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AN UPDATE ON SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES

From the Secretary's Desk

Respected Members / Readers

At the outset, I cordially invite you all to assemble in the Mandir Compound at the dawn of April 14, 2016 to participate in the 'Surya Pranam' ceremony (obeisance to Sun-God), an unique event introduced by KMS and welcome the new Bangabda, 1423.

In the month of March, 2016, I recollect one major Puja in KMS and that was Mahashivaratri (7/3/2016). The Mandir Complex was beautifully decorated (besides flower show on that day). Devotees, predominantly, ladies observed the day-long fast, thronged the Shiva Temple right from the morning with offerings of milk, curd, ghee, honey and bathed Lord Shiva. KMS also celebrated the festival of colour (Holi on 24/3/2016) and the visitors / devotees were treated with Sweets and Bhog Prashad.

With all humility, may I say that if we look back at the Bangabda 1422 which is vanishing in eternity, an encouraging picture emerges. A number of pujas, festivities, religious discourses, flower show, children's day, members' day, Rabindra Sangeet by reputed artists, charitable activities, developmental activities and above all service to devotees and seva to pilgrims in the Sri Sri Balananda Tirthashram - Dharmashala were undertaken with the blessings of Divine Mother Kalika and of course with your valuable inspiration and encouragement.

In the new Bangabda, 1423, we pledge to redouble our endeavor to achieve even better results. We have demonstrated that impressive progress could be made with a common vision and joint efforts. In our day-to-day activities, you would doubtless come across our omissions and

commissions. Kindly be gracious enough to favour us with your esteemed views and suggestions. Let us look forward to a peaceful and progressive Bangabda, 1423.

You are well aware that as per thithi, on this auspicious day of Poila Baisakh (Bangabda, 1423 - 14th April, 2016), Sri Sri Annapurna Puja (14/4/2016) will also be celebrated with religious spirit. MC will be making elaborate arrangements for enabling the devotees to offer Puja, Pushpanjali, Prasad and Bhog. Please do come and participate in this Puja and receive Mother Annapurna's blessings.

Besides, Bangabda, 1423 and Sri Sri Annapurna Puja, Amabasya Sri Sri Kalika Puja (6/4/2016), Sri Sri Neel Puja (12/4/2016), Sri Sri Satyanarayana Puja (21/4/2016), Sri Sri Shoni Puja (23/4/2016) will be held and KMS is also gearing its efforts with devotion for these Pujas. Please do come and participate in these sacred events in your favourite Mandir, besides, other religious and cultural functions.

May the Mother Annapurna bless us all!

With regards,

Dr. Pradip Majumdar

ONE AFTER ANOTHER

First week of March 2016 kept the Puja Division at their toes - Shiv Ratri Brata on 7th, Amabasya Kalika Puja on 8th and Kali Mandir Pratistha Diwas on 10th one after another. The Division had to burn mid-night oil everyday to perform all the rituals meticulously. KMS could not afford to miss a single item whether it was pushpanjali, prasad or bhog distribution. Side by side they had also to plan about procuring fresh flowers to be flown from Kolkata. With the blessings of Maa Kalika, Lord Shiva and cohesive devotion of volunteers, everything went off as per schedule to the satisfaction of

devotees. It is only in Kali Mandir that such gigantic programmes are taken in hand with strong belief that it would get whole hearted support and full co-operation from devotees and well-wishers like you, which was amply demonstrated on the last three occasions.

ENCHANTING FLOWER SHOW



FULL BLOOMED DAHLIAS

This year Nature has been gracious enough to gift the flower growers for blooming their gardens and flower pots. All around there are bright seasonal flowers peeping through their balconies, terrace and gardens to the delight of onlookers. KMS garden is also fully bloomed with varieties of flowers, splashing riot of colours. As the devotees / visitors enter the Mandir Complex, they are forced to pause for a moment to enjoy the nature's gift and sweet fragrance emanating from them. They store the ambience in their mobile. This spring bonanza was fully utilised by Organising the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW on 7th March 2016. There was tremendous response from flower lovers who did not shy away to bring their flower pots even if there were any deficiencies.



VARIETIES OF CACTUS AT THE FLOWER SHOW

Competitions were held for large decorative Dahlias, single bloomed, Dahlias general with multiple blooms, single colour, bi-colour, and seasonal flowers, special attention was paid for arrangement of pots by the Participants.

S/Shri Sunil Kumar and Bharat Bhushan acted as the Judges for the Exhibits, and they appreciated very much the efforts made by KMS to organise such a magnificent event.

MAHA SHIVRATRI

Offerings to Lord Shiva, predominantly by ladies - married or unmarried are considered as the most pious and solemn ritual throughout India. Keeping day long fast, ladies in their best traditional dresses, through the nearest temple in the evening to bath Lord Shiva with milk, ghee, curd and honey with a strong belief of earning blessings of Lord for the welfare of the family.



INSIDE THE SHIVA TEMPLE

The entire Mandir Complex was aesthetically decorated with flowers and illuminated on Monday 7th March 2016, which resembled as "Kashi Viswanath dham". Four prahar pujas were performed on the night of 7th March 2016 in the presence of large number of devotees.



"OM SHIVAYA NAMAH"

Elaborate arrangements were made for the devotees to offer Pushpanjali after every prahar puja. Devotees were treated with holyfruit - sweet prasad after pushpanjali. The great Lingaraj in His Majestic dress with Trishul and Damru looked gorgeous, as if he had come down from Mount Kailash to accept the offerings of the devotees.

KALI MANDIR PRATISTHA TITHI DIBASIYA

Kali Mandir Pratishtha Tithi Puja was celebrated at Kali Mandir on 10th March 2016. With the Sankalpa done by the Office Bearers of KMS, the rituals continued one by one - Abhishek, Chandipath, Kumari Puja, and yagna was conducted by the respected Priests. Large number of devotees participated in the celebration, offered "Pushpanjali" to Mother Goddess with deep religious fervour and partook holy bhog prasad. Sandhya Arati was most attractive.

CRAZY HOLI

Holi is celebrated with much fervor in India. It is one of the biggest and most popular festivals for all Cross-Sections of the Society. It is considered as a Festival full of colour and fun. After playing Holi, it becomes difficult to recognise the people. This festival of colour should retain its sanctity and beauty by using natural and eco-friendly colours to protect our skin, surroundings and planet.

Holi Milan on Thursday morning (24th March 2016) in front of Radha Krishna Temple in the Mandir Complex was of a different complexion. The congregation smeared harmless coloured powder on each other and wished a 'Happy Holi'. Few people, of course, did not mind flaunting the traces of colour that had stubbornly stayed behind. After all, it is only once in a year.



SHEEMA ACHARYA ON THE STAGE

In the evening the occasion was also utilised to award the winners of the recently held enchanting Flower Show at Netaji Subhash Hall. Smt. Sheema Acharya Choudhury, a popular 'Kirtan' singer, from Kolkata rendered melodious 'Sri Nam Kirtan' matching the celebration. The packed audience loudly applauded her and went back home after thoroughly enjoying the day.

FELICITATION

Indian Institute of Oriental Heritage has conferred a Ph. D Degree to Ms. Prabha Majumdar for her extensive research work. Our best wishes are with her for this achievement.



FELICITATION CEREMONY

দরিদ্র নারায়ণ সেবা

The March slot of 'Daridra Narayan Sewa' was sponsored by Shri Dipak Bhattacharyya of P-122, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi in memory of his beloved uncle. We join hands with Shri Dipak Bhattacharyya in this noble cause.

OBITUARY

Shri K.B. Ghosh, H - 1519, Chittaranjan Park, left for his heavenly abode on 07.03.2016.

Smt. Madhuri Dasgupta mother of Smt. Mala Majumdar of G - 1411, Chittaranjan Park, left for her heavenly abode on 15th March 2016.

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

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

Pujas and Other Events

Date	Day	Timings	Event
06.04.2016	Wednesday	Night	Amabasya Sri Sri Kalika Puja
12.04.2016	Tuesday	Day/Night	Sri Sri Neel Puja
14.04.2016	Thursday	Forenoon	Nababarsha (Bangabda - 1423) - Suryapronam - 5.30 A.M.
14.04.2016	Thursday	Day/Night	Sri Sri Annapurna Puja - Puja, Pushpanjali, Distribution of Prasad/Bhog, Cultural Programme
21.04.2016	Thursday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
23.04.2016	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
24.04.2016	Sunday	12.30 P.M.	Daridra Narayan Sewa

Other Festivals / Puja Days (for information)

08.04.2016	Friday	-	Basanta Nabaratrik Bratarambha
12.04.2016	Tuesday	-	Ashok Sasthi
13.04.2016	Wednesday	-	Mahabishnur Sankranti / Charak Puja
15.04.2016	Friday	-	Ram Navami

Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)

04.04.2016	Monday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
17.04.2016	Sunday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha

Ladies Kirtan

04.04.2016	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)

03.04.2016	Sunday	11.00 A.M.	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at NSH
07.04.2016	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
09.04.2016	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK
10.04.2016	Sunday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Sri Sri Sharada Sangha at NSH
16.04.2016	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Swami Shantatmananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi
19.04.2016	Tuesday	06.30 P.M.	Prachya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram-Lecture Series
21.04.2016	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
23.04.2016	Saturday	07.00 P.M.	Satsang by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH

Cultural Functions

14.04.2016	Thursday	07.00 P.M.	Release of Panjika, 1423 - Gunijan Sambardhana - Cultural Programme
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Puja / Festivals in May, 2016 (for Advance Information upto 15.05.2016)

03.05.2016	Tuesday	Evening	Ekadashi-Kirtan by Hari Sabha
06.05.2016	Friday	Night	Amabasya Sri Sri Kalika Puja
08.05.2016	Sunday	7.00 P.M.	Rabindra Jayanti
09.05.2016	Monday	Forenoon	Akshya Tritiya - Sri Sri Shiv Mandir Pratistha Tithi Dibasiya, Abhishek Puja Havan & Distribution of Bhog

All are cordially invited to participate

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