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Devotional Music by Sri Ajoy Chakrabarty

A devotional musical evening was held at the Ashrama auditorium on 2 August 2026, where Padma Bhushan Pandit Sri Ajoy Chakrabarty captivated an audience of some 500 devotees and music lovers with a moving programme of devotional songs. Throughout the evening, he delivered soul-stirring renditions that combined technical mastery with deep feeling,



drawing listeners into a contemplative, uplifting atmosphere. Panditji also spoke about his long association with Ramakrishna Mission and his endeavour to spread and systematise the classical music knowledge base. The programme concluded to warm applause, leaving the audience inspired and grateful for an evening of both musical excellence and heartfelt devotion.

Relief Work



Mid-day meals were provided on 10 August 2026 to 50 footpath-dwellers around Swamiji's Ancestral House as a part of the Ashrama's distress-relief service activities.

Motivational Programme for the Youth

On 15 August 2026, the Ashrama hosted a motivational programme that attracted over 500 attendees, both young and old. The event featured inspiring talks and practical advice designed to boost confidence and encourage positive action.

Japa Yajna and Kali Kirtan

On 9 August 2026, the Ashram auditorium hosted a Japa Yajna that attracted about 380 devoted participants. The programme



included readings from the Gita and the Chandi, periods of japa and meditation, and interludes of enthralling Kali Kirtan that lifted the spirit of the gathering. The hall was suffused with a sacred, contemplative atmosphere as devotees immersed themselves in collective prayer and chanting.

Celebration of 80th Independence Day

The 80th Independence Day was observed on the morning of 15 August 2026 at the Ashrama, where the Secretary hoisted the tricolour and the national anthem was sung. In his address, he recalled India's heritage of Rishis and Kings, honoured those who sacrificed for political freedom and urged continued effort toward economic independence and freedom of spirit, calling on the youth to work hard and embrace sacrifice to bring greater glory, as envisioned by Swami Vivekananda, to the nation.



Memorial Lecture

On 20 August 2026, a memorial lecture was held at the Ashrama auditorium, where Srmat Swami Ishtavratanandaji Maharaj explained the appearance of Dashavatars to save the cosmic world as a reflection, or a foreshadowing, of the modern theory of evolution.