



CHITTARANJAN PARK KALI MANDIR SOCIETY (KMS)
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From the Secretary's Desk

Respected Members / Readers

Sri Sri Saraswati Puja in Kali Mandir Society is the result of an initiative taken by some Members in the Nineties, has become highly popular puja performed with joy and enthusiasm every year on Basant Panchami Day, which normally falls in January or February. This year, *Bani Bandana: Sri Sri Saraswati Puja with Hatey Khari will be celebrated on 12th February, 2016*. As usual, KMS expects devotees' participation, particularly of the student communities, will be overwhelming. Even though every year Sri Sri Saraswati Puja takes place in different areas, puja in Mandir has a magnetic attraction, so much so that people do make it a point to visit Mandir and pay obeisance to Debi Saraswati. With your unstinted support, KMS will surely make it a well-managed event and our main focus during this Puja would be towards devotee-service, orderly way of offerings of Pushpanjali and distribution of Prasad and Bhog.

Other popular events during February, 2016 are : Sri Sri Ratanti Kalika Puja (7/2/2016), Sri Sri Radha Krishna Pratistha Divasiya (19/2/2016), Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja (22/2/2016) and Sri Sri Soni Puja (27/2/2016). On behalf of the KMS, I invite you all to participate in the activities mentioned above.

I would also like to inform, this year Members' Day will be celebrated in Muktangan of KMS on Sunday, the 28th February, 2016 for which separate Invitation Cards will be sent to

the Members.

May Mother Kalika showers Her immense blessings on all of you.

With regards,

Dr. Pradip Majumdar

PAUSH SANKRANTI

We still remember, how our grandmothers and mothers gave special attention to the last day of 'Paush' which is widely known as Paush Parban / Makar Sankranti. So much nostalgia is attached with this date. Winter season in its full grip, lakhs of devotees taking a dip in Ganga Sagar to purify themselves, market is flooded with palm jaggery freshly prepared from evaporation of palm savoury, leisurely basking in the bright sun-shine while munching peels of orange and ground-nuts and farmers are happy to lift their new corps. Our grandmothers / mothers never forgot this date. However, chill it may be, they would get up early morning, take bath and start preparation for Paush Parban. Whole day they remain busy with the preparation of different types of rice cakes and milk products of palm jaggery. Our Convenor, Puja Division also rose to the occasion and made elaborate preparations for delicious coconut cakes alongwith kheer. The ingredients were palm jaggery, coconut, flour, milk, dry fruits and camphor. All the devotees present in the Temples on that day were taken by surprise when they were handed over a plate of such delicious items. The entire day-long exercise was successfully accomplished by a band of ladies specially invited from Hastinapur alongwith volunteer ladies of Chittaranjan Park.

LIFE MEMBER HITS CENTURY

One of our very Senior Life Members, Shri Priya Bhushan Bhattacharya of H - 1530, Chittaranjan Park has hit the century on 16th January. On this happy occasion, Shri Bhattacharya was honoured at Netaji Subhash Hall on the morning of Saturday 16th January by Morning Club and Kali Mandir Society. He happened to be the President of Morning Club.



Felicitating Shri Bhattacharya on his 100th Birthday

All present wished Shri Bhattacharya a long life with good health in the days to come. He completed the innings with grace and dignity. There are and were very few residents of Chittaranjan Park who were fortunate enough to attain this glorious century.

President of KMS - Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, felicitated Shri Bhattacharya with a warm shawl and Secretary Shri Pradip Majumdar with a flower bouquet. All the Members of Morning Club felicitated Shri Bhattacharya with flowers and citations and he also showed his magnanimity by offering home made sweet dishes to all.

26th JANUARY

26th January was THREE in ONE. India celebrated *Republic Day*, KMS conducted *Annual Sports* in the morning and in the evening celebrated *Children's Day*, a programme by the Children, for the Children and conducted by the Children.

The sky was overcast in the morning but gradually bright sun shine started appearing as the day advanced. Fully charged Athletes in proper kits assembled in the lush green lawns



Participants in Action

to display their vigour and muscles. With the blowing of the whistle by the Master, about 50 Tiny Tots in their colourful dresses started their Flat Race. This was in inaugural item of Annual Sports and subsequently other events followed. New Events were introduced this year for boys, girls, ladies and gents. Arithmetic Race, Biscuit Race, Breaking the Pitcher by ladies and Musical Chair were most attractive ones.



Winners at the Rostrum

5 PM was the time to start the Children's Day Programme : It was a wonderful platform for the Children to display their hidden talents and getting loud applause. Before the scheduled time, Netaji Subhash Hall was packed with children and their parents. Bright and innocent faces of the children, added the seriousness of the celebration.

The programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by three tiny tots in their colourful traditional dresses. Blessing the children, Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, President, KMS at the outset wished all the children a very Happy, Bright and Prosperous New Year 2016 and wished for their good health and studies. He reminded the children that just two days

back was the birthday of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose and his sacrifices for India's freedom movement.



A Dance Sequence

He also reminded the children, that the Hall where they have assembled, has also been aptly named as 'Netaji Subhash Hall', in memory of the great Patriot. He drew the attention of the children about the number of photos displayed on the walls of the Hall, who were all Bengalees and had made a mark in various fields. He advised the children to study the life histories of these great sons and follow their foot-steps. He wished the programme a grand success.



A gathering of the Audience

The 1½ hour packed programme of dances, songs, recitation, aerobic and instruments by tiny tots kept the audience spell bound and each item was greeted by loud applause from the audience. 4 ½ years little Rihana started the programme with a Ganesh Bandana dance, followed by Ishani, Labanya, Orchisha,

Suhasini on songs, Recitation by Anirban, aerobic and hippo dance by Daksh, Sameer, Subhankar humerous skit by Shivangi, Sridhatri, Diptoneel, Prayata, Mritrangshi and Sukanto, Fancy Dress by Rihana, Creative dances by Shristi, Samridhi, Sanchita, Anuska, Ridhi, Sneha, Moumita, Jyotika, Sumana and Synthesizer by Sankhadeep, Chiradeep, Ishani and Aguntuk.

The entire programme was ably compered by Somoshree. In the end, all the children were handed over with a nicely packed New Year's Gift and parents with delicious cakes. A day to be remembered in the days to come.

KMS GARDEN IS BLOOMING

KMS garden has started blooming. Absence of continuous fog and bright sunshine has helped our Garden Sevayats to earn maximum mileage and the garden with seasonal and other flowers have started showing results. As you enter the Mandir Complex you would be greeted with lush green lawn, neat and clean ambience and the upcoming flower plants. Within the next fifteen days, our garden would be full bloomed and the ensuing Flower Show on 7th March 2016 would be a great panorama. Flower growers in our colony would be equally happy with the natures' gift in their gardens and participate in large numbers at the Annual Flower Show.



**'SARASWATI PUJA' AND 'HATHEY KHORI'
ON 12th FEBRUARY 2016 AT 9.00 A.M.**

OBITUARY

Shri Ashish Kr. Mullick of B - 317, Chittaranjan Park left for his heavenly abode on 25.01.2016.

We offer our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family and pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.

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

Pujas and Other Events

Date	Day	Timings	Event
07.02.2016	Sunday	Night	Sri Sri Ratanti Kalika Puja
12.02.2016	Friday	Fore/Afternoon	Sri Sri Saraswati Puja
19.02.2016	Friday	Forenoon	Sri Sri Radha-Krishna Mandir Pratistha Tithi Dibasiya. Abhishek Puja, Havan & Distribution of Bhog
22.02.2016	Monday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
27.02.2016	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
Other Festivals / Puja Days (for information)			
13.02.2016	Saturday	-	Sri Sri Seetala Sasthi / Bishnupada Sankranti
Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)			
04.02.2016	Thursday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
18.02.2016	Thursday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
Ladies Kirtan			
01.02.2016	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)			
04.02.2016	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
07.02.2016	Sunday	11.00 A.M.	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at NSH
13.02.2016	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK
14.02.2016	Sunday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Sri Sri Sharada Sangha at NSH
17.02.2016	Wednesday	06.30 P.M.	Prachya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram-Lecture Series
18.02.2016	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
21.02.2016	Sunday	Fore/Afternoon	Annual Birthday celebrations of Sri Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa Dev, Maa Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda by Sarada Sangha
27.02.2016	Saturday	07.30 P.M.	Satsangh by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH
Other Events / Cultural Functions			
12.02.2016	Friday	07.30 P.M.	Cultural Programme on Saraswati Puja Day
28.02.2016	Sunday	11.00 A.M.	Members' Day (Details in Invitation Card)
Puja / Festivals in March, 2016 (for Advance Information upto 15.03.2016)			
05.03.2016	Saturday	-	Ekadashi-Kirtan by Hari Sabha
07.03.2016	Monday	-	Shivratri Brata and Puja / Annual Flower Show
08.03.2016	Tuesday	Night	Amabasya Sri Sri Kalika Puja
10.03.2016	Thursday	Forenoon	Sri Sri Kali Mandir Pratistha Tithi Dibasiya. Abhishek, Puja, Havan & Distribution of Bhog
<i>All are cordially invited to participate</i>			
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