

Docudrama on Swami Vivekananda Opens Aug. 23

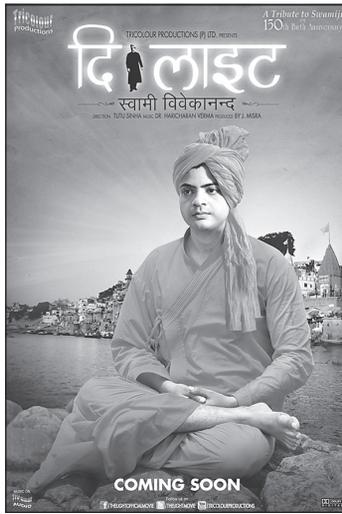
By a Staff Reporter

SAN LEANDRO, Calif. — Director Utpal “Tutu” Sinha’s biopic of Swami Vivekananda, “The Light,” will release in India Aug. 23, according to a press release. The film explores untold stories from the life of the persuasive spiritual leader who is widely credited with bringing Hinduism to the West.

Deep Bhattacharya — who bears an uncanny resemblance — turns in a sensitive performance

as Swami Vivekananda in scenes ranging from his first encounters with Ramakrishna Paramhans to his appearance at the Parliament of the World’s Religions in Chicago in 1893.

A spokesperson explains that the feature-length docudrama is produced as a bilingual with Bengali and Hindi versions, with an English version to be released for the international audience at a future date. For information, visit Facebook.com/TheLightOfficialMovie.



“The Light,” a docudrama about the life of Swami Vivekananda, opens Aug. 23.

SAADA’s First Days Project Welcomes Submissions

By a Staff Reporter

In 1959, 18-year-old Tariq Abbas departed from Lahore and arrived in New York City, en route to Dallas where he had been placed through the American Field Service foreign exchange program. Texas, he soon realized, wasn’t exactly the America he imagined: “I only knew of New York [...] I had no idea, no concept of what to expect or what I was going.”

In 1973, Mamata Misra left

Mumbai for Maryland with her husband of six weeks, and came to her own conclusions about the country she had just adopted: “I realized that for days and months I would be meeting only strangers talking strange and it was up to me to make friends out of strangers and create familiarity out of the unfamiliar.”

These two snapshots form a part of the “First Days Project,” a new initiative by the South Asian American Digital Archive to collect and share stories from South Asians about their first day in the United States.

As Abbas and Misra’s stories illustrate, the first day in a new country can be full of both excitement and anxiety. It was with that in mind that SAADA executive director Samip Mallick began to imagine the First Days Project.

“As the South Asian American community is starting to see its second and third generation in the U.S., it is imperative to begin to document these stories and provide a way for generations to connect with each other,” Mallick explains.

First Day stories will be accepted through Aug. 31 and can be submitted as video or

audio (up to 3 minutes) or text (up to 300 words). Submit your own story or interview a family member or friend at <http://www.saadigitalarchive.org/firstdays>.

Granite Monument Unveiled to Honor Swami Vivekananda

From News Dispatches

THOUSAND ISLAND PARK, New York — A granite monument to honor Swami Vivekananda was unveiled July 27 on Wellesley Island here.

Last summer, the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Center of New York, based in New York City, organized a weekend of events at the park to observe the 150th birthday of Swami Vivekananda.

The ceremony unveiled the etched bronze plaque on a pedestal of local granite.

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28 th Aug, 2013 Wednesday	7:00-8:30PM 8:30PM onwards	Shiv Puran Katha Satsang Shri Krishna Janamotsav
29 th Aug, 2013 Thursday	7:00-8:30PM	Shiv Puran Katha Satsang
30 th Aug, 2013 Friday	7:00-8:30PM	Shiv Puran Katha Satsang
31 st Aug, 2013 Saturday	7:00-8:30PM	Shiv Puran Katha Satsang Shiv Vivah Jankhi
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