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February 4, 2017

Saraswati Puja is one of the main festivals of East India which is celebrated on the 5th day of Magh month of the Hindu Calendar, which falls in January or February of English Calendar. This day is called **Basant Panchami** (Fifth Day of Spring) and indicates the beginning of the Spring season.

Maa Saraswati is the goddess of knowledge, art, music, and wisdom. She is revered for her purifying and enriching powers, and is worshipped by people for endowment of wisdom and learning. She represents the creative and inspirational aspect of Shakti. **Saraswati Puja** is observed during that period of the year when nature is afresh and blossoming after a harsh winter. Symbolically, this puja represents the removal of gloominess and ushering in of freshness or the onset of spring.

Saraswati Puja is also synonymous with yellow color, the color of newness and brightness. The main event on the day is the initiation of children into the world of letters and knowledge, also known as *Hathe Khori* in Bengali language.

*Saraswathi Namasthubhyam, Varadey Kaamarupinee |
Vidhyarambham Karishyami, Siddhir bhavathu mey sada ||*

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- ❖ Main Puja - 10:00 AM
- ❖ Pushpanjoli - 11:30 AM
- ❖ Hom (Yagna) - 12:00 Noon
- ❖ Hathe Khori - 12:30 PM
- ❖ Arati - 4:15 PM
- ❖ Biswarjon & Shantijol - 4:30 PM

Event details

- ❖ Kid's Corner - 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- ❖ Face Painting - 11:00 AM
- ❖ Indian Wear & Jewellery Stall - 12:30 PM
- ❖ Bhog & Lunch - starts at 12:00 PM
- ❖ Cultural Program - 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- ❖ Tea & Refreshments - starts at 4:15 PM

Cultural Program

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

- 1) Welcome note by WMBCA General Secretary Sonali Roy
- 2) Program Introduction by Emcees Trisha Pal & Stuti Guha
- 3) Sloka "Saraswati Bandana" by Shashikant Sharma
- 4) Song "Maa Saraswati Sharade" by Anya, Dharmik, Niti, Shayla, Tanya, Ved & Shashikant
- 5) Kid's Dance "Ore Grihobashi" by Adi, Sana, Lyra, Lakshar, Mahima & Roopkatha
- 6) Recitation by Ahana Mallick
- 7) Rabindra Sangeet by Raka Majumdar
- 8) Rabindra Sangeet by Stuti Guha
- 9) Dance "Phagun Hawaii" by Pubali Jana & Moumita Bhattacharyya
- 10) Song "500 Miles" by Sparsh Rajgopal
- 11) Dance "Bahu Manaratha" by Banhishikha Majumdar
- 12) Recitation by Anirban Mallick
- 13) Vote of Thanks by WMBCA Cultural Secretary Anirban Mallick
- 14) Antakshari Contest conducted by Debasmita Chatterjee & Aparupa Guha

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