

Barrackpore diocesan report for the month of February 2025

131st Blessed Wednesday Mahasabha



The 131st Blessed Wednesday Mahasabha was celebrated in a very sacred manner at the holy site of Maliapota in Nadia district under the Barrackpore Diocese, under the direction of the Dhanya Budhbar Samity, under the management of the Barrackpore Diocese, and with the encouragement of His Excellency Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty. The preparatory meeting began at St. Luke's Church on Tuesday afternoon. Then the flag was hoisted by His Excellency Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning and Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty. The two bishops released a pair of white doves. The procession then proceeded to the grotto of the adjacent Catholic Church campus, where two bishops and the parish priest lit candles and welcomed the guests. The procession then circled the village and returned to the main meeting stage, where the meeting began. Songs, prayers, testimonies, and kirtans were performed. The Honourable Bishop Dr. Canning preached the word of the Lord and conducted the Lord's Supper on Wednesday morning. The meeting ended with a Nagar Kirtan in the afternoon. Eight thousand Christian devotees from all over India attended the meeting.

Confirmation service at Khari Pastorate



Under the good management and planning of His Excellency Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty, the development of spiritual services, along with the physical aspects, is continuously underway in the life of the diocese. On February 16, the 35-year-old boundary issue of the Mahamaya St. James Church compound in Khari Pastorate was resolved and the work of building a new wall was completed. Therefore, on that day, the work of laying the new wall was blessed and inaugurated by the Honourable Bishop. On this occasion, the Honourable Bishop and Diocesan Secretary Mr. Sukalyan Halder were felicitated.

Honourable Bishop Conduct Holy Communion Service and Confirmation Service on that day.

Women's conference held at Ramji Memorial Church



On February 15th, a one-day women's conference was held at Ramji Memorial Church, part of the Jeadergote Pastorate, with 9 pastorates participating. At the conference, the Honourable Bishop inaugurated the conference by lighting the lamp and was honoured and felicitated by the member of Women's Association. The Honourable Bishop inspired the women through Amos 4:12 and his personal life experiences. The conference featured songs, drama, and Bible quizzes. DWFCS President Florence Supriya Chakrabarty and Secretary Smt. Atreyi Mondal and Treasurer Seema Sarkar, Vice President Smt. Mita Mondal were present and they all gave short speeches and greetings. The conference ended with a prayer by the in-charge priest, Rev. Dr. Surajit Sarkar. The entire conference was conducted by Smt. Bimala Mondal.

Stewardship Program Gangasagar, Kakdwip



By the great grace of God and under the leadership of the Stewardship Committee led by His Excellency the Bishop of Barrackpore Diocese, a stewardship program was held on February 19 and 20, 2025 in Gangasagar and Kakdwip, South 24 Parganas. In about 200 families, the priests and bishops of the diocese, divided into 20 groups, went to their homes with the local people and sang choruses and prayed. Their enthusiasm and hospitality at home are unparalleled. It is truly memorable to be greeted with flowers and feet washed with great devotion upon entering a home. At the end of the day, praying together and preaching the Word of God blessed everyone.

The first Christian revival meeting was held at Bamanpukur.

On the 25th and 26th of February, with the encouragement and advice of the Honourable Bishop, the first Christian revival meeting was held at the Bamanpukur Emmanuel Church under the Canning Pastorate. On the 25th February, the meeting was inaugurated by the Honourable Bishop and Diocesan Secretary Sri Sukalyan Halder. Other leaders were present. The Honourable Bishop and other priests came to the meeting venue in a procession and the meeting began. The Honourable Bishop gave a spiritually inspiring sermon and the devotees were spiritually imbued. On the 26th February, the Lord's Supper was conducted by the Honourable Bishop and the Uddipana Sabha ended with a Nagarkirtan. A large congregation of devotees were present.

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