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## VOL. XXVII No. 4 AN UPDATE ON SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES

**From The Secretary's Desk****Respected Members / Devotees / Readers,**

As I am writing these lines - Bangabda, 1423 - is coming to its end and New Bangabda, 1424 is due to usher on Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. Looking back with all humility, we wonder how the KMS could undertake so many activities and programmes - pujas, religious discourses, festivities, developmental work, Mandir decoration, flower show, cultural programmes, charitable and community welfare work, children's day and above all service to the devotees and seva to pilgrims in our Dharmashala. The immense blessings of Divine Mother and the continued support and encouragement from you all have taken us through.

In the New Bangabda, improvement in quality of service to devotees and pilgrims in the Dharmashala will be one of our important tasks. We do hope in our arduous journey to progress, we shall continue to get your unstinted support, invaluable co-operation and weighty advice.

March, 2017 was again a month full of puja performances and festivities commencing with KMS's Annual Flower Show. Charming floral display comprised of colourful Dahlias, exotic varieties of season flowers, Cactus etc., held in Mandir Complex on Sunday, the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 was a big draw. The flower arrangement show was

equally eye-catching. Besides, Flower Exhibition, Holikadahan, popularly known as 'Burir Ghar' alongwith Dol Purnima - Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja in the evening of Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 followed by Dol Utsab - Holy Milan (Abir Khela) on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 attracted a large number of devotees and visitors who participated with great enthusiasm. The celebration ended with 'Madhurena Samapayet' and distribution of Holi Prasad. Besides these Pujas / festivals Sri Sri Shoni Puja and Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja performed on 18<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 respectively and the participation of devotees in these pujas was note-worthy and arrangements for pushpanjali and distribution of Prasad / Bhog were orderly. Incidentally, I would like to mention that all these special pujas, namely, Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja, Sri Sri Shoni Puja and Sri Sri Amabasaya Kalika Puja will be held as usual in April, 2017 also and I on behalf of my colleagues cordially invite you to join with friends and members of your family in these festivals.

KMS is now engaged in planning all arrangements for performance of Sri Sri Annapurna Puja to be celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. The idol of Maa Annapurna is being fabricated and invitation letters to one and all are being issued.

Let us seek the blessings of the Divine Mother in carrying forward our sacred missions in the New Bangabda.

**Dr. Pradip Majumdar**



**Pratistha Dibos Celebration**

**KALI MANDIR PRATISHTHA DIBOS**

The Idol of Maa Kalika was installed on 21.2.1985 by Rev. Swami Mohanananda Brahmachari.



**Devotees offering Pushpanjali**

Since then the tithi "Pratishtha Dibos" is celebrated every year with solemnity. This year it was on 28th February 2017. Month February was agog with festivals and celebrations - Saraswati Puja on 1st, Radha Krishna Pratistha Diwas on 8th, Shivratri Brata on 24th, but KMS never miss the important date like Kali Mandir Pratistha Diwas. With the sankalpa done by the office bearers of KMS, the rituals continued one by one - Abhishekh, Chandipath, Kumari Puja and Yagna was conducted by the respected Priests. Large number of devotees participated in the celebration, offered "Pushpanjali" to Mother Kalika with deep religious fervour and partook holy bhog prasad. Sandhya Arati was most attractive.



**Flower show at Kali Mandir**

**ENCHANTING FLOWER SHOW**

Whosoever enters the gate of Kali Mandir during the day time, their speed automatically comes to a halt at the sight of riot coloured Garden of Kali Mandir. This year nature's gift was astonishing whether it was 13" Dahlia or Seasonal flowers of various attractive colours. Mandir Garden took maximum mileage of the season by engulfing the complex with flowers. The visitors enjoyed the scenic beauty and did not hesitate to compare it with famous Mughal Garden or Belur Math. We at Kali Mandir alongwith our Malis are proud for this pat on our back.



**Enchanting Full Bloomed Flowers**

Flower growers in our colony were also equally happy with the nature's gift in their gardens and participated in large numbers at the Annual Flower Show 2017 organised by KMS on 5th March 2017. The show was a riot of colours delighting the visitors. A well thought planning was done by the "Flower Show Committee" to cover wide range of flowers and plants. The Competition attracted seven sections comprising of Dahlias large decorative, medium decorative and general. Perennial Foliage Plants, Cactus and On-the Spot Flower Arrangements, were splendid and participation was gratifying. KMS is thankful to the Judges for sparing their valuable time and expertise.

### হোলি মিলন



### আবিরে মাখা মাখি

কালী মন্দিরের একটি অন্যতম উৎসব বসন্ত ঋতুর মধুর আগমনকে স্মরণ করে দোল উৎসব। মন্দিরের চারিদিকে তখন সৌন্দর্যের ছটা, গোলাপ, ডালিয়া, গাঁদা, চন্দ্রমল্লিকা ও নানান নাম না জানা ফুলের একসাথে ফুটে ওঠার রেস। প্রকৃতি ও আমন্ত্রণ জানিয়েছে পাখিদের এই পরিবেশে গলা সাধার। এই বসন্তের সুন্দর মিলনের মাধ্যমে দোল আমাদের ভুলে যেতে বলে সব দ্বেষ, ঘৃণা, মতভেদ কিংবা রেষারেষি, তাই আমরা ভুলে যাই সবকিছু আবিরের মাখা মাখিতে, একে অপরকে মিষ্টিমুখ করে গভীর আলিঙ্গনে।

কালী মন্দিরে দোল উৎসব তিনদিন ব্যাপী ছোট ছোট আকারে পালন করা হয়। এবার ১১ই মার্চ সত্যনারায়ণ পূজো ও হোলি কা দহন, ১২ই মার্চ

রাধাগোবিন্দ মন্দিরে, হরি সভার সভ্য / সভ্যাদের দ্বারা সুমিষ্ট কণ্ঠে হরি সংকীর্তন এবং ১৩ই মার্চ মন্দির প্রাঙ্গণে সকলে একত্রিত হয়ে আবীর খেলার সাথে সাথে মিষ্টিমুখ করা।



### হোলি মিলনে একত্রিত সভ্যগন

অপরূহে মায়ের বিশেষ ভোগের ব্যবস্থা ছিল। বহু সংখক ভক্তরা মায়ের ভোগপ্রসাদ গ্রহণ করে তৃপ্তি লাভ করেন।

### DARIDRA NARAYAN SEWA

In Kali Mandir, last Sunday of every month is ear marked for Daridra Narayan Sewa. Slots are sponsored by well wishers and devotees in memory of their loved ones. The slot for April is Sunday, 30th April, 2017 which would be sponsored by Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Basu Roy in memory of his mother Late Binapani Basu Roy.



### OBITUARY

Shri Sudhir Banerjee of I 1631, left for his heavenly abode on 31.01.2017.

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

## Mandir Calender : April, 2017 Pujas and Other Events in the Mandir

| <b>Pujas and Other Events</b>   |           |                 |  |
|---|-----------|-----------------|--|
| Date  | Day       | Timings         | Event  |
| 04.04.2017  | Tuesday   | Fore/Afternoon  | Sri Sri Annapurna Puja - Pushpanjali, Prasad & Bhog                                  |
| 10.04.2017  | Monday    | Evening         | Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja  |
| 13.04.2017  | Thursday  | Morning/Evening | Neelpuja & Fasting   |
| 15.04.2017  | Saturday  | Fore/Afternoon  | Suryaghya Daan, Surya Pranam & Special Puja on Nababarsha (1424)                     |
| 15.04.2017  | Saturday  | Evening         | Sri Sri Shoni Puja   |
| 25.04.2017  | Tuesday   | Night           | Sri Sri Kalika Puja  |
| 30.04.2017  | Sunday    | 12.30 P.M.      | Daridra Narayan Sewa   |
| <b>Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)</b>   |           |                 |  |
| 07.04.2017  | Friday    | Evening         | Sankirtan by Hari Sabha  |
| 22.04.2017  | Saturday  | Evening         | Sankirtan by Hari Sabha  |
| <b>Ladies Kirtan</b>  |           |                 |  |
| 03.04.2017  | Monday    | Evening         | Ladies Kirtan at Shiva Temple  |
|   |           | -               | Every Evening Ladies Kirtan at the Three Temples                                     |
| <b>Religious Discourses at Netaji Subhash Hall (NSH) / Sri Sri Mohan Sant Kutir (SSMSK)</b>                           |           |                 |  |
| 02.04.2017  | Sunday    | 11.00 A.M.      | Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at SSMSK             |
| 06.04.2017  | Thursday  | 05.30 P.M.      | Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH                                    |
| 08.04.2017  | Saturday  | 06.00 P.M.      | Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK                            |
| 09.04.2017  | Sunday    | 06.00 P.M.      | Discourse by Sri Sri Sarada Sangha at NSH  |
| 12.04.2017  | Tuesday   | 06.00 P.M.      | Discourse by Swami Shantatmananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi |
| 19.04.2017  | Wednesday | 06.30 P.M.      | Pracya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram-Lecture Series at NSH                               |
| 20.04.2017  | Thursday  | 05.30 P.M.      | Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH                                    |
| 22.04.2017  | Saturday  | 07.30 P.M.      | Satsang by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH                                    |
| <b>Other Events / Cultural Functions</b>  |           |                 |  |
| 04.04.2017  | Tuesday   | 07.30 P.M.      | Cultural Programme on Annapurna Puja Day and Prize Distribution                      |
| 15.04.2017  | Saturday  | 05.30 A.M.      | Surya Pronam   |
| 15.04.2017  | Saturday  | 07.30 P.M.      | Opening of Panjika (1424), Gunijan Sambardhana, Cultural Programme                   |
| <b>Other Festivals / Puja Days (for information)</b>  |           |                 |  |
| 03.04.2017  | Monday    | -               | Commencement of Sri Sri Basanti Puja   |
| 05.04.2017  | Wednesday | -               | Sri Sri Ramnavami Brata  |
| 06.04.2017  | Thursday  | -               | Basanti Puja / Bijoya Dashami  |
| 14.04.2017  | Friday    | -               | Mahabishub Sankranti and Charak Puja   |
| <b>Puja / Festivals in May, 2017 (for Advance Information upto 15.05.2017)</b>  |           |                 |  |
| 06.05.2017  | Saturday  | -               | Kirtan by Hari Sabha on Ekadashi Day   |
| 09.05.2017  | Tuesday   | Evening         | Rabindra Jayanti   |
| 10.05.2017  | Wednesday | Evening         | Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja, Sri Sri Budha Purnima                                     |
| 13.05.2017  | Saturday  | Evening         | Sri Sri Shoni Puja   |
| 14.05.2017  | Sunday    | -               | Bishnupadi Sankranti   |
| <i>All are cordially invited to participate</i>   |           |                 |  |
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| <b>Mandir Timings in April, 2017 : Morning 8.00 A.M. to 12.30 P.M. Evening 5.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M.</b>                |           |                 |  |