



CHITTARANJAN PARK KALI MANDIR SOCIETY (KMS)

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From the Secretary's Desk

Dear, Members / Readers

With the departure of rain, Delhites are now having some relief. But back are Dengue and viral fever. We prey to Divine Mother that life comes back to normal worst affected by natural calamity.

With the commencement of the month long competitions on cultural programmes, namely, recitations, songs, dance, quiz, drawing, fancy dress etc., from 23rd September, Sri Sri Durga Puja Celebrations have been given an auspicious start in the KMS. It is indeed pleasant to see joy and merriment prevailing in the participants and the audience. We do hope this enthusiasm will gain momentum when we worship Debi Durga from 19th to 23rd October, 2015. In fact, the Mandir Complex is humming with activities these days. The Broad-based Durga Puja Committee, 2015 under President Dr, Ananda Mukherjee meeting every week to examine the financial and physical performance. Various sub-committees are also busy in finalizing their plans and programmes for celebrations of Durga Puja in a befitting manner. Celebration of this mega festival requires people's whole-hearted participation including financial support. As a matter of fact, Durga Puja in Kali Mandir is performed with a difference. Let us resolve to keep it up.

During the month of report besides C R Park residents had their glimpse of Rupa Ganguly on 13th September who is famous for her acting as Droupadi in Yash Chopra's Mega serial Mahabharat, Soumi Bhattacharya (Kolkata) and Rezwana Banya (Bangladesh) also performed songs to the delight of the audience.

Besides Durgotsab, in the current month, I also invite you to join with members of your family and

friends in our regular Puja events, namely, Sri Sri Soni Puja falling on 3rd and 31st October, Sri Sri Amabasya Kali Puja falling on 12th October and and Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja falling on 26th, October, 2015.

With regards,

Dr. Pradip Majumdar

JANMASHTAMI



When the eighth child, in the form of child Krishna was born to Vasudeva and Deboki in the heavily guarded cell, the first thing that struck the mind of Vasudeva was how to take away the baby boy from the cruel clutches of Kansha. Miracle of Miracles happened. As soon as Vasudeva tenderly put him in a basket, and stood at the prison door, the massive doors fastened with locks and chains opened noiselessly amidst the guards sunk in deep sleep. As Vasudeva started walking through Yamuna, black clouds started raining heavily. Sheshnag the thousand headed serpent appeared suddenly, raised his hoods to form an umbrella and protected the father and child from the incessant rains. Thus Vasudeva reached Yasoda's apartment in the dead of night, placed his own son on the side of Yasoda,

and picked up her daughter and carried her in the basket back to Mathura. Thus baby Krishna grew up in Gokula under the affectionate care of Yasoda and other cowherds.

Janmashtami, the birthday of Lord Krishna is celebrated with divine fervour in all the Hindu Temples in India and outside. On the occasion, Kali Mandir Complex was brightly illuminated and wore a festive look. The Krishna Tableau designed and fabricated by the Sebaks of KMS was extremely attractive and enthralling, specially to the children. A large number of devotees visiting the Mandir Complex on 5th and 6th September. Elaborate arrangements were made by the Puja Division for the special puja, anjali and prasad distribution on the night of 5th September. On 6th September devotees took holy bhog prasad with delicious 'Malpoa' and 'Taler Bara' as special items.

PRASADI SAREE EXHIBITION

To store a piece of 'Prasadi Saree' in our house has a great spiritual value, especially to ladies. In keeping with the wishes of the devotees, KMS has been organizing exhibition of prasadi sarees every year, and this year, it was on 12th and 13th September, 2015. On these days devotees, particularly ladies thronged the Netaji Subhash Hall in large numbers where varieties of sarees were on display. Devotees selected the sarees as per their own choice against a token donation. The whole affair was ably managed by our lady volunteers.

CULTURAL COMPETITIONS DURING DURGA PUJA



Commencing from September 23, 2015, the pre-puja cultural fiesta, comprising a variety of cultural events, namely, Recitation, Rabindra Sangeet, Music, Quiz, Antakshari, Fancy Dress, Painting, Drawing etc. will be continued till October 18th. Every evening drew a large number of enthusiastic spectators occupying laid down chairs at vantage point.

Shri N. N. Sarkar, Patron, inaugurated the event. He appreciated the efforts of the members of the Cultural Events Competitions Sub-committee, who form the young brigade of the KMS, for organising a month-long programme embracing young and old. Dr. Pradip Majumdar, Secretary, KMS, who also spoke on the occasion, recalled that there was a time when Bengalees preferred to have Aurnasini Putra-Kanyasama Durgamaa rather than Ranachandi Maata. These have widely been reflected in Durga Mangalkabya presumably written during the middle ages. Secretary said that Sri Sri Durga Puja has now assumed the character of a national festival. He hoped that with the blessings of the Mother, the evil spirit will evaporate and peace, harmony and happiness will prevail. Shri Sibuj Majumdar the Chairman and Shri Anjan Mukherjee is the Convenor of the Sub-committee.

RUPA GANGULY FAMOUS BENGALEE ACTOR



On 13th July, 2015 residents of C. R. Park were very happy to receive the leading Tollywood Actress Rupa Ganguly who visited the Kali Mandir. Also famous for her role as Droupadi in mega serial Mahabharat, Rupa, an ardent devotee of Maa Kali visited all the three Mandirs to get the blessings of the Deities. To honour this celebrity on this occasion, KMS organized a reception at Netaji Subhash Hall. She was presented with flower bouquet, prasadi saree and a shawl. Ms. Prabha Majumdar, Advisor (Cultural), Shri Santi Mazumder, Vice President and Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, President spoke on this occasion. Besides her acting career, she devotes much of her time for the development of children of the lesser

God. She also delighted the audience by singing a Rabindra Sangeet. She also delighted young and children with group photos. It was an evening to remember.

CULTURAL NEWS



Music is an integral part of any religious society. Consistent with this, during the month of September, 2015, KMS organized two fascinating and appealing programmes. On 6th September, 2015, KMS organized a programme of melodious songs of five famous singers, namely, Rabinranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Rajani Kanto Sen, Dwijendra Lal Roy and Atuil Prasad Sen. The songs, popularly known as Pancha Kabir Gaan, presented by Kolkata's popular singer Soumi Bhattacharjee, received wide appreciation from the audience who demanded similar programmes in future also.



Again in the evening of 28th September, 2015 KMS organised a highly enjoyable cultural fiesta by internationally famed Rabindra Sangeet Exponent Rezwana Choudhury (Banya) who performed melodious Rabindra Sangeet in Mandir premises and which was enjoyed by the audience thoroughly.

BIRTHDAY OF ISHWAR CHANDRA VIDYASAGAR



KMS observed the birthday of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar on 26th September, 2015 at 7.30 P.M. in the lawn of KMS. Shri N. N. Sarkar, Patron and Dr. Pradip Majumdar, Secretary offered floral tributes to this great son of Mother India. In his address, Shri Sarkar said that Vidyasagar not only wrote Barnaparichaya for the children and a number of books for others. He was essentially a patriot-cum-social worker who brought revolution in the society by introducing a number of reformatory steps and the most important of which was widow's marriage. Secretary said, whereas his full name was Ishwar Chandra Bandopadhyay, he got the title of Vidyasagar owing to his excelling in all subjects namely Sanskrit, Vedanta, Shruti etc., during his stay in Sanskrit College. He joined as a lecturer and thereafter became the Principal of that college. For his kindness and helping nature, particularly, to the poor and needy persons, he was also known as 'Dayar Sagar'.

দরিদ্র নারায়ণ সেবা

The September slot for Daridra Narayan Sewa on 27.09.2015 was sponsored by Shri Tapas Kumar Basu, H - 11, Ridgewood Estate, DLF Phase - 4, Gurgaon.

OBITUARY

S. K. Bandopadhyay, K1/26, C. R. Park left for his heavenly abode on 11.09.2015.

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

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

Pujas and Other Events

Date	Day	Timings	Event
03.10.2015	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
12.10.2015	Monday	Morning	End of Aparpakhiya Sharaddha and Tarpan
12.10.2015	Monday	Night	Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja
18.10.2015	Sunday	Upto Evening	Panchami - Sri Sri Durga Devis Bodhan
19.10.2015	Monday	Fore-Afternoon	Durga Debi's Sasthi Bihit Puja - Debi's Amantran and Adhibas
20.10.2015	Tuesday	Fore-Afternoon	Mahasaptami - Sri Sri Durga Debi's Nabapatrika's Prabesh, Sthapan, Kalparambha, Puja, Pushpanjali and Bhog
21.10.2015	Wednesday	Fore-Afternoon	Mahastami - Sri Sri Durga Debi's Puja, Pushpanjali and Bhog - Sandhipuja (1.06 P.M. to 1.54 P.M.)
22.10.2015	Thursday	Fore-Afternoon	Mahanavami - Sri Sri Durga Debi's Puja, Pushpanjali and Bhog - Saptasati (Chandi) Yagna
23.10.2015	Friday	Forenoon	Dasami - Sri Sri Durga Debi's Dasami Bihit Puja & Bisarjan
23.10.2015	Friday	8.30 P.M.	Shantijal
26.10.2015	Monday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
31.10.2015	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja

Other Festivals / Puja Days (for Information)

26.10.2015	Monday	-	Kojagori Lakshmi Puja
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Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)

08.10.2015	Thursday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
24.10.2015	Tuesday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha

Ladies Kirtan at Temples

05.10.2015	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)

01.10.2015	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
04.10.2015	Sunday	11.00 A.M.	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at SSMSK
10.10.2015	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK
11.10.2015	Sunday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Sri Sarada Sangha at NSH
15.10.2015	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
24.10.2015	Saturday	07.30 P.M.	Satsangh by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH

Other Events / Cultural Functions

In connection with Sri Sri Durga Puja Festival, Cultural Competitions and cultural Programmes to be held daily upto 23.10.15 as per announcements to be made separately

Puja / Festivals in November, 2015 (for Advance Information upto 15.11.2015)

07.11.2015	Thursday	-	Kirtan by Hari Sabha
10.11.2015	Tuesday	-	Bhoot Chaturdosi, Chaturdos Saak Bhakhan, Chaturdos Deepdan
10.11.2015	Tuesday	Night	Sri Sri Shyama Puja
11.11.2015	Wednesday	Night	Deepavali Utsab, Sri Sri Lakshmi Puja, Sri Sri Alakshi Puja
13.11.2015	Friday	-	Bhatriditiya

All are cordially invited to participate

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