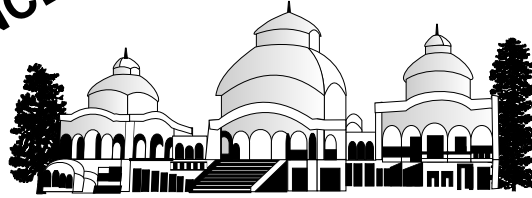


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CHITTARANJAN PARK KALI MANDIR SOCIETY (KMS)

NEWS LETTER

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From Secretary's Desk:

CHILDREN'S DAY

Greetings to ALL MEMBERS, RESIDENTS and READERS,

The whole of January passed under a cloudy sky, touching the temperature down below 3°C. We were in the midst of cold waves for all the 31 days. But the activities at the three temples, garden, dharmashala, library, homeopathic clinic went on unabated and each ritual was performed as per the Almanac. Dense fog did not allow our tiny plants to smile as usual. Hopefully with the present bright sunshine, the seasonal flowers would be back in their form and as you enter the Mandir Complex, you would be refreshed with greeneries all round, clean and well laid out spruced lawns and rain washed temples. May be, shortly, the bone-chilling temperature would say good-bye for this year.

January 2015 kept us in our toes with a plethora of programmes. New Year 2015 started with a bang by celebrating the Children's Day on 10th January 2015 followed by Bani Bandana and Initiation of Alphabets (Hathey Khari) on 24th January, observance of Birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on 25th January and with your co-operation and active participation, all went off well.

We are now gearing up to meet all the Life Members of Kali Mandir on Sunday, 8th February 2015 slated for Annual Members' Day. Please keep that day free.

Kali Mandir is yours and for improvement of various functions of our favourite Mandir, your suggestions, co-operation and support are most valuable to us and would always cherish it.

Regards

Santi Mazumder

A programme for the children, of the children and by the children, was celebrated at Mandir Prangan on Saturday, 10th January. This annual programme titled as "Children's Day" is a great attraction for the children, who eagerly wait for this day. Since this is organised at a time when all the schools are closed for winter vacation, the children have enough time to prepare themselves. It is a wonderful platform for the children to display their hidden talents and getting loud applause.

5.00PM was the schedule time of the programme. The children started pouring early, and by the scheduled time the hall was completely packed. Children from far off places came with their parents to participate. The hall was tastefully decorated with lights, buntings and stars matching with the occasion. The weather was bright and so were the innocent faces of the children, gathered in the evening.

The two hour non-stop programme had catered to all the areas of music. In all 35 children presented different items, Shiuli Basak opened the programme with a dance item on Ganesh Bandana. Megna and Saranya with melodeous songs, a collage of poems by Devyani, Diptaneel, Sukanta, Ankita, Sumana, Joydeep, Subhadeep and Enakhhi, Rabindra and Modern songs on Synthesiser by Agantuk, Sankhadeep, Chirodeep, Dipayan, Anubhav and Arka, modern scintillating dances by Nishita, Sanchita, Diya, Bhavya and Bhumika and the last item was enactment of childhood of Swami Vivekananda, who was known as naughty 'Biley' by Neil Talukdar, Suhani Mukerjee, Anurag Bose, Aditya Acharya, Nishant Talukdar, Sayan Basu Roy, Udayan Das Gupta, Nirmalya Ghosh in different roles aptly. The strong 35 child Artists displayed their talents in a vivid manner getting loud applause from the audience.

The entire programme was lively compered by Archana Das.

In the end, all the children were handed over with a nicely packed New Year's Gift and parents with delicious cakes. A day to be remembered in the days to come.

SWACHH ABHIYAN



Swachh Abhiyan of Netaji Subhash Sangathan, Kali Mandir Society, RWAs and Market Associations went on unabated, storming Market No. 1 on 4th January, Market No. 3 on 11th January and Market No. 4 and adjoining areas on 18th January 2015. The bone chilled winter did not deter the Volunteers to attend the sites on foggy morning when the residents were still reluctant to leave the comfort of warm quilt on a holiday. The organisers and volunteers were quite enthusiastic about the mission to keep their working place neat and tidy. On a subsequent visit to the Markets where the operation has already taken place, it was gratifying to note that the shopkeepers and their Associations are trying to maintain their areas as clean as possible. Thanks to all.

SARASWATY PUJA

জয় জয় দেবী, চরাচরসারে
কুচয়ুগ শোভিত মুক্তাহারে
বীনা রঞ্জিত পুস্তক হস্তে
ভগবতী ভারতী দেবী, নমস্কেতঃ

The week prior to 24th January was a damp week. Suddenly on 23rd January, bright sunshine appeared and the Organising Committees, students heaved a sigh of relief. It was the grace of Maa Saraswaty that a nice weather prevailed and the devotees could offer their prayers in a comfortable manner.

Saraswaty Puja or Bani Bandana or Basant Panchami, Goddess of learning was celebrated in Mandir Premises with usual grandeur on 24th January. This Puja is celebrated especially to empower the students for their knowledge and studies and they seek the blessings of মা সরস্বতী - বাগদেবীর আরাধনা।

After the early sankalpa by the students, the other rituals as per the Almanac followed one by

one. Pushpanjali, yagya, bhog distribution to large number of devotees amply demonstrated the sanctity of Saraswaty Puja being celebrated in the Mandir Complex.

Initiation of learning of alphabets, popularly known as 'Hathey Khari' was the most sought after ritual that the parents looked for, on the auspicious day. It was fascinating to see the little kids carrying slate, chalk and a fancy bag on their back, adorned in traditional 'Dhuti Panjabi' visiting the Bedi site, holding the fingers of their parents, grandparents and waiting for their turn to perform initiation of 'Hathey Khari' by our respected Priests, with a deep rooted belief that performance of 'Hathey Khari' on this auspicious day of Sri Sri Saraswaty, enables a child to make good progress in his/her studies. Holy Bhog Prasad was distributed to all in the afternoon and special sit-in arrangements were made for Sr. Citizens.

After the 'Sandhya Arati' a lively musical programme was presented by a popular singer from Kolkata - Shri Alope Roy Choudhury. He did not confine his presentation in one area only but various forms of Bengali music which touched the hearts of packed audience.

NETAJIS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The clarion call of Netaji 'You Give Me Blood, And I Will Give You Freedom' still echoes our ears. Netaji's birthday was on 23rd January but on account of other programmes in the Mandir Complex, the birthday of Netaji was celebrated on Sunday 25th January. At the outset floral tributes were offered at the portrait of Netaji. Two budding artists - Shiuli and Sagarika presented a lively dance item based on 'Vandemataram Maa tujhey salam a song on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose'.

A mesmerising capsuled musical programme of Patriotic Songs was presented by the artists of 'Jhankar'. The packed audience loudly applauded each item of the presentation.

PADMA BHUSHAN for SWAPAN DASGUPTA

Kali Mandir Society and Residents of Chittaranjan Park are proud to know that Shri Swapan Dasgupta a veteran Journalist and resident of Chittaranjan Park has been conferred the prestigious 'PADMA BHUSHAN' Award by the Government of India on the 66th Republic Day.

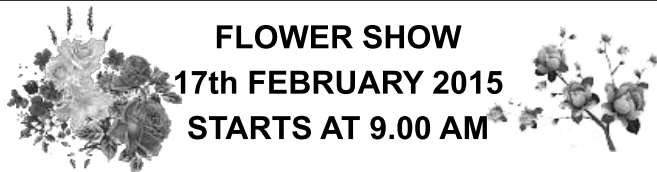
Shri Dasgupta well deserved this Award for his long chequered career and contribution in Media. We wish Shri Swapan Dasgupta a long, healthy and peaceful life and look forward for such glories in the days to come.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

On the auspicious birthdays of our 'Life Members', sometimes, we are not able to send MAA KALIKA'S blessings and prasad to them on account of 'correct date of births and latest address' not available with us. All the Life Members are requested to make it convenient to check if their 'date of birth and latest address' have been recorded correctly in our Register and also provide us e-mail ID for fast communication. This Register would be available on 8th February 2015, Sunday, 'MEMBERS DAY' to enable the Members to check the correctness personally.



SRI SRI SHIVRATRI BRATA
17th FEBRUARY 2015
DAY AND NIGHT RITUAL



FLOWER SHOW
17th FEBRUARY 2015
STARTS AT 9.00 AM



SRI SRI KALIMANDIR
PRATISTHA DIWAS
20th FEBRUARY 2015



SRI SRI RAMAKRISHNA DEB'S
ABIRBHAV AND TITHI

OBITUARY

1. Dr. (Smt.) Roma Dutt, B - 108, C. R. Park left for her heavenly abode on 26th December 2014.
2. Shri Dipak Rag Guha, A - 50 C. R. Park left us on 29th December 2014 for his heavenly abode.
3. Shri Ramendra Nath Guha of B - 193, C. R. Park left us for his heavenly abode on 1st January 2015.
4. Shri Rabindra Nath Mazumdar father of Shri Pradip Majumdar of G - 1411, C. R. Park left us for his heavenly abode on 18th January 2015.

GLIMPSES



'Hathey Khari' on Saraswaty Puja



'Holy Bhog Distribution' on Saraswaty Puja



Alope Roy Choudhury at Saraswaty Puja Function



Artists of 'Jhankar' Group on Netaji's Birthday

Snapshots - courtesy Km. Prabha Majumdar

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

Date	Day	Timings	Event
Pujas and Other Events			
03.02.2015	Tuesday	Evening	Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja - Maghi Purnima
07.02.2015	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
17.02.2015	Tuesday	12.36 PM onwards	Maha Shiv Ratri - Sri Sri Shiv Ratri Brata and Puja
18.02.2015	Wednesday	Night	Sri Sri Amabasya Kalika Puja
20.02.2015	Friday	Forenoon	Sri Sri Kali Mandir Pratistha Divasiya Abhishek, Puja, Hom and distribution of Bhog Prasad
22.02.2015	Sunday	1.00 P.M.	Daridra Narayan Sewa
Other Festivals / Puja Days (for information)			
13.02.2015	Friday		Bishnupada Sankranti
20.02.2015	Friday		Birthday of Sri Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa Dev
Ladies Kirtan at Temples			
02.02.2015	Monday	Afternoon -	Ladies Kirtan at Shiva Temple Ladies Kirtan every evening at the Three Temples
Sankirtan on Ekadashi Days (After Evening Arati)			
15.02.2015	Sunday		Sankirtan by Hari Sabha
Religious Discourses at Netaji Subhash Hall (NSH) / Sri Sri Mohan Sant Kutir (SSMSK)			
01.02.2015	Sunday	11.00 A.M.	Discourse by the Devotees of Sri Sri Sitaramdas Onkarnath Debji at SSMSK
05.02.2015	Thursday	5.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
08.02.2015	Sunday	06.00 P.M.	Devotional Songs and Discourse by Sri Sarada Sangha at NSH
14.02.2015	Saturday	06.00 P.M.	Discourse and Nam Kirtan by Mohanananda Devotees at SSMSK
15.02.2015	Sunday	10.00 A.M.	Celebration of Sri Sri Ramkrishna, Sri Sri Maa Sarada, Swami Vivekananda by Sarada Sangha at NSH
18.02.2015	Wednesday	06.30 P.M.	Prachya-Manisha-Gavesana-Mandiram - Lecture Series at NSH
19.02.2015	Thursday	05.30 P.M.	Path and Discourse by Saccidananda Society at NSH
28.02.2015	Saturday	07.30 P.M.	Satsangh by Satsangee Bhatri-Bhagini Brinda at NSH
Other Events / Cultural Functions			
01.02.2015	Sunday	09.30 A.M.	Annual Sports Day
08.02.2015	Sunday	10.30 A.M.	Annual Member's Day
17.02.2015	Tuesday	11.00 A.M.	Annual Flower Show and Flower Decoration
Puja Festivals in March 2015 (for advance information -- upto 15.03.2015)			
01.03.2015	Sunday	Evening	Sankirtan by Hari Sabha on Ekadashi Day (After Evening Arati)
04.03.2015	Wednesday	Evening	Holika Dahan
05.03.2015	Thursday	Forenoon Evening	Holi Milan Sri Sri Satyanarayan Puja
07.03.2015	Saturday	Evening	Sri Sri Shoni Puja
15.03.2015	Sunday	Afternoon	Sharisiti Sankranti
Musical Fountain - Daily after Sandhyarati Except Monday			
<i>All are cordially invited to participate</i>			
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