভক্তগণের বক্ষ স্পর্শ করে বলেছিলেন 'তোমাদের চৈতন্য হউক'। তাঁর স্পর্শে এবং অভয়বাণীতে প্রত্যেকে সেদিন শিহরিত হন। ঠাকুরের এই 'কল্লতরু' হওয়ার দিনটি স্মরণেই প্রতি বছর ১লা জানুয়ারি কল্লতরু উৎসব পালিত হয়।

GAUDIYA MISSION'S CHOICE WAS KALI MANDIR



Gaudiya Mission, a national religious Institution, propagating the socio-cultural contribution of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu in Indian History organised a Two-Day National Seminar in the Capital on 28th and 29th November, 2015, on the occasion of 500th Anniversary of Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's coming to Vrindaban. The Seminar was attended by Monks and Brahmacharis drawn from Centres spread over whole of India. Eminent speakers from various Universities, Educational Institutions and Religious Organisations spoke on the occasion, touching the contributions of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu in Indian History.



Since a large number of Monks, Brahmacharis and Devotees had descended from different Centres they desired to have a colourful Nagar Kirtan, in association with Chittaranjan Park Kali Mandir Society, on the early morning of Sunday, 29th November, 2015. Kali Mandir extended all the infrastructure at its disposal for the conduct of its Parikrama. 4 Busloads of Monks, Brahmacharis and Devotees had arrived at the Mandir premises. Residents of C. R. Park also joined in this padayatra. The procession was lead by two senior Monks on horse back, followed by a tableau of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Band Party, ladies with earthen pots on their heads and the Kiirtanias from different Centres. After making a round of Markets 1, 2, 3 and 4, the procession came back to Mandir for a short congregation, where a well decorated stage with sound system was laid. All present partook delicious Mahabhog at the end of congregation. The entire arrangement at the Mandir Premises and enroute was made by Kali Mandir.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

We, the people of both the countries, India and Bangladesh, stay under the same blue sky, breathe the same air and enjoy the same Sun rays. Only the political borders and mindset of the two nations have kept us apart. Whatever the political scenario may be, in cultural exchange arena, this gap is completely absent. Artists from 'epar Bangla' and 'opar Bangla' are in constant touch with each other. Artists from 'opar Bangla' come here, present scintillating programmes, and earn our love, affection and respect. The same is the case of Artists going from here to 'opar Bangla'



Shama Rahman, a popular and well known Rabindra Sangeet Singer in Bangladesh was in Kali Mandir on Saturday, 12th December, 2015, and this was her second visit within a period of one year. Netaji Subhash Hall was packed with Rabindra

Sangeet lovers, hence she needed no introduction. A flower bouquet was presented to Shama Rahman by President of KMS, Dr. Ananda Mukherjee.



Shama started her programme with “আগুনের পরশমনি, ছোঁয়াও প্রাণে.....” and finished with “সার্থক জন্ম আমার, জন্মেছি এই দেশে”। 1½ hour non-stop programme was mesmerising and in between she selected other popular songs which touched the hearts of the audience. Lots of requests came from the audience, but on account of paucity of time, she could not accede to all the requests. Shama is a sober and graceful Artist, and her beauty enhanced further, as she is the only Artist who plays on the Harmonium with left hand. It was a memorable evening.

GITA JAYANTI

The annual ritual of "Hari Sabha" "Gita Jayanti" was celebrated in Mandir Premises on Sunday, 13th December 2015. Whole day puja, yagya, distribution of holy bhog prasad and in the evening discourses on Gita was slated in their programme. The sky was overcast the whole day with cold waves, but this did not deter the large number of devotees who assembled braving the pinching cold and took part in all the rituals. After sandhya arti, prasad was distributed to all devotees.

দরিদ্র নারায়ণ সেবা

তুমি বলেছিলে - “জীবে প্রেম করে যেই জন, সেই জন সেবিছে ঈশ্বর”। হে শুদ্ধ সন্ন্যাসী, তোমায় নমিবারংবার। Last Sundays of every month is the scheduled day for Daridra Narayan Sewa. 27th December was the last Sunday of 2015 for this Sewa. Slots are sponsored by well wishers and devotees in memory of their loved ones. KMS also joins them in their noble cause.

**CHILDREN'S DAY AT
KALI MANDIR**



**AN OPEN INVITATION TO
ALL THE KIDS
SUNDAY, 17TH JANUARY 2016
AT 5.00 P.M.
ENJOY FUN AND FROLIC**



**ANNUAL SPORTS MEET
TUESDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2016
AT 10.30 A.M.**

OBITUARY

1. Shri Harendra Lal Bose of E - 939, C. R. Park left for his heavenly abode on 25.11.2015.
2. Smt. Sabita Shome w/o Shri R. N. Shome of E - 924, C. R. Park left for her heavenly abode on 18.12.2015.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and pray for eternal peace of the departed souls.

Mandir Calender : January, 2016 Pujas and Other Events in the Mandir

Pujas and Other Events

Date	Day	Timings	Event
09.01.2016	Saturday	Night	Sri Sri Kalika Puja
26.01.2016	Tuesday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
30.01.2016	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
Other Festivals / Puja Days (for information)			
01.01.2016	Friday	-	Birthday (Janmatithi) of Sri Sri Maa Sarada / New Year
12.01.2016	Tuesday	-	Birthday of Swami Vivekananda
15.01.2016	Friday	-	Paus Parban / Makar Sankranti
Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)			
06.01.2016	Wednesday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
20.01.2016	Wednesday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
Ladies Kirtan			
04.01.2016	Monday	Evening	Ladies Kirtan at Shiva Temple
		-	Every Evening Ladies Kirtan at the Three Temples
Religious Discourses at Netaji Subhash Hall (NSH) / Sri Sri Mohan Sant Kutir (SSMSK)			
03.01.2016	Sunday	11.00 A.M.	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at NSH
07.01.2016	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
09.01.2016	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK
10.01.2016	Sunday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Sri Sri Sharada Sangha at NSH
16.01.2016	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Swami Shantatmananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi
20.01.2016	Wednesday	06.30 P.M.	Prachya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram-Lecture Series
21.01.2016	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
23.01.2016	Saturday	07.30 P.M.	Satsangh by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH
Other Events / Cultural Functions			
17.01.2016	Sunday	05.00 P.M.	Children's Day
26.01.2016	Tuesday	10.30 A.M.	Sports Meet (Republic Day)
Puja / Festivals in February, 2016 (for Advance Information upto 15.02.2016)			
04.02.2016	Thursay	-	Kirtan by Hari Sabha
07.02.2016	Sunday	-	Sri Ratanti Kalika Puja
08.02.2016	Monday	Night	Sri Sri Kalika Puja
12.02.2016	Friday	Forenoon	Sri Sri Saraswati Puja, Hathey Khari
		7.30 P.M.	Cultural Programme
<i>All are cordially invited to participate</i>			
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N.B. Mandir Timings in January, 2016 : Morning 8.30 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. Evening 4.30 P.M. to 9.00 P.M.			