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AN UPDATE ON SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES

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From the Secretary's Desk

Respected Members, Devotees and Readers would recollect that while elaborating the important events held in Mandir premises in the month of February, 2024, I also touched upon the two major events, namely **Closure Ceremony of Golden Jubilee** and **Members' Day** held on 2nd and 3rd March, 2024 and thereafter circulation of Newsletters commenced. Apart from these two major events, the remarkable achievements of KMS during the month of March, 2024 were the skillful management of a number of Pujas and Celebrations, Religious Discourses, Cultural Programmes and a Grand Flower Show.

During the month of March, 2024, the major Puja was **Maha Shivaratri** - a twenty four hour event on 8/3/2024, attracting a large number of devotees from morning till midnight. Our main focus, besides performance of 4 Prahar Pujas was devotee service and to control the continuous flow of devotees in Shiva Temple, orderly way of offerings - ghee, honey, sugar curds, variety of flowers and belpata to Lord Shiva and distribution of fruit prasad during the whole day and also after Sandhya-aarati. With the immense blessings of Lord Shiva and your valuable support and cooperation everything passed off smoothly. Needless to say, on this auspicious day of Mahashivaratri, devotees observed day-long fast, thronged the Shiva Temple from morning with offerings of Panchamrita and bathed the Sureyshwar Mahadeva and offered Pushpanjali. The Mandir complex was tastefully illuminated, resembling it as Kashi Vishwanathdham.

KMS also organised its **Annual Flower Show** in Mandir Complex. **The show opened with a riot of colours delighting the visitors who have noticed the** charming floral display comprising of colourful Dhalias, exotic varieties of seasonal flowers, Cactus, etc. on Shivaratri falling on Friday, 8th March, 2024 was a big draw. The flower arrangement show was equally eye catching. Visitors enjoyed the scene and preferred to name the Exhibition as *Mini Mughal Garden*. Prizes were awarded to winners in the Flower Competition. Encouraging Trophies were also awarded to all the Competitors, besides Judges and Honourable Guests. We at KMS are proud of our Gardeners.

Apart from Maha Shivaratri in the month of March, **Kali Mandir Pratistha Divasiya** was held on 11th March, 2024.

On that day, the Society performed Abhishek, Special Pujas, Yagna and Kumari Puja as per the Shastric embargo. Maa Kali attired in specially prepared garlands along with shining ornaments looked marvellous. Like Maha Shivaratri, Kali Mandir Pratistha Divasiya Puja also attracted a large number of devotees. Decoration of the Temple with flowers, lighting and resounded with Sri Sri Chandi Path, orderly arrangements of pushpanjali and distribution of bhog prasad alongwith your unstinted support made the celebration a well managed affair.

Dol (Holi) Utsab including Holika Dahan was another special event in KMS. The Society celebrated Holika Dahan and Holi Utsab on 24th & 25th March, 2024 respectively. Besides splashing of dry colours and distribution of sweets and Bhog, Shantiniketan style song and dance through Prabhat Pheri in C.R. Park was another notable feature in Dol or Basanta Utsab, as is popularly called. The fact remained that the crowd remained disciplined throughout the day.

There were as usual Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja, Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja and Sri Sri Shoni Puja on 9th, 24th and 30th March, 2024 and these Pujas were celebrated in a befitting manner to the satisfaction of devotees. In the current month, in our regular Puja events, namely, Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja, Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja and Sri Sri Shoni Puja falling on 8th, 23rd and 27th April, 2024 respectively, we solicit your gracious participation with members of your family and friends in these programmes and festivals as per details in the last page of this Newsletter.

I would like to inform you that like previous years, KMS is gearing its efforts with devotion for celebrations of **Sri Sri Neel Puja** - resembling as Maha Shivaratri by worshipping Lord Shiva on Friday the 12th April, 2024. This is going to be predominantly a ladies day as they are expected in large numbers, attired in traditional dresses and will make floral offerings to Lord Shiva. I would also like to invite you to assemble in the Mandir Complex at the dawn of Sunday, the 14th April, 2024, being **Bangabda, 1431** to participate in the Surya Pronam - obeisance to Sun-God. I am quite sure that many of you have been participating in the lush green lawn of Mandir Complex year after year to get the blessings of Suryadev. Further, on 16th April, 2024 KMS will be celebrating **Sri Sri Annapurna Puja**. On that day also we again expect a large gatherings like that of Durga Mahastami for puja, pushpanjali and collection of Annakut and Mulbhog.

In respect of Organisational & Developmental matters, whereas the **Renovation of Jatriniwas (Dharamshala)** is at its finishing stage. Another striking feature was jointly arranging **Free Health Camp on Neurological Disorders** with the Department of Neurology, GB Pant Hospital on 17th March, 2024 at Netaji Subhash Hall. Top 16 Doctors of Neurology were available on that day for Free Consultation and Check up on Headache / Epilepsy / Stroke / Back Pain - Neck Pain / Vertigo / Dementia / Parkinson's Disease / Neuropathy / Facial Palasy. More than 150 persons availed this opportunity.

Coming to the cultural side, I would like to inform you that on 6th March, 2024 at LTG Auditorium, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi, KMS participated in short Drama competition organised by New Delhi Kalibari. The Drama titled SILICOSIS, written and directed by Shri Ashim Banerjee was to the liking of audience.

In the BANGABDA, 1431, further improvement of quality of service to Devotees and pilgrims in the jatriniwas will be one of our priority areas of action. We do hope in our arduous journey to progress with your unstinted support, weighty advice, guidance and participation in this holy task would come to pour in abundant measure to go ahead with the arduous tasks you have been so gracious to bestow on us.

May Mother Kalika shower Her immense blessings on all of you.

With regards,

Pradip Majumdar

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MATRI MANDIR PRATISTHA DIVASIYA



Kali Mandir Pratistha Tithi puja was celebrated at Kali Mandir on Monday 11th March, 2024 with the Sankalpa done by the Office Bearers of KMS. The rituals continued one by one Abhishek, Chandipath, Kumari Puja and Yagna was conducted by the respected Priests. Large number of devotees participated in the celebration, offered Pushpanjali with deep religious fervour and partook holy bhog prasad. Sandhya Arati was most attractive.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP



A Free Medical Camp was conducted at Kali Mandir on Sunday, 17th March, 2024. The camp was conducted by Dr. Debasish Chowdhury, Professor, Director and Head of Neurology Deptt., G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi with his team of 16 top specialists. KMS Medical Team under the leadership of our KMS Member **Dr. Sreejita Mukherjee** assisted by Mrs. Dipshika Roy and Mrs. Arundhuti Bhattacharya were in attendance to prepare and check Sugar, Oxygen, Blood Pressure, Height for 156 patients. The assistance by the young ladies was highly appreciated because they worked very hard since morning.

MAHA SHIVARATRI



Offering to Lord Shiva, predominantly by ladies — married or unmarried are considered as the most pious and solemn ritual throughout India. Keeping day long fast, ladies in their best traditional dresses, throughed the KMS Shiva temple in the evening to bath Lord Shiva with milk, ghee, curd, honey with a strong belief of earning blessings of Lord for the welfare of the family. In Kali Mandir, the entire complex was aesthetically decorated with flowers and illuminated on Friday, 8th March 2024 night, which resembled "Kashi Vishwanath Dham". Four prahar pujas were performed on the night of 8th March in the presence of large number of devotees.

ENCHANTING FLOWER SHOW



This year Nature has been gracious enough to gift the flower growers for blooming their gardens and flower pots. All around there were bright seasonal flowers peeping through their balconies, terrace and gardens to the delight of onlookers. KMS garden was also fully bloomed with varieties of flowers. Splashing riot of colours. As the devotees/visitors enter the Mandir Complex, they were forced to pause for a moment to enjoy the nature's gift and sweet fragrance emanating from them. They store the ambiance in their Mobiles. This spring bonanza was fully utilised by organising the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW on 8th March, 2024 at Mandir. There was tremendous response from flower lovers who did not shy away to bring their flower pots even if there were any deficiencies. Competitions were held for large decorative Dahlias, single bloomed and multiple blooms, single colour, bi-colour and seasonal flowers, special attention was paid for arrangement of pots by the participants. The day long visitors appreciated very much the efforts made by KMS to organise such a magnificent event.



DRAMA SILICOSIS



The Drama Silicosis was staged at LTG Auditorium on 6th March and a review meeting was held at our Netaji Subhas Hall on 27th March, for which it was appreciated by a lot of people.

CRAZY DOL UTSAV



Dol or HOLI UTSAV is celebrated with much fervor in India. It is one of the biggest and most popular festivals for all cross-sections of the society. It is considered as a festival full of colour and fun. After playing Holi it becomes difficult to recognise the people. This festival of colour should retain its sanctity and beauty by using natural and eco-friendly colours to protect our skin, surroundings and planet.



In Kali Mandir this festival of colour was celebrated in a big way. Satyanarayan Puja and Holika Dahan was conducted on 24th March, 2024 and Dol Utsav was arranged on the morning of 25th March, 2024 in front of Radha Krishna Temple. The Dol Utsav in Mandir was of a different complexion. The congregation smeared harmless scented coloured powder on each other and wished a happy and joyous HOLI. Few people of course, did not mind flaunting the traces of colour that had stubbornly stayed behind, after all, this is only once a year.

A Prabhat Pheri with Holi revellers was taken out from Mandir premisses in the morning.





APRIL 2024

PUJAS AND OTHER EVENTS IN THE MANDIR

Date	Day	Timings	Events
Puja and Other Events			
08.04.24	Monday	Night	Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja
12.04.24	Friday	Morning/Evening	Sri Sri Neel Puja
14.04.24	Sunday	5.30 A.M.	Bangabda - 1431 : Surya Pronam / Special Puja / Distribution of Bhog Prasad
16.04.24	Tuesday	Morning/Evening	Sri Sri Annapurna Puja
24.04.24	Wednesday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
27.04.24	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)			
05.4.24	Friday	-	Ekadashi / Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
19.04.24	Friday	-	Ekadashi / Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
Religious Discourses at Netaji Subhash Hall (NSH) / Sri Sri Mohan Sant Kutir (SSMSK)			
07.04.24	Sunday	11.00 A.M. (SSMSK)	Discourse by the devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji
13.04.24	Saturday	6.00 P.M. (NSH).	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees
14.04.24	Sunday	6.00 P.M.(NSH)	Discourse and devotional songs by Sri Sri Sarada Sangha
			Discourse by Swami Sarvolokananda Maharaj, Secretary Rama Krishna Mission, Delhi Branch - will be informed later on.
27.04.24	Saturday	7.30 P.M. (NSH)	Satsang by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda
Special Events			
16.04.24	Tuesday	5.00 P.M.	Cultural Programme on Sri Sri Annapurna Puja
<i>All are cordially invited to participate</i>			