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From Secretary's Desk

শুভ নববর্ষ.

১লা জানুয়ারী ২০১৫, আমরা এক সুন্দর নতুন বছরে প্রবেশ করলাম। অতীতকে পিছনে রেখে, নতুন বছরে আমরা যেন নতুন আশা, নতুন আলো, নতুন ভাবনা ও নতুন উদ্দীপনা, নিয়ে জীবনে এগিয়ে যেতে পারি।

করুণাময়ী মা কালীর কাছে প্রার্থনা, উনি আমাদের সকলকে আশীর্বাদ করুণ এই নতুন বছরে আমরা যেন এক উজ্জ্বল ভবিষ্যৎ এবং শান্তিপূর্ণ জীবনের দিকে অগ্রসর হতে পারি।

By the time this NEWS LETTER would be in your hands, NEW YEAR 2015 would have already been ushered in our life. On this happy occasion, I, on behalf of the Managing Committee wish that the New Year 2015 fills your life with the fresh fragrance and bright colours of happiness health and long life. Have an amazing New Year.

Presently we are in the midst of cold waves touching down the 4°C temperature. Dense fog surrounds us all the time and SUN GOD prefers to play hide and seek with us. It is expected that this spell is likely to continue for another 15 days, after which the Sun is expected to brighten the sprawling front lawn and our gardens would be in full bloom with colourful seasonal flowers. Our Malis are working hard in this chilly weather to give the garden an aesthetic look. As you enter the Mandir Complex, you would be refreshed with greeneries all round, clean and well laid out spruced lawns and rain

washed temples. The extended periphery of the garden having been freshly painted with terracotta colour is also adding to the grace. Hopefully, soon we would be able to enjoy bright comfortable sunny afternoon and bone-chilling temperature fading way.

Chilly weather has the brighter side also, especially for Bengalees. Paush is the month, on which Kaviguru Rabindra Nath Tagore composed innumerable songs, poems and writings, which we cherish it even today. This is the month when the market is flooded with sweet smell of date gur pervading the whole atmosphere and we eagerly wait for the sweet rice cakes fondly prepared by our mothers and grand mothers on the last day of Paush.

In the New Year 2015, we have drawn up many attractive programmes for you, your family and for your kids. Children's Day on Saturday 10th January, Bani Bandana and Initiation of Alphabets (Hatey Khari) on 24th January, Observance of Birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on 25th January and Annual Sports Day on 26th January 2015.

Kali Mandir is yours and for the improvement of various functions of our favourite Mandir your suggestions, co-operation and support are most valuable to us and would always cherish it.

Regards

Santi Mazumder

SHAMA RAHMAN IN KALI MANDIR

Political Events separated West Bengal and East Bengal (now Bangladesh) into two different nations.

Although the people of both the countries 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 them apart. Whatever the political scenario may be, the cultural artists from 'epar Bangla' visit 'opar Bangla', present cultural programmes and earn appreciation. Similarly, artists from 'opar Bangla' come to 'epar Bangla' and present cultural programme earning our love, affection and respect. Similarly a very popular Rabindra Sangeet Singer -- Shama Rahman from Bangladesh was in Kali Mandir on Sunday 14th December. Shama was a well known figure to the packed audience at Netaji Subhash Hall, so she needed no major introduction. She started her one hour non-stop programme with

> "সকাতরে ওই কাঁদিছে সকলে, শোনো শোনো পিতা, কহো কানে কানে, শুনাও প্রাণে প্রাণে মঙ্গলবারতা।"

A solemn prayer to Almighty God and finished with "সার্থক জনম আমার, জন্মেছি এই দেশে।" A deep love and respect towards own country. In between, she selected the other songs which touched the hearts of the audience. Lot of requests came forward 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.

Shri N. N. Sarkar, presented a Flower Bouquet to Shama, and a woollen shawl by Dr. Ananda Mukherjee. The programme was compered by Km. Prabha Majumdar and Thanks-Giving was accorded by Shri Santi Mazumder.

GITA JAYANTI

The annual ritual of Hari Sabha "Gita Jayanti" was celebrated in Mandir Prangan on Sunday, 21st December 2014, whole day Puja, Yogya, Sandhyaarati and cultural sankirtan was slotted in the 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. Arrangements were made

for distribution of bhog in the afternoon and prasad after sandhyaarati.



The cleanliness bug caught the Volunteers of Netaji Subhash Sangathan, C. R. Park Kali Mandir, Market - No. 2 Shopkeepers Association and the residents of Chittaranjan Park on Thursday, 25th December 2014. It was a part of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of "Swach Bharat", but this was limited to Chittaranjan Park only, to begin with. On the chill morning of Christmas day, the volunteers armed with brooms, gloves and adorned in proud, Netaji cap and 35 students of Raisina Bengali School in their School uniforms, stationed themselves at Market No. 2 for the operation to commence. The Organisers and Volunteers were quite enthusiastic about the mission to keep their living place neat and tidy. The passerby who had no prior information about the endeavour, just stopped by and joined hands to offer their Sewa. It was a great inspiration for the Volunteers who redoubled their energies and within a short span of time the entire area was spruced up. It was also a pleasant surprise for the early shoppers in the Market, where they have never experienced such a spruced up Market. The Market Association assured that they would continue to keep the market as clean as possible. The Abhiyan would continue in other parts of Chittaranjan Park in the days to come and the next Abhiyan is on Sunday the 4th January 2015 at 9 A.M. at Market No. 1 and on Sunday, 11th January 2015 at 9.00 A.M. at Market No. 3.

The operation lasted for 1hr 20 minutes and at the end, everybody present was entertained with sweet delicious cake sponsored by Shri Mihir Choudhury, President, Market No. 2 Shopkeepers Association.

দরিদ্র নারায়ণ সেবা

তুমি বলেছিলে – "জীবে প্রেম করে যেই জন, সেই জন সেবিছে ঈশ্বর।" হে শুদ্ধ সন্ন্যাসী, তোমায় নমি

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বারংবার।

The December slot Daridra Narayan Sewa on 28th December 2014 was sponsored by Shri Suhan Basu, 40/144, Chittaranjan Park in memory of his beloved father Late Subhasish Basu. We join with Shri Suhan Basu in this noble cause.



AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL THE KIDS SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY 2015 AT 5.00 P.M. ENJOY FUN AND FROLIC



CELEBRATION OF
NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE
BIRTHDAY ON
SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2015
AT 7.00 P.M.
AT NETAJI SUBHASH HALL



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

MONDAY 26th JANUARY 2015 AT 9.30 A.M.

GLIMPSES



Introducing the Artist



Shama is being felicitated with a Flower Bouquet by President



At the start of operation



Participants
Snaps - courtesy Km. Prabha Majumdar & Sh. Champak Sen

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Mandir Calender: January, 2015 Pujas and Other Events in the Mandir

Date	Day	Timings	Event
Pujas and Other Events			
01.01.2015	Thursday	Morning	New Year - 2015 - Special Puja
04.01.2015	Sunday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
10.01.2015	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
19.01.2015	Monday	Night	Sri Sri Ratanti Kalika Puja / Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja
24.01.2015	Saturday	Forenoon	Sri Sri Saraswati Puja
25.01.2015	Sunday	1.00 P.M.	Daridra Narayan Sewa
31.01.2015	Saturday	Forenoon	Radha Krishna Mandir Pratishta Divasiya, Abhishek Puja, Hom / jagya and
			distribution of Bhogprasad
Other Festivals / Puja Days (for information)			
14.01.2015	Wednesday		Makar Sankranti
23.01.2015	Friday		Sri Sri Ganesh Chaturthi
Ladies Kirtan at Temples			
05.01.2015	Monday	Afternoon	Ladies Kirtan at Shiva Temple
		-	Ladies Kirtan every evening at the Three Temples
Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)			
16.01.2015	Friday		Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
30.01.2015	Friday		Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
Religious Discourses at Netaji Subhash Hall (NSH) / Sri Sri Mohan Sant Kutir (SSMSK)			
01.01.2015	Thursday	5.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
04.01.2015	Sunday	11.00 A.M.	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at SSMSK
10.01.2015	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK
11.01.2015	Sunday	06.00 P.M.	Devotional Songs and Discourse by Sri Sarada Sangha at NSH
15.01.2015	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
21.01.2015	Wednesday	06.30 P.M.	Prachya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram - Lecture Series at NSH
24.01.2015	Saturday	07.30 P.M.	Satsangh by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH
Other Events / Cultural Functions			
10.01.2015	Saturday	05.00 P.M.	Children's Day
24.01.2015	Saturday	07.30 P.M.	Cultural Programme on Sri Sri Saraswati Puja Day
25.01.2015	Sunday	07.00 P.M.	Birthday celebration of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
26.01.2015	Monday	09.30 A.M.	Republic Day - Annual Sports
Puja Festivals in February 2015 (for advance information upto 15.02.2015)			
03.02.2015	Tuesday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja - Maghi Purnima
07.02.2015	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
08.02.2015	Sunday	10.30 A.M.	Annual Member's Day
13.02.2015 15.02.2015	Friday Sunday		Bishnupada Sankranti Sankirtan by Hari Sabha on Ekadashi Day (After Evening Arati)
15.02.2013	Sunday		All are cordially invited to participate
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N.B. Mandir Timings in January, 2015: Morning 8.30 A.M. to 01.00 P.M. Evening 4.30 P.M. to 09.00 P.M.