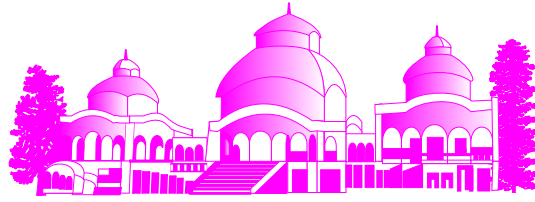


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AN UPDATE ON SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES

From the Secretary's Desk

Respected Members / Readers

One of the popular pujas performed with joy and enthusiasm by KMS in February, 2016 was '*Bani Bandana*': Sri Sri Saraswati Puja with *Hatey Khari* on auspicious Sri Panchami Day - 12th February, 2016. People's participation, particularly of the student community was overwhelming. Puspanjali to the Goddess of Learning started at 10.45 A.M. and continued till afternoon. Over a hundred kids accompanied by their parents/guardians administered *Hatey-Khari*, in consonance with a deep-rooted belief that performance of *Hatey-Khari* on the auspicious day of Sri Panchami enables a child to make good progress in his/her studies. Besides Pushpanjali and *Hatey-khari*, on this day, KMS made elaborate arrangements for Prasad and Bhog, thereby making the devotees happy. The puja mandap was also tastefully and imaginatively decorated that it resembled Maha-Ashtami Day. Even though Sri Sri Saraswati Puja takes place in different areas, puja in Mandir has a magnetic attention so much so that people do make it a point to visit Mandir and pay obeisance to Debi Saraswati. KMS by dint of unleashing of youthful energy, invoking *Shtri Shakti* and above all, with your unstinted support, made it a well-managed event.

In the month of February, besides Saraswati Puja and other monthly special pujas like Satyanarayan Puja, Shoni Puja etc, annual Sri Sri Ratanti Kali Puja (7/2/2016) was held in Kali Mandir. The participation of devotees in these pujas were noteworthy. Arrangements for pushpanjali and distribution of Bhog were orderly.

The popular events during March, 2016 are Mahashivaratri (whole-night puja of Lord Shiva on 7/3/2016), Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja (8/3/2016), Sri Sri Matri Pratistha Divasiya Puja (10/3/2016), Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja (22/3/2016), Holi Milan (23/3/2016), Sri Sri Shoni Puja (26/3/2016). On behalf of the KMS, I invite you all to participate in the activities mentioned above.

KMS wishes you all a happy, gay and joyous Holi.

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

With regards,

Dr. Pradip Majumdar

SRI SRI SARASWATI PUJA

হে মহাভাগে, বিদ্যাস্বরূপে, কমললোচনে, বিশ্বরূপে, বিশালাক্ষি সরস্বতী, আমায় বিদ্যা দাও, তোমায় কোটি কোটি নমস্কার।



Hathey Khari in Progress

Saraswati Puja or Basant Panchami, Goddess of Learning and Music was celebrated in Mandir prangan, on Friday, 12th February 2016. The ritual is widely known to empower the students for their knowledge and studies and they seek the blessings of MAA SARASWATI. After the usual holy 'Sankalpa' by younger sections, all the rituals, as per the Almanac, followed one by one. This year, Saraswati Puja was scheduled on two days, 12th and 13th February 2016. Hence, in Chittaranjan Park, at some places it was celebrated on 12th February and at some places it was on 13th February. Amongst dozens of Pujas celebrated in Chittaranjan Park, Saraswati Puja in Mandir Complex has a separate identity. The congregation of large number of students and their parents and guardians amply demonstrates that initiation of learning of alphabets popularly known as "*Hatey Khari*" was the most sought after ritual that the parents looked for, on this

auspicious day. It was fascinating to see the little kids carrying slate, chalk and a fancy bag on their back, adorned in traditional "Dhoti Kurta" visiting the temple, holding the fingers of their parents, grand parents and waiting for their turn to perform initiation of "Hatey Khari" by our respected priests, with a deep rooted belief that performance of "Hatey Khari" on this auspicious day of Sri Sri Saraswati Puja, enables a child to make good progress in his / her studies.



Sequence from 'Pollution'

Welcoming the audience Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, President said about the special significance of performing Saraswati Puja by the students community. He informed the audience that elaborate arrangements had been made by KMS for smooth conduct of Morning Puja, Pushpanjali, distribution of Holy Bhog Prasad. It was the utmost endeavour to make the devotees happy. Dr. Pradip Majumdar, Secretary, also touched upon the mythological aspect of Saraswati Puja in a lucid way.



Sequence from 'Pollution'

After the sandhya arati, a scintillating programme was arranged on the stage. The programme consisted of two parts (i) presentation of melodious songs by Ms. Sumona and her students. The second portion was a dance drama by "SPONDON" Group on "Pollution". The present day world is deeply concerned about the prevailing pollution problem and the global climate change. The one hour packed programme was par excellence. Blessing the Artists on the stage, Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, President KMS said that although the Artists

were all amateurs, their performances and skill were no less than any professional one. Choreography, costume, make up, concept, light, music and presentation of the show, as directed by Ms. Anuradha Krishnan, deserve our appreciation and loud applause. He congratulated the Artists and wished that such a current and excellent programme should be staged in many other platforms for the awareness of masses.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The birthdays of Holy Trinity, Bhagwan Sri Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sri Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda was celebrated by Sarada Sangha, Delhi Branch at Kali Mandir Premises on Sunday, 21st February. Their annual ritual was well planned. Netaji Subhash Hall, the venue of the celebration was tastefully decorated and the congregation of devotees was large than previous years. Puja and Bhajans commenced from early morning and gradually the other rituals followed. The morning Session was presided by Swami Shantatmanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Delhi Branch who talked on the life and teachings of Thakur Ramakrishna, Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda. The evening Session was presided over by Prabhajika Suvabrata Prana of Sarada Mission, Delhi Branch, who talked on the life of Maa Sarada and the devotion of Sister Nivedita to the cause of Ramakrishna Order. Orderly arrangements were made by Sarada Sangha for offering Pushpanjali and Sandhya arati and all the devotees present partook holy bhog prasad in the afternoon.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' DAY

A relaxed Sunday, was on 28th February, 2016, where the Members of KMS assembled at the lush green spruced lawn of Mandir Prangan, the rendezvous of the Annual Members' Day. Bright sun shine, piercing through the rainbow sheet spread overhead, decorated gates and flower decked stage, all made the arena a grand festive look. This was the annual in-house get-together of the Members, for which Managing Committee as well as the Members eagerly wait for this D-Day. President, Secretary and other Office Bearers, all were at the decorated entry-point to receive the guests with warm welcome 'Namaskar' with a red rose.



Decorated Entry Gate

The rendezvous was aesthetically and tastefully decorated with spotless white covered chairs laid out, small round tables for family homily and the guests were affectionately directed to the Tea / Coffee counters, where mouth watering hot, delicious and spicy pakoras were laid out on clean tables. The guests did not wish to waste any time to gulp the plates of tasty potato, cauliflower, chilli, spinach and paneer pakoras, which were laid in ample quantities to enable the guests to go even for repeat servings. The broad smiles of the guests amply demonstrated their likings of the entire friendly ambience.




A Section of Audience

Welcoming the guests, Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, President said that our Life Members eagerly wait for this joyous day and KMS leave no stone unturned to come upto the expectations of the Members. He thanked all present for their over-whelming response and co-operation. He also dealt in detail about the various projects undertaken by KMS and those in the pipeline. He mentioned about the regular monthly 'Daridra Narayan Sewa' and thanked who have come forward to sponsor

this Sewa. He was very happy to see the guests with a hot cup of coffee in their hands already occupying the seats to enjoy the cultural programme, which was followed.

In the cultural programme, Anushua, Lily and Tanushree participated in Dance, Avery in Recitation, Melodious songs by Mihir Basu, Bishaka Basu and Chandrika Dutta, Prabha Majumdar and Suhan Basu in humourous skit and Santi Mazumder in jokes. By that time signal came that the sumptuous lunch was ready to serve and the guests were invited for final show. Manifest space was arranged for free movement of guests and tables were laid for those who liked to have seats in comfort. Deserts like hot gulab-jamun and moong-dal halwa were special attraction.

While departing the guests thanked the President and other Office Bearers at the gate for the excellent arrangements and novel programme.

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW ON SHIVARATRI DAY 7TH MARCH, 2016</h2> 	
 <h2 style="margin: 0;">HOLI MILAN ON WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH, 2016</h2> 	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> OBITUARY </div> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">Shri R. G, Majumdar, K - 2092, Chittaranjan Park, left for his heavenly abode on 26.02.2016.</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">We offer our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family and pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.</p>	

GREAT NEWS

In view of Socio, Religious, Philanthropic, Cultural and Charitable Services done by Chittaranjan Park Kali Mandir Society, Commissioner of Income Tax has granted 80G (5) (VI) of the Income Tax Act 1961.

**DONATIONS MADE TO KMS
ARE EXEMPTED FROM INCOME TAX.**

Full Bloomed Garden of Kali Mandir



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

Pujas and Other Events

Date	Day	Timings	Event
07.03.2016	Monday	Day/Night	Shivratri Brata and Puja
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
22.03.2016	Tuesday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja / Holikadahan
23.03.2016	Wednesday	Forenoon	Holi Milan / Distribution of Bhog
26.03.2016	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja

Other Festivals / Puja Days (for information)

09.03.2016	Wednesday	-	Solar Eclipse (Sunrise:6.38A.M.; Solar Eclipse Moksha:6.44A.M.)
14.03.2016	Monday	-	Sharsiti Sankranti

Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)

05.03.2016	Saturday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
19.03.2016	Saturday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha

Ladies Kirtan

07.03.2016	Monday	Afternoon	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)

03.03.2016	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
06.03.2016	Sunday	11.00 A.M.	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at NSH
12.03.2016	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK
13.03.2016	Sunday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Sri Sri Sharada Sangha at NSH
16.03.2016	Wednesday	06.30 P.M.	Prachya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram-Lecture Series
17.03.2016	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
19.03.2016	Saturday	06.30 P.M.	Discourse by Swami Shantatmananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi
26.03.2016	Saturday	07.00 P.M.	Satsang by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH

Cultural Functions

07.03.2016	Monday	08.30 A.M.	Annual Flower Show
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Puja / Festivals in April, 2016 (for Advance Information upto 15.04.2016)

04.04.2016	Monday	-	Ekadashi-Kirtan by Hari Sabha
06.04.2016	Wednesday	Night	Amabasya Sri Sri Kalika Puja
12.04.2016	Tuesday	Day/Night	Sri Sri Neel Puja (Also Ashok Sasthi)
14.04.2016	Thursday	Morn./Forenoon	Suryapronam / Nababarsha Celebration / Cultural Programme
14.04.2016	Thursday	Day/Night	Sri Sri Annapurna Puja - Puja, Pushpanjali, Distribution of Prasad / Bhog, Cultural Programme

All are cordially invited to participate

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N.B. Mandir Timings in March, 2016 : Morning 8.30 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. Evening 4.30 P.M. to 9.00 P.M.