



CHITTARANJAN PARK KALI MANDIR SOCIETY (KMS)

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From the Editor's Desk

Respected Members,

By the time this edition of the newsletter reaches your doorstep, we'd have already celebrated our most important festival of 'Sharodutsav'. 'Sharat' is already in full bloom with 'kash phool' and the fragrance of sheuli in the air. Maa Durga was here with her children and enjoyed her four-day long stay at her parental home. We

at Kali Mandir also grabbed this opportunity to play host to Maa and her family. With her blessings we have been able to successfully sail through this entire event. On behalf of all the members of KMS Managing Committee, we convey our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the wholehearted cooperation extended in all spheres. Shubho Bijoya!

From the Secretary's Desk

Respected Members / Devotees / Readers,

I feel honoured in extending once again my heartiest Bijoya Greetings to you all members of the KMS and the residents of Chittaranjan Park and adjoining areas and readers of Newsletter. This greatest festival of Indians in general and Bengalees in particular symbolizes victory of united positive forces of coexistence and harmony against evil designs of the divisive forces.

On the joyous occasion of Sri Sri Durga Puja at KMS, keeping its traditional characteristics, commenced from 26th September, 2017 and culminated on Vijaya Dasami on 30th September, 2017, I feel privileged to inform you that erection of Mandir Pandal and other relevant activities like obtaining police, fire and electric permissions, arranging drum beaters etc., take considerable time and with this object in view KMS plunged into action and hold their first meeting of Broadbased Durga Puja on 17th July, 2017, that is, at least before 2 clear months before the commencement of Shardiya Durga Puja. In fact, Broad-based Durga Puja Committee, 2017 (Anandmela, Organization, Security including Volunteers' Group, Cleanliness, Reception, Puja, Prasad, Bhog, Cultural Affairs including Cultural Competitions, Souvenir, Stalls and Banners), constituted by the KMS did a splendid job. The Puja Mandap had been beautifully decorated. Like previous years, all other activities - both pre-puja and puja activities like pre-puja one month cultural competitions of recitation, songs, quiz, drawing, fancy dress etc., and during puja days (26-30/8/2017) Puja, pushpanjali, distribution of bhog,

sandhya aarati etc. along with all puja rituals moved peacefully with three-tier close cooperation of management, volunteers and law Enforcement Agency. Lakhs of devotees not only from all the corners of Chittaranjan Park but also from every corner of Delhi & NCR reached at the Kali Mandir Puja Complex to worship Devi Durga from Maha Sasthi to Maha Navami. You all will also agree that with the procurement of huge quantity of lotus flowers, Jaba, Aparajita and Billa Patra, devotees were highly satisfied while offering Pushpanjali to Mother Durga.

Further, cultural programmes which are an integral part of this festival were also organized and seasoned artists from Kolkata and Delhi performed in the evening of puja days. The role played by South Delhi Durga Puja Immersion Committee (SDDPIC) and KMS (Immersion Sub-Committee) in Pratima Nirnanjan are noteworthy. The Bijoya Dasami was organized on the evening of 30th September, 2017 in Puja Compund wherein Shantijal was sprinkled by respected Priests and greetings exchanged.

In this context, I express my deepest gratitude to donors for their patronage and generous contribution for the cause of the Society as without their cooperation such a big event would have been difficult to achieve. Incidentally a large part of the residual balance (fund) is always donated for a just cause, like donation for relief owing to earthquakes, tsunami, donation for school building, for treatment of cancer patients and for similar other activities.



While the KMS targeted efficient management of the great event there might have been some lapses here and there. Suggestions, if any, towards better management of the great event is most welcome.

The events of October, 2017 which are worth-mentioning are : Satyanarayan Puja (5/10), Soni Puja (7/10), Sri Sri Kalika Puja (19/10) Jagadhatri Puja (28/10). I on behalf of my

colleagues cordially invite you to join with friends and members of your family in these festivals.

Let us prey to Goddess Durga to shower her immense blessings of prosperity on our people for all years to come and blesses our land with peace, happiness and prosperity.

With regards

Dr. Pradip Majumdar

ACTIVITIES DURING THIS FESTIVE MONTH

1. After the completion of 'khuti puja', members got down to business. To ensure Durga Puja is successful, members started working round the clock.
2. EGM was held on 10th of September 2017 at Netaji Subhash Hall, and an overwhelming 225 members were in attendance. The budget was passed and other pointers were taken down.
3. 'Tarpan' was organized for two days, starting from 19th September 11:56 am and ending the next day, 20th September, at 11 am. Around 400 people gathered with offerings and extensive arrangements were made to ensure all devotees could comfortably be part of the ritual.
4. In no time, the moment when Sharodutsav's bells started ringing arrived, with cultural competitions starting off from 2nd September 2017 and ending on 25th September 2017. It was extremely encouraging to see an audience of hundreds gather every evening. The winners of 'Sur Sangam' were given a chance to perform on the main stage on shashthi, as part of our endeavour to encourage and provide an opportunity to local talent.
5. 'Anando Mela' was celebrated on the evening of 'Shoshti Puja'. A team of 35 ladies from the area together put up a brilliant start to 'Durgotsav'. Around 125 competitors participated in the food festival. 'Anando Mela' was followed by 'bodhon' of Maa Durga, which marked the start of the four-day festival.
6. The next 3 days of saptami, ashtami, and navami were the busiest for the entire KMS Committee along with the volunteers, priests, and law enforcement agencies, who worked round the clock to make this event a great success. Each morning started with puja, pushpanjali and prasad distribution, followed by bhog distribution in the afternoon. Bhog started at 1:30 pm and continued till 5 pm every day. Committee ensured that none of our devotees were denied bhog. Lakhs of devotees thronged the mandir premises for the 'darshan' of Maa Durga. Extensive arrangements were made for the auspicious moment of 'shondhi puja'.
7. The puja mandap was beautifully decorated and well illuminated. Crowd was managed efficiently on days with heavy footfall.
8. The KMS Cultural Committee organized cultural functions from shashti evening right upto the evening of Navami. Local artistes were encouraged and given a platform to showcase their talent, which was highly appreciated by residents and audience alike. Senior artistes from Kolkata such as Sagnik Sen, Ananya Bhattacharya, Sanchari Bandopadhyay, Anirban Bhattacharya, graced the evening with their vibrant performances. In our attempt to bring in a new flavour, we expanded ahead of vocal artistes. Performances included fusion of baul, shrikhol (mridangam), flute, bharatnatyam and dance forms local to Bengal, among others.
9. On Vijaya Dashami, around 750 ladies gathered for 'Maa'er Boron' and 'shindoor khela'. The event began at 9 am and went on till 1 pm, which culminated into the 'bishorjon' procession. In the evening, devotees gathered in the mandir premises where our respected priests sprinkled 'shantir jol' and 'shubho Bijoya' greetings were exchanged.
10. As per 2016-2017 Audit Report, the Donation Box/Pranami collection for 2016 Durga Puja was Rs. 0.00. Donation Box/Pranami collection for 2017 Durga Puja has been Rs. 2,09,670. Further, below are the details of monthly donation boxes collection:

	2016		2017
August	Rs. 1,52,780	August	Rs. 2,22,784
September	Rs. 1,56,910	September	Rs. 2,32,316
October	Rs. 1,45,630	October	Rs. 3,12,070

GLIMPSES OF DURGA PUJA 2017





MANDIR CALENDER : October, 2017

Daily Pujas and Other Events in the Mandir

PUJAS AND OTHER EVENTS

Date	Days	Timings	Events
05.10.2017	Thursday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
07.10.2017	Saturday	Night	Sri Sri Shani Puja
19.10.2017	Thursday	Night	Sri Sri Kalika Puja - Deepabali
29.10.2017	Sunday	Morning / Evening	Sri Sri Jagadhatri Puja

OTHER FESTIVALS / PUJA DAYS (FOR INFORMATION)

05.10.2017	Thursday	-	Kojagori Sri Sri Lakshmi Puja
17.10.2017	Tuesday	-	Jal Bishnu Sankranti - Dhanteras
18.10.2017	Wednesday	-	Chaturdash Sangbhakhan
21.10.2017	Saturday	-	Bhaiduj
22.10.2017	Sunday	Evening	Shanti Yagnas by Bharat Sewashram Sangha

PUJA / FESTIVALS IN OCTOBER, 2017 (for advance information - upto 14/11/2017)

03.11.2017	Friday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja - Rasyatra of Sri Sri Krishna
04.11.2017	Saturday	Night	Sri Sri Shani Puja
14.11.2017	Tuesday	-	Kirtan by Hari Sabha

EKADASHI DAYS

01.10.2017	Sunday	-	Kirtan by Hari Sabha
15.10.2017	Sunday	-	Kirtan by Hari Sabha
31.10.2017	Tuesday	-	Kirtan by Hari Sabha

LADIES KIRTAN AT SHIV TEMPLE

02.10.2017	Monday	Afternoon	Ladies Kirtan
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RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES AT NETAJI SUBHASH HALL (NSH) / SRI SRI MOHAN SANT KUTIR (SSMSK)

01.10.2017	Sunday	11.00 at SSMSK	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji
05.10.2017	Thursday	5.30 P.M. at NSH	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society
14.10.2017	Saturday	6.00 P.M. at SSMSK	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohananda Devotees
15.10.2017	Sunday	6.00 P.M. at NSH	Discourse by Sri Sarda Sangha
18.10.2017	Wednesday	6.30 P.M. at NSH	Pracya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram-Lecture Series
19.10.2017	Thursday	5.30 P.M. at NSH	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society.
21.10.2017	Saturday	6.00P.M.	Discourse by Swami Shantatmanand Manaraj, Secretar, Ramakrishna Mission, New Dlhi
28.10.2017	Saturday	9.30 p.m. at NSH	Satsang by Satsangehai

OTHER EVENTS / CULTURAL FUNCTIONS

19.10.2017	Thursday	9.00 p.m.	Devotional Songs on the occasion of Sri Sri Kalika Puja-Deepabali
29.10.2017	Sunday	Morning	Sri Sri Jagadhatri Puja

Musical Fountain - Daily after Sandhyarati Except Monday

All are cordially invited to participate