



CHITTARANJAN PARK KALI MANDIR SOCIETY (KMS)
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From the Secretary's Desk

Respected Members | Readers,

May I say with all humbleness that the remarkable achievements of the KMS after Durga Puja in the month of October, were the skillful management of two other major Pujas, namely, Sri Sri Shyama Puja (10/11/2015) and Jagatdhatri Puja (20/11/2015), besides Shanti Yagya by Bharat Sevashram Sangha (15/11/2015) and Pranab Kanya Sangha (27/11/2015).

Our main focus during Sri Sri Shyama Puja and Sri Sri Jagatdhatri Puja alongwith performance of pujas, were devotee-service and orderly way of offerings of Pushpanjali and distribution of Prasad and Bhog. The three temples were illuminated on Shyama Puja night and also on the next evening being Deepavali. The Temples were also tastefully and imaginatively decorated on Jagatdhatri Puja with flowers and resounded with Sri Sri Chandi Path. The day as usual witnessed large number of devotees. With the immense blessings of Maa Kali and Maa Jagatdhatri, your valued support and co-operation, everything passed off smoothly.

Shanti Yagya performed by Bharat Sevashram Sangha and Pranab Kanya Sangha on 15/11/2015 and 27/11/2015 again attracted a large number of devotees.

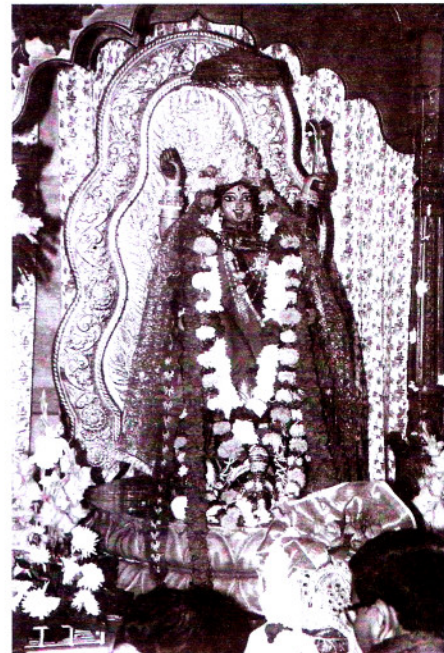
The popular events during December, 2015 are Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja (10/12/2015), Rabindra Sangeet presentation (12.12.2015) Geeta Yagya (13/12/2015), Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja (24/12/2015) and Sri Sri Shoni Puja (26/12/2015). On behalf of the KMS, I invite you all to participate in the activities mentioned above.

With regards,

Dr. Pradip Majumdar

SHYAMA PUJA

This year Shyama Puja was on 10th November and Diwali / Deepavali was on 11th November. But the enthusiasm of the devotees was no less than the earlier years. The residents of Chittaranjan Park pay special attention to perform Kalika Puja in Kali Mandir. Ladies and Gents keep day long fast, and they break their fast only at midnight after offering solemn Pushpanjali with flowers specially flown from Kolkata. The Mandir Complex, was therefore, full of Devotees on that day.



The entire Complex was illuminated aesthetically with twiny lights all round the three temples, tree tops and fountain area. Tche three Temples wore a gorgeous look with the new lighting design. The whole Complex looked like historic "Ayodhya", which celebrated the joyous return of "Ram, Laxman and Sita" from their exile.

Like previous years, this year also a short cultural programme was arranged before the commencement of

main puja. The artist was Tapas Roy, from Dakhineswar, who presented 1½ hour non-stop programme of devotional and shyama sangeet. His presentation was mesmerising and each song invited loud applause from the audience. Welcoming the audience, President and Secretary of Kali Mandir said that Durga Puja and Kali Puja are synonymous in the sense that it symbolises triumph of truth, righteousness and victory over evil. Their prayer to the Dieties were to give us enough strength and wisdom for emancipating the malice from our society and work for the well-being of our people for peace and harmonious living.

The holy Sankalpa was performed by the officials of KMS and the Puja started at 11.00 P.M. Systematic rituals were performed one by one religiously, for the convenience of the devotees, who preferred to sit in the adjacent lawn. Four Plasma TVs were installed so that minute to minute live telecasting of the rituals performed inside the Garva Griha could be seen from all corners, which was very much appreciated by the devotees. A divine ambience prevailed all round.

FIRE WORKS (Tubri) COMPETITION

On the eve of Sri Sri Deepavali Amabasaya Kalika Puja, popular tubri competition was held in the KMS complex on 9th November, 2015, drawing a large crowd. Prizes were awarded to the winners. This was followed by fireworks, to the delight of devotees and visitors.

SOUVENIR



“তোমার হল শুরু, আমার হল সারা”।

After the mega event, when the hustling-bustling is over and the dust has settled down, the Souvenir Division plunged into action to bring out the colourful Durga Puja Souvenir. They have the onus to bring out the Souvenir on Kali Puja Day, hence they had to burn midnight oil to comprehend the Ads, collect articles, do the proof reading and day to day close co-ordination with the Printer. The Souvenir Division worked in a well-knit manner for

which a record collection of Rs. 34 lakhs could be generated. The final show was on Tuesday, 10th November, Kali Puja Day, when the voluminous colourful Souvenir 2015 was declared open on the stage. This year the Souvenir is carrying a lot of articles / materials and the Readers would be able to utilise their leisure time in a better way. A feather in the cap of the Souvenir Division.

SHANTI YAGYA

In the old Shiva Temple, Bharat Sewashram Sangha in association with Chittaranjan Park Kali Mandir Society has been arranging Shanti Yagya and Vir Arati for the last one decade. This year it was on 15th November. Shanti Yagya purifies the atmosphere and is a solace to mind. The old Shiva Temple, where this Yagya is usually held was agog with devotees who took part in the holy ritual in front of the portrait of Swami Pranabanandaji Maharaj amidst aesthetic Shanti Yagya arrangements.

Welcoming the congregation, Chief Patron and Secretary of KMS touched upon the life of Swami Pranabanandaji Maharaj who was the founder of Bharat Sewashram Sangha. Following the ideals of Acharya Swami Pranabanandaji Maharaj, the sangha has been doing humanitarian service for the welfare of the people. They also said that the Monk's and Brahmacharis of Sangha plunge into action at the time of calamities.

In appreciation to their noble service, Kali Mandir made a token donation of Rs. 1.00 lakh to the Sangha and 151 Sarees for distribution to the needy people.

Similar yogya was also conducted at the same venue on Friday, 27th November 2015, by Pranab Kanya Sangha, where Kali Mandir made a token donation of Rs. 25,000/- and 51 warm clothes for the needy.

Large number of devotees took part in both the Yagyas and offered Pushpanjali and Hawan. The Hawan was followed by Veer Arati performed by the senior Monks of the Sangha. The armed Arati accompanied by sound of drums and conchshells made the scenario spectacular. All the devotees present were served with prasadam.

SRI SRI JAGADHATRI PUJA

হে দেবী, তুমি বিশ্বেশ্বরী তাই বিশ্বকে পালন কর, তুমি বিশ্বাত্মিকা, তাই বিশ্বকে ধারণ কর। অর্থাৎ তুমি জগৎপালয়িত্রী, তুমিই জগদ্ধাত্রী।



We worship Maa Durga in different forms at different occasions; sometimes Maa Kalika, Maa Jagatdhatri and Maa Annapurna. But unlike Durga Puja which is spread over for four days. Jagatdhatri Puja is celebrated in one day in three prahars -- Saptami, Astami and Navami. This auspicious occasion was on Friday, 20th November 2015. After the early morning Sankalpa, the scheduled rituals followed and progressed gradually. Large number of devotees took part in Pushpanjali, havan, yagya at all the three prahars. Elaborate arrangements were made for the devotees to take Bhog Prasad.

After the Sandhya Arati, the attention was towards the stage where the Sr. Citizens of Morning Club were set for their presentation.

Parents always remain worried about their teen aged unmarried girls, especially when they happen to reach home late. The said scenario prevailed in the case of 'Bubli'. But smart, good looking educated Bubli was fully conscious about herself, her future life and her obligations towards her parents. Keeping a balance she knew where to draw the line. The end was a happy antidote.



This hilarious play 'MAYAR KHELA' written and

directed by Shri Sujit Kr. Chattopadhyay, a veteran Member of Morning Club, was a social drama touching our day to day life. Even the occasional intervention by close relatives were equally interesting.

It was an excellent hilarious play and each character did their roles appropriately. The packed audience enjoyed every bit of it and congratulated the Members of Morning Club.

CONCLUDING SESSION OF BROAD-BASED DURGA PUJA COMMITTEE - 2015

The Broad-Based Durga Puja Committee, set up by the KMS for the performance of Sri Sri Durga Puja, held its final session with Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, President in the chair on Sunday, the 8th November, 2015 and reviewed its performance. In his valedictory address, Dr. Ananda Mukherjee congratulated the members for their team work and dedicated service towards the successful performance of 'Saradiya Mahapuja'. At the end of the Session, sweets were also distributed.

OBITUARY

1. Shri. Anirudha Guha husband of Smt. Krishna Guha of E - 898, C. R. Park left for his heavenly abode on 3rd November 2015.
2. Shri. Pradip Kr. Ray husband of Ms. Snigdha Ray of C - 490, C. R. Park, left for his heavenly abode on 4th November 2015.
3. Smt. Sandhya Mazumder wife of Mr. S. K. Majumdar of H - 1465, C. R. Park, left for her heavenly abode on 11th November 2015.
4. Smt. Neelu Rani Tar mother of Asit Tar and Tapan Tar of B - 267, C. R. Park, left for her heavenly abode on 12th November, 2015.
5. Shri Naresh Roy, B - 258, C. R. Park, left for his heavenly abode on 20th November 2015.
6. Shri Arobindo Dutt brother of Smt. Bani Dutt and Ashoka Chakraborty of O - 7, C. R. Park, left for his heavenly abode on 20th November, 2015.
7. Shri Amal Mukherji brother of Shri Alok Kr. Mukherjee of A - 86, C. R. Park left for his heavenly abode on 22nd November, 2015.
8. Shri H. L. Bose of E - 939, C. R. Park left for his heavenly abode on 25th November, 2015.

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

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

Pujas and Other Events

Date	Day	Timings	Event
10.12.2015	Thursday	Night	Sri Sri Kalika Puja
24.12.2015	Thursday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
26.12.2015	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)			
07.12.2015	Monday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
21.12.2015	Monday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
Ladies Kirtan			
07.12.2015	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)			
03.12.2015	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
06.12.2015	Sunday	05.00 P.M.	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at NSH
12.12.2015	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK
13.12.2015	Sunday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Sri Sri Sharada Sangha at NSH
16.12.2015	Wednesday	06.30 P.M.	Prachya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram-Lecture Series
17.12.2015	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
19.12.2015	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Swami Shantatmananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi
26.12.2015	Saturday	07.30 P.M.	Satsangh by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH
Other Events / Cultural Functions			
12.12.2015	Saturday	Evening	Rabindra Sangeet Presentation by Ms. Shama Rehman (Bangladesh)
13.12.2015	Sunday	Morning	Geeta Yagya by Hari Sabha
Puja / Festivals in January, 2016 (for Advance Information upto 17.01.2016)			
01.01.2016	Friday	-	Birthday (Janmatithi) of Sri Sri Maa Sharada / New Year
06.01.2016	Wednesday	-	Kirtan by Hari Sabha
09.01.2016	Saturday	Night	Sri Sri Kalika Puja
12.01.2016	Tuesday	-	Birthday of Swami Vivekananda
15.01.2016	Friday	-	Paush Parban / Makar Sankranti
17.01.2016	Sunday	05.00 P.M.	Annual Children's Day
<i>All are cordially invited to participate</i>			
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Musical Fountain : Daily after Sandhya Arati except Monday			
N.B. Mandir Timings in December, 2015 : Morning 8.30 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. Evening 4.00 P.M. to 9.00 P.M.			