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INVOCATION

Circumstance does not make the man; it reveals him to himself.

- James Allen

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Seek not your own life – for that is death but seek how you can best and most joyfully give your own life away – and every morning fresh life shall come to you.

- Edward Carpenter

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It is not the function of our soul to gain God,
to utilise him for any special material purpose.

All that we can ever aspire to is to become
more and more one with God.

- Rabindranath Tagore

Editorial

We are happy to bring out a combined issue of the Indian Messenger, an organ of the Sadharan Brahmo Samaj since 1883 for discussing social, religious, moral and ethical issues, after a long spell of hibernation.

Last year in December 2019 another year was about to complete its journey and we were to step into a new one with hope and expectation. We were preparing to celebrate Maghotsava in January 2020 with the usual enthusiasm. It was also an appropriate opportunity to reflect back on the time that had gone by. We remembered our friends and well wishers whom we had lost in the passage of time. However we were not prepared for the unprecedented situation that followed soon and brought life to a sudden halt. This affected the publication of the fortnightly journal Indian Messenger, the mouth piece of Sadharan Brahmo Samaj. Now that life is slowly getting back on track, we endeavour to honour our commitment of bringing out the issues once again.

We pay tribute to the outstanding personalities who were either born or breathed their last in December. They left a rich legacy for us to cherish and uphold.

We remember them with great reverence. Sebabrata Shasipada Bandyopadhyay, as a great philanthropist and a social worker who died in December 1924. Born in 1840 – Shasipada was among the earliest Indians to work for the rights of the working classes. He founded the Working Men's Club way back In 1870 which was the first of its kind in India. It was meant for improving the lifestyle of the toiling masses, especially the workers in the Jute Mills. He established the Shramajivi Samiti and published the newspaper Bharat Sramajivi in 1874. It was the first Indian journal for the working classes and its circulation peaked to 15,000 copies, a remarkable number for its time. Pandit Saivnath Sastri's famous poem Shramajivi was printed in its first issue. He introduced the Anna Bank, a savings bank, that encouraged the workers to save up by one contributing an 'anna' per person every

day to build up the corpus of their welfare fund. According to Dipesh Chakrabarty Shasipada wanted to create an "ideal working class imbued with bhadrakalok (middle-class) values" and to create "not only orderly but also noiseless Bengalis for the jute mills".

Upendra Kishore Ray Chowdhury too passed away on December 20, 1915. He was a multi-faceted personality, a musician, printing pioneer and entrepreneur. In 1914 he founded the finest printing press in South Asia, called U. Ray and Sons at 100 Garpar Road, Kolkata. He invented accurate and precise methods for printing both black and white as well as coloured photographs and several techniques related to halftone block making. He was a promoter of children's literature in vernacular which was reflected in his numerous story books that he illustrated himself. He started a children's magazine Sandesh that enthralled the young minds. He played the violin and composed devotional songs – no 11th Magh is complete without the song Jaago Purobashi – composed by him.

Dr. Sundari Mohan Das, the famous gynaecologist, was born in Sylhet on December 18, 1857. He came to Calcutta and around 1876 founded "Shrihatta Sammilani" with his friends Bipin Chandra Pal, Tarakishore Choudhury, Jaygovinda Shome and some others. The aim of this organisation was to further the social reform in Sylhet - particularly spreading female education. He wrote a book on midwifery and arranged for the training of midwives so that every Local Board dispensary in the villages of Sylhet district could be provided with a trained person well versed with scientific methods to help at the time of delivery. Sundari Mohan took active part in organising "National Education" - particularly in professional courses of technology and medicine. He was the mainstay of National Council of Education and one of the founder members of Bengal Technical Institute (presently Jadavpur University). He established the National Infirmary which later became the National Medical College. Sundari Mohan was a deeply religious man and composed several devotional songs.

December marks the death anniversary of Hemchandra Sarkar. His literary works include such books as “The Religion of the Brahma Samaj”, “Rammohun Roy – the father of Modern India”, “A Life of Ananda Mohan Bose”, “Life of Sivanath Sastri” etc. But his most important work is the English version of the Brahma Dharma. In the preface to the First edition Hemchandra wrote that the work had not been easy. The beauty and grace of the classical Bengali of Maharshi Devendranath was much lost due to the limitations of rendering it in English. The translator had to choose between the claim of the faithfulness to the original text and that of the requirements of the English idioms. Finally it was decided in favour of the former. The translations were not of the original Sanskrit texts but of the Bengali renderings of Maharshi Devendranath.

At the dawn of the New Year let our prayer be – May we unite across our diverse nations, cultures, religions, and attitudes to save our planet as we know it. May we awaken to Gratitude and Thankfulness for our existence and our planet and foster a spirit of fraternity with people of different religions. Let Truth Prevail – Satyameva Jayate.

190th Maghotsava Programme of Sadharan Brahmo Samaj

18th January, 2020 (3rd Magh, 1426)

6:00PM Kirtan – Conducted by Kamalika Bandopadhyay and Arindrajit Saha

6:30PM Udbodhan

Service : Kalanmoyee Chattopadhyay

Hymns : Kamalika Bandopadhyay and Arindrajit Saha

19th January, 2020 (4th Magh, 1426)

Joint Yuva Utsav Organised by Bharatbarshiya Brahmo Mandir, Brahmo Sammilan Samaj & Sadharan Brahmo Samaj

Location : Sadharan Brahmo Samaj

10:00 AM Divine Service

Service : Amit Das

Hymns : Brahmo Youths conducted by Tania Ghosh Poddar

20th January, 2020 (5th Magh, 1426)

6:30 PM *Book Release & Lecture Meeting*

Prayer : Siddhartha Brahmachari

Speakers : Baridbaran Ghosh, Soumitra Srimani & Rajat Sanyal

21st January, 2020 (6th Magh, 1426)

3:30 PM *Inauguration of Exhibition of Brahmo Samaj Mahila Bhavan Crafts Fair*

6:30 PM *Worship through Songs*

Prayer : Sourav De

Hymns : Sanskritiki Kolkata

22nd January, 2020 (7th Magh, 1426)

6:00 PM *Lecture Meeting on the occasion of Maharshi
Debendranath Tagore's Death Anniversary*

Prayer : Sutapa Roychowdhury

Speakers : Subhankar Chakraborty & Manjula Basu

23rd January, 2020 (8th Magh, 1426)

12:30 PM at Sadharan Brahma Samaj

Balak Balika Sammelan (Children's gathering)

3:00 PM Distribution of Prizes

5:30 PM *Programme by students of Montessori section, Brahma
Balika Shikshalaya*

6:30 PM Programme for Teens

Conductor :Raka Barman

24th January, 2020 (9th Magh, 1426)

Mahila Utsav (Women's gathering)

9:30 AM Baitalik

10:00 AM *Divine Service*

Service : Jayashree Bhattacharya

Hymns : Ladies of Brahma Samaj conducted by Elora
Chakraborty

6:30 PM *Programme on Brahmasangeet "Brahma Sangeeter
Ekal O Sekal" & Release of Brahmasangeet (17th Ed)*

Prayer : Amit Das

Brahmasangeet: Pramita Mallick & Agnivo Bandopadhyay

25th January, 2020 (10th Magh, 1426)

4:30 PM *Service at Brahma Balika Shikshalaya*

Nagar Sankirtan – Conducted by Supratim Chakraborty

6:30 PM *Utsav of Calcutta Congregation*

Service : Siddhartha Brahmachari

Hymns : Conducted by Supratim Chakraborty

26th January, 2020 (11th Magh, 1426)

Brahma Mandir Foundation Day

8:00 AM Kirtan – Conducted by Supratim Chakraborty

8:30 AM Baitalik

9:30 AM Divine Service

Service : Debasish Roychowdhury

Hymns : Conducted by Suranjan Roy

6:30 PM *Divine Service*

Service : Sanjib Mukherjee

Hymns : Students of Brahma Balika Shikshalaya

5:30 PM *Combined Divine Service at Maharshi Bhavan*

Udbodhan: Sutapa Roychowdhury - Sadharan Brahma Samaj

Aradhana : Sunanda Roychowdhury - Brahma Sammilan Samaj

Nivedan : Sourav De - Bharatbarshiya Brohmo Mandir

Hymns : Baitanik

27th January, 2020 (12th Magh, 1426)

10:30AM *Utsav of Sadhanashram*

Service : Salil Hazra

Hymns : Inmates of Brahma Samaj Mahila Bhavan conducted by
Bandana Singha

6:30PM *Annual General Meeting of Sadharan Brahma Samaj (For Members only)*

28th January, 2020 (13th Magh, 1426)

6:30PM *Santivachan (Conclusion)*

Service : Aniruddha Rakshit

Hymns : "Suchana" Conducted by Rita Chakraborty

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DN/a-1044	Bina Das		Mahila Bhaban Fund	200/-
DN/a-1045	Bina Das		Mahila Bhaban Fund	200/-
GL-1100	Chittaranjan Panda		Building Repairing fund	500/-

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T.F . No.	Donor's Name	Name of T. F.	Purpose	Amount (₹)
TF-1063	Soma Chattopadhyay	Soma Chattopadhyay Trust Fund	D O Account	500/-

Trust Fund (Addition)

T.F . No.	Donor's Name	Name of T. F.	Purpose	Amount (₹)
TF- 1062	Surupa Datta & Subrata Kumar Datta	Arun Kumar Das Trust Fund	Education Fund	1,000/-
TF - 1064	Sucharita Dhar, Sarmistha Khetrpal, Rinku Bhattacharya, Suchismita Goswami	Diptimoy Dhar Trust Fund	Building Repair Fund	20,000/-

NOTICE

SADHARAN BRAHMO SAMAJ

Annual General Meeting to be held on 27/01/2020 Sunday at 6 P.M.

Venue: Sadharan Brahma Samaj Prayer Hall

AGENDA

1. President's speech under Rule 14.
2. Annual Report of the Sadharan Brahma Samaj for 2018-2019
3. Audited Accounts of the Sadharan Brahma Samaj for 2018-2019 (March, 2019)
4. Declaration of the results of the Election of the office bearers of the Sadharan Brahma Samaj for 2019-2020
5. Declaration of the results of the Election of the members of the General Committee of Sadharan Brahma Samaj for 2019-2020 (Kolkata & Mofussil)
6. Greetings
7. Appointment of Auditor for 2019-2020
8. Miscellaneous.

Members of the Sadharan Brahma Samaj are requested to attend.

Date: 20.09.2019
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Biswajit Roy
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Sadharan Brahma Samaj

