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AN UPDATE ON SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES

**From The Secretary's Desk
Respected Members / Devotees / Readers,**

As you are aware that January is a memorable month because two world renowned persons of India: the great saint, prophet and a world teacher Swami Vivekananda was born on 12th January and the great patriot Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 23rd January. Let us pay our homage to them by remembering their ideals. Swami Vivekananda's clarion call to the youth : *We want infinite energy, infinite zeal, infinite courage and infinite patience, then only the great things be achieved.* Netaji's call to his followers were: *Give me blood and I will give you freedom.* KMS observed birthdays of Swami Vivekananda and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Netaji Subhash Hall on 21st January, 2017. Paying homage to Swami Vivekananda, Swami Amritapurnananda of Ramakrishna Mission (Delhi Branch) in his illuminating speech dwelt upon the valuable contribution of Swamiji so as to reveal the man he was. Speaking on the 121st birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, President, C. R. Park Kali Mandir Society and Secretary General of INA Trust highlighted Netaji's supreme sacrifices for the cause of India's freedom and recalled that Gandhiji described Netaji as *patriot amongst patriots.*

On the very first day of English New Year (1/1/2017) there was a great rush of devotees for offering Puja and Pushpanjali to the Divine Mother Kali and seeking HER blessings for peace, prosperity and happiness. Devotees appreciated the elaborate arrangements made by the MC for smooth offerings of Pujas, Pushpanjali and distribution of Holy bhog-prasad.

During January, 2017 other pujas too were

performed with, reverence and piety. There were Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja, Sri Sri Shoni Puja, Sri Sri Ratanti Kalika Puja, Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja on 11th, 14th, 26th and on 27th January respectively.

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, Sri Sri Saraswati Puja (1/2/2017) will be over. I do hope you were able to participate in the Puja with family and friends and prayed before the Goddess of Learning.

Other than Sri Sri Saraswati Puja, the events of February, 2017 which are worth-mentioning are Sri Sri Radha-Krishna Mandir Pratistha Divas (8/2), Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja (10/2), Sri Sri Shoni Puja (11/2), Sri Sri Shivratri Brata and Puja (24/2), Sri Sri Amabasaya Kalika Puja (25/2) and Sri Sri Kali Mandir Pratistha Divas (28/2). I on behalf of my colleagues cordially invite you to join with friends and members of your family in these festivals.

May Mother Kalika showers HER immense blessing on all of you.

With regards,

Dr. Pradip Majumdar**NEW YEAR 2017**

The New Year 2017 ushered in with a Bang. In "Kashipur Uddan Bati", this day is celebrated as "Kalpataru Utsav" Sri Sri Ramakrishna blessed the devotees present with his magic touch and said "তোমাদের চৈতন্য হউক". The devotees were overwhelmed with his invocation. The Dilliwallahs celebrated the "NEW YEAR's" eve with music, masti and madness on 31st December night. The Malls, restaurants, hotels, eateries, streets were packed to the brim with revellers, whole night. This was the time to adieu 2016.

The new year 2017 dawned on the morning of 1st

January with a pleasant weather, bright Sun-shine and lots of programme in line. This year, unprecedented rush of people could be seen everywhere whether it was a shopping Mall, Recreation Establishments, Picnic spots, or the recently opened Zoo and looked as if everybody with a car in the city was heading to a place to celebrate the New Year with family and friends.

In Kali Mandir, thousands of devotees visited the temples, opened at 8.30 A.M. in the morning. This spirit continued upto the time of closing the Temples. Elaborate arrangements were made by the Puja Division for the devotees to pay their obeisances in an orderly manner on the first day of the New Year. The Temples were decorated with flowers and our volunteers' effort to clean the Temples in the morning, gave a fresh look. In the afternoon about 2500 devotees partook holy bhog prasad and it was fascinating to see groups sitting on the spruced lush green lawn with their plates enjoying bhog prasad and basking in the bright Sun-shine. While departing they looked fully contented after spending an eventful day in an ambience of Kali Mandir.

PAUSH PARBAN

14th January was the day for Paush Parban. Nostalgia moves around this day for superlicious, tantalisingly heady smell of "Natun Patali Gur" (fresh dates jaggery) "Puli Pithe and Payesh" (baked sweetmeat and kheer) served to each one of us. Our mothers, grand-mothers are specialised in this art and they feel pleasure in preparing this tasty desserts at home. In villages this day is celebrated in a befitting manner for the bumper crops.

In Kali Mandir a dozen ladies were engaged in this enjoyable task since Friday morning so that 4000 baked cakes and payesh could be got ready by Saturday evening. After sandhyarat, on Saturday serpentine que could be witnessed at Kali Mandir to receive this nobel prasad, and the Puja Division left no stone unturned to handover a white plate containing one patisapta, a bowel of payesh and a spoon to each and every devotee present on that day.

NOBLE SAINT AND TRUE HERO

ARISE, AWAKE AND STOP NOT TILL THE GOAL IS REACHED - GIVE ME BLOOD AND I WILL GIVE YOU FREEDOM. These were



the clarion calls of the two prophets - Swami Vivekananda and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The joint birth anniversaries of the two noble souls were celebrated at Kali Mandir on 21st January 2017. Our salute to both of them who had dreamt of Free India. Rev. Swami Amritapurnananda from Ramakrishna Mission was the Chief Guest.

Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, President, KMS, deliberated on the illustrious life of Netaji and how he fought the mighty British Empire. Swami Vivekananda and Rishi Aurobindo made a great impact on the life of Subhash. He was bold, courageous and a distinguished leader and he very correctly was titled as "NETAJI". Our present generation has to learn a lot from his chequered life.

Swami Amritapurnananda in his lucid talk on the life of Swami Vivekananda said Swamiji got the strength from his guru Bhagwan Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sri Maa Sarada and Maa Bhabatarini. He could not get a satisfactory reply from any body about the truth and existence of God. Ultimately one of his Professors advised him to go to Dakshineswar and seek the blessings of Sri Sri Ramakrishna which completely changed his life. Sri Sri Ramakrishna was glad to note that Vivekananda was a man who would not surrender without fully satisfied about the doubts and questions in his mind. Swamiji got the blessings from Thakur and Maa and having undergone a lot of trouble and obstacles in his life, conquered the world by his historic address at the World Religious Parliament at Chicago.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

"On your MARK, READY, STEADY AND GO". With the blowing of whistle by the Master, about 50 Tiny Tots in their colourful dresses started their Flat

Race with full vigour. That was the inaugural item of Annual Sports Day organised by KMS in the Mandir Complex.



26th January 2017 was THREE-IN-ONE. India celebrated Republic Day, KMS organised Annual Sports and in the afternoon Daridra Narayan Sewa. The sky was overcast in the morning but gradually bright Sun-shine started appearing as the day advanced. Fully charged Athletes in proper kits assembled in the lush green lawns to display their vigour and muscles. New events were introduced this year for boys, girls, ladies and gents. Arithmetic Race, Biscuit Race, Breaking the Pitcher by ladies blind folded were most attractive items.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Every year, KMS, earmark a day for the Children, a programme by the children, of the children and for the children. The entire programme is conceived by the children and conducted by the children. It is so meticulously done by the children that it is no less entertaining than the elder one's. Full of Fun and Frolic.

This year the Children's day was celebrated at Netaji Subhash Hall on Sunday 29th January, 5 p.m. was the time to start the programme, but the hall was packed with the children and their parents well before the time. Bright and innocent faces of the children, added the seriousness of the function.

Blessing the Children, Dr. Ananda Mukherjee, President, KMS reminded the children that the Hall, where they have assembled, has also been aptly named as "Netaji Subhash Hall", in the memory of the Great Patriot. He drew the attention of the Children about the number of photos displayed on the walls of the Hall, who were all Bengalees and had made a mark in various fields. He advised the children to study the life histories of these great sons and follow their foot steps.



The capsuled programme was composed of Dances, Songs, Music, Jokes and Instruments and the Artists were Ananya, Manaah, Sayoni, Ria, Shweta, Deep, Amritya, Rahul, Shouriya, Prabh, Agneya, Abash, Ayush, Vedika, Shouriyajit, Arpan, Niska, Gunu, Dristi, Sahana, Aradhya, Adwitiya, Moumita, Snehra, Dikshita, Shristi, Sanchita, Bhumi, Anshika, Saridhi, Anuska, Sinchani, Harsh, Jhilmil, Ayush and Madhur.

Each item was widely applauded by the audience and the entire programme was ably compered by Ananya.

DARIDRA NARAYAN SEWA

The January slot for Daridra Narayan Sewa was sponsored by Shri Dipak Bhattacharyya of P - 122, C. R. Park in memory of his uncle Late Shri Janardan Bhattacharyya. We join hands with Shri Bhattacharyya in this noble task.

OBITUARY

We lost few of our Life-Members in the New Year :

1. Mrs. Hena Das of K - 2014 left for her heavenly abode on 31st December, 2016.
2. Shri Kisholay Roy of B - 384 left for his heavenly abode on 3rd January, 2017.
3. Dr. Amalendu Mukherjee of K - 1986 left for his heavenly abode on 20th January, 2017.
4. Ms. Ila Chaudhuri of I - 1718, left for her heavenly abode on 24th January, 2017.

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

Mandir Calendar : February, 2017 Pujas and Other Events in the Mandir

Pujas and Other Events

Date	Day	Timings	Event
01.02.2017	Wednesday	Morn./Evening	Sri Sri Saraswati Puja
08.02.2017	Wednesday	Morning	Sri Sri Radhakrishna Mandir Pratistha Tithidibasiya, Abhishek, Puja and Hom
10.02.2017	Friday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
11.02.2017	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
24.02.2017	Friday	Day/Night	Sri Sri Shivratri Puja and Brata
25.02.2017	Saturday	Night	Sri Sri Kalika Puja
26.02.2017	Sunday	12.30 P.M.	Daridra Narayan Sewa
28.02.2017	Tuesday	Morning	Sri Sri Kali Mandir Pratistha Tithidibasiya, Abhishek, Puja and Hom

Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)

07.02.2017	Tuesday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
22.02.2017	Wednesday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha

Ladies Kirtan

06.02.2017	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)

02.02.2017	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
05.02.2017	Sunday	11.00 A.M.	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at SSMSK
11.02.2017	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK
12.02.2017	Sunday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Sri Sri Sharada Sangha at NSH
15.02.2017	Wednesday	06.30 P.M.	Pracya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram-Lecture Series at NSH
16.02.2017	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
18.02.2017	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse by Swami Shantatmananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi
25.02.2017	Saturday	07.30 P.M.	Satsang by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH

Other Events / Cultural Functions

12.02.2017	Sunday	Forenoon	Annual Members' Day
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Other Festivals / Puja Days (for information)

02.02.2017	Thursday	-	Sheetal Sasthi
06.02.2017	Monday	-	Janmatithi of Shri Shri Ram Thakur
12.02.2017	Sunday	-	Bishnupadi Sankranti
16.02.2017	Thursday	-	Abirbhab of Anantasri

Puja / Festivals in March, 2017 (for Advance Information upto 15.03.2017)

11.03.2017	Saturday	-	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja - Holika Dahan
12.03.2017	Sunday	Morning	Holi Milan
14.03.2017	Tuesday	-	Janmatithi of Sri Sri Ram Thakur

All are cordially invited to participate

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