

*“The Kalpataru Celebration: A Special Event, commemorating the attainment of Sri Ramakrishna as the Kalpataru, the 'wish-fulfilling tree', and the fulfillment of all spiritual desires”*

*❧ Venue: Shella Ashrama ❧*

*On January 1st, 2025, devotees and friends of Ramakrishna are invited to come together to observe a special day of celebration, which coincides with the start of the New Year, and marks a significant event in the Ramakrishna tradition.*



*The day of Sri Ramakrishna's self-revelation is a celebration of his attainment of the state of Kalpataru, where he became a living embodiment of the divine, capable of granting wishes and*

*fulfilling the spiritual aspirations of all who approach him with devotion.*

*As the Kalpataru, Sri Ramakrishna became a symbol of hope, comfort, and spiritual fulfilment, and his legacy continues to be a source of inspiration and guidance for all those who seek to deepen their understanding of the divine and their place in the world.*



Our Master whose words we know carried infallible power, said in an ecstatic mood to everyone fortunate enough to be present on that auspicious day “May you all be spiritually awakened!”. The divine words and touch of the Master in that state created a wonderful mood in the mind of all. They



began to laugh, weep, meditate, and shared in the bliss that was overflowing. The divine intoxication caused the *Kundalini* power to rise bestowing ecstatic visions of their chosen deities and divine light; each receiving experiences unique to their temperament.

The event starts with a Mangal Arati at 5.00 am, followed by a Special puja at 7.00 am, and the Bhoga offering commences at 11.00 am, marking a sacred and auspicious beginning to the day as a gesture of devotion and gratitude.



The spiritual program for devotees is filled with spiritual activities, starting at 4:00 pm with a special program that features Vedic Chanting, inspiring speeches by Swami Anuragananda at

4:15 pm and Speech by Bhakti Ksaniang about significance of Kalpataru Day (in Khasi) at 4:25 pm, and a beautiful : Geeti aalekho based on Sri Sri Ramakrishna Kathamrita (in Khasi) at 4:45 pm, followed by the Evening Aratrikam at 5:30 pm, Bhajan & Song at 6:00 pm, and Prasad distribution at 7:00 pm, marking a wonderful conclusion to the day. The programme was well-attended by approximately 150-200 devotees, who gathered to participate in the celebration and receive the blessings of Sri Ramakrishna, culminating in the distribution of Prasad to all attendees.



As we come together to commemorate this significant day, we pray that the sacred presence of Sri Ramakrishna be with us, illuminating our minds with true knowledge and filling our hearts with pure devotion as we gathered.

