

### CALENDER: DECEMBER, 2017 PUJAS AND OTHER EVENTS IN THE MANDIR

Date	Days	Timings	Events			
Pujas and Other Events						
03.12.17	Sunday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja			
09.12.17	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja			
17.12.17	Sunday	Night	Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja			
31.12.17	Sunday	12.30 P.M.	Nara Narayan Sewa			
	Other Festivals (for information)					
16.12.17	Saturday		Sarsiti Sankranti			
	Ekadashi Days					
13.12.17	Wednesday	<u>-</u>	Kirtan by Hari Sabha			
29.12.17	Friday	•	Kirtan by Hari Sabha			
	Ladies Kirtan at Shiva Temple					
04.12.17	Monday	Afternoon	Ladies' Kirtan at Shiva Temple			
	,		Ladies Kirtan Every Evening at the three Temples			
R	Religious Discourses at Netaji Subhash Hall (NSH) Sri Sri Mohan Sant Kutir (SSMSK)					
03.12,17	Sunday	11.00 A.M.at SSMSK	Discourse by the devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas			
			Onkarnath Debji			
07.12.17	Thursday	5.30 P.M. at NSH	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society			
09.12.17	Saturday	6.00 P.M. at SSMSK	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohananada Devotees			
10.12.17	Sunday	6.00 P.M. at NSH	Discourse by Sri Sarada Sangha			
16.12.17	Saturday	6.30 P.M.	Discourse by Swami Shantatmananda Maharaj,			
			Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi			
20.12.17	Wednesday	6.30 P.M. at NSH	Prachya-Manisha-Gavesena-Mandiram-Lecture Series			
21.12.17	Thursday	5.30 P.M. at NSH	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society			
23.12.17	Saturday	6.30 P.M. at NSH	Satsang by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda			
	Puja/Festivals in January, 2018 (for advance information - upto 22/01/2018)					
01.01.18	Monday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja			
06.01.18	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja			
12.01.18	Friday	Evening	Kirtan by Hari Sabha			
15.01 18	Monday	Night	Sri Sri Ratanti Kalika Puja			
16.01.18	Tuesday	Night	Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja			

Musical Fountain — Daily after Sandhyarati Except Monday. All are cordially invited to participate.

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রবিবার ৩১শে ডিসেম্বর, ২০১৭ সময়: অপরাক ১২:৩০ মিঃ

### **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL BODY MEETING**

Sunday, the 10th December, 2017 at 11 a.m. in the Lawn infront of Kali Mandir.

All honourable members are requested to kindly attend the meeting in time.

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### Structural Concrete Repair of Kali Mandir Dome

KMS President, Shri Ashitava Bhowmik, who himself is a Structural Engineer having experience both in the field of Industrial Design as well as in execution, worked in India and abroad (18 years), inspected the Mandir Dome to assess the damage in the Dome. Generally Domes are designed without any central support but in our case the Kali Mandir Dome is supported by a framed structure at Centre, consisting of 4 columns and Beams. It is observed that the condition of Columns and beams are sound and safe. Only few patches in the Dome slabs/panels have some minor damages and are easily repairable using proper repair materials and procedure. KMS President suggested that specialist Companies like FOSROC (German Company) or Sika (Swiss Company), who produce these type of repair materials and has expertise in retrofitting jobs should be contacted. Accordingly Organization Department contacted FOSROC & SIKA and their Engineers visited the site and inspected the Dome along with our President.

After inspection, FOSROC and SIKA submitted their Technical and Commercial proposals on how to repair the damaged concrete parts using their materials. Our President reviewed the Technical proposals and was satisfied and accordingly approved both the proposals. However, considering commercial aspect it will be decided whom to award this job.

On 29th November, 2017 President along with Mr. Manoj Chatterjee, Mr. Ashish Dutta and Mr. Anjan Mukherjee met Mr. Partha Ghosh at his residence, who was the Architect for the Design and Execution of the three Temples. Our President discussed with Mr. Ghosh about the technical proposal for Dome repair works. Mr. Ghosh opined that the Technical decision taken by the KMS President is correct and asked him to go ahead with the repair work. He also informed that the same advise was given by him to the earlier Committee Member/s when they met him at his residence.

The cost of the dome repair works will be only about Rs. 6 lakhs as quoted by FOSROC as well as by SIKA.

It is pertinent to note that the outgoing Managing Committee approved a budget for the above mentioned repair work in the MC meeting # 15 held on 20/07/2016 at RS. 35 Lakhs. Again the Budget was revised in the MC meeting # 22 held on 28/02/2017 and was approved as RS. 65 Lakhs.

It is now clear that this approved budget by the outgoing committee was highly exaggerated, arbitrary and baseless.

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The sad demise of Shri Mihir Ghatak Chowdhury on 20th November, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. has shocked the sense of everybody. You will always remain in our hearts inspiring us every day. It is he who completed Shiva Mandir, Kali Mandir and 26.07.1943 - 20.11.2017



60% of Radha Krishna Mandir during his tenure as KMS Secretary from 1987-1991. His association with all the Socio-cultural Institutions in C.R. Park will guide and help us choosing the right path.

We will always march forward with his mission as our guiding light and continue at his footsteps on a Journey to eternity.



# From The Secretary's Desk

Respected

Members/Devotees/Readers,

On the successful performance of Sri Sri Durga Puja in September, 2017 and Sri Sri Deepanwita Kali Puja and Sri Sri Jagaddhatri Puja in October, 2017, the KMS witnessed November, 2017 as another significant month vibrant with Puja path, Shanti Yagna, a number of religious discourses and also developmental activities. Thus, I am simply not referring to the above three major Pujas which had already been celebrated in KMS in a befitting manner but the fact remains that there was no toning down of festive spirit in Mandir as performance of daily pujas of the Deities in the Temples, rituals, special pujas continued with deep religious spirit and enthusiasm. Participation of people in all the pujas, including that of nitya pujas, discourses and festivities were so large that it proved beyond doubt that once again the magnetic attraction of the Mandir, is so dear to you. There were as usual Satyanarayan Puja & Sri Sri Krishna's Rashyatra on Friday, the 3rd November, 2017, Sri Sri Shoni Puja on Saturday, the 4th Novembr, 2917, Shanti Yagna by Pranab Kanya Sangha on 7th November, 2017 and Sri Sri Kalika Puja on Friday, the 17th November, 2017. In all these special pujas (including that of Shanti Yagna), orderly arrangements of puja, pushpanjali and distribution of holy prasad always impressed the devotees.

On the maintenance front, the KMS is now engaged in resetting the Mandir garden which was disrupted during the festival season. Seasonal flowers are grown for getting ready for the Flower Show in February, 2018. Our Sebayats engaged in the gardening are working hard. As is well known our motto continues to be "Keep Mandir Complex Clean and Green". KMS is also making other developmental activities like minor repairs and painting of three Mandirs, besides house-keeping initiatives including security of the Mandir.

You must be glad to notice that the popularity of the KMS is growing tremendously. To cite an instance: demands for availability of Netaji Subhash Hall have been growing so much that sometimes we are unable to meet them. Same is the case for accommodation in Sri Balananda Tirthashram

(Jatriniwas) from pilgrims and people coming to Delhi for medical treatment. Sometimes we are at a loss as to how such requests could be acceded to. KMS Library has also become a popular evening place, particularly for readers staying in and around Chittaranjan Park.

But our vision remains - performance of worship of the Deities in the Mandir according to scriptures, service to devotees and efficient management of the Institution. The present Managing Committee, being a combination of youth and the experienced would doubtless continue to do its best to maintain the present tempo of progress and improved service to the devotees. With the blessings of the Divine Mother Kali and your continued valuable patronage, unstinted support and cooperation, we shall achieve in our plethora of activities and thus achieve the Divine objectives. We, therefore, cordially invite you all - particularly the youth and the ladies to come forward and extend helping hands in our mighty task.

Following religious activities will be held in the month of December, 2017: Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja (Sunday, the 3rd December, 2017), Sri Sri Shoni Puja (Saturday, the 9th December, 2017) and Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja (Sunday, the 17th December, 2017). I on behalf of my colleagues cordially invite you to join with members of your family and friends in these special pujas.

By this time you must have received the Notice for Extraordinary General Body Meeting to be held on. Sunday, the 10th December, 2017 at 11.00 A.M. in the Lawn infront of Kali Mandir. Kindly attend this meeting and make the deliberations useful.

With regards,

Dr. Pradip Majumdar

## Comparison of KMS Donation Box Collection

	Year	Year	Year		
Particulars	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018		
Kali Mandir Donation Box	Pronami & Dakshina	Pronami & Dakshina	Pronami & Dakshina		
August	1,47,400/-	1,52,780/-	2,22,784/-		
September	1,51,670/-	1,56,910/-	2,32,316/-		
October	1,43,570/-	1,45,630/-	3,12,070/-		
November	2,17,560/-	2,38,660/-	2,79,208/-		
December	1,79,190/-	1,50,130/-	1,79,348/-		
Total	8,39,390/-	8,44,110/-	12,25,726/-		

### Action taken in November 2017

#### **Guest House:**

- a) A new Manager has been appointed and is available from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm.
- b) Water Jugs/Glasses/Hangers have been provided in all the rooms and additional plug point is being arranged for mobile charging and for use of mosquito repellent units.
- c) Wardrobes are being repaired. New locks have been fixed for additional security.

### **External Painting**

The work for external painting of all the three Temples which is long overdue, started from Radha Krishna Temple. Repair work for damaged/cracked plaster surfaces also finished. We have executed this repair job using daily labours (1 Mason and 1 Labour), and the job not awarded to any Contractor. Organization Department supervised the job and arranged the necessary materials.

The painting job also not awarded to any contractor. We will use daily labour and the paint materials will be purchased by KMS Organization Department directly from the Paint Company.

Mr. Dibyendu Sanyal, a retired Civil Engineer and a Life Member of KMS have been assigned to supervise the painting job. Mr. Sanyal voluntarily agreed to supervise the job without any remuneration. He will not only supervise the job but also will keep daily record of labour and materials used.

### Glimpses of events of November, 2017









- d) 5 Nos of CCTV Cameras have been installed in and around guest house for security.
- e) New Computer has been arranged for easy booking of rooms.
- f) Corridors have been decorated with flower pots.
- g) Geysers installed in all the washrooms in the first floor.

### **Guest House News**

When the new Committee took charge, the condition of the Guest House was no better than a "Rain Basera" with plaster peeling off from the walls, seepage everywhere, dirty & torn bedsheets, uncleaned toilets, half open windows with broken glasses, no CCTCV cameras. This was the condition of Guest house in spite of huge amount of money (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Two) having been spent recently for the upkeepment of the same.





It is evident that the reasons for poor quality of work was due to lack of supervision, bad workmanship and use of poor quality of materials. Though one Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee (brother of Ex-President) was appointed to supervise the job with a honorarium of Rs. 15000 per month.

On enquiry it was found that out of Rs. 15, 35, 252 only two Purchase Orders are available (of total value Rs. 4 Lakhs). There are no other PO or scope of works available for balance of the jobs but payments were made without any supporting documents.