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அதரி மகரிஷிக்கும் அனுசூயா தேவிக்கும் பிறந்தவர் மகா நூனியான தந்தாத்ரேயர். சிறுவனாக இருந்தபோது அவரைக் காண வந்த அரசனிடம் தனக்கு இருபத்து நான்கு குருமார்கள் இருப்பதாக சொன்னார். அவர்களில் பத்துப் பேர்களைப் பற்றி சென்ற இதழில் பார்த்தோம்.

'பதினொன்றாவது குரு யார்?' என்று அரசன் கேட்டான். 'விட்டில் பூச்சி. வெளிச்சத்தைக் கண்டதும் அது தன் இருப் பிடத்தைவிட்டுப் பாய்ந்து வெளியே வந்து ஜோதியில் உயிர்த் தியாகம் செய்து கொள்கிறது. அதுபோல நானும் விடிகாலை வெளிச்சத்தைக் கண்டதுமே என் அச்சங்களை உதறி அறிவென்னும் ஜோதியை நோக்கிப் பாய்ந்து அதிலேயே கலந்துவிடுகிறேன். முற்றிலும் மாறுகிறேன்.'

என் பன்னிரண்டாவது குரு வண்டு. மலர்களிலிருந்து குண்டுசி முளை அளவுக்கே தேனை எடுத்துக் கொள்கிறது. ஆனால் மலரை சுற்றி சுற்றி வந்து பாடுகிறது, ஆடுகிறது. மலருக்கு மலர் தாவி மகரந்தத் தூளைப் பரப்பி, தாவரங்களை வினையச் செய்கிறது. அதுபோல உலகிடமிருந்து கொஞ்சமே எடுத்து, நிறையத் திருப்பிக் கொடுத்துக் குதூகலத்துடன் சஞ்சரிக்க வேண்டும் என்று அறிந்தேன்.

என் பதிமூன்றாவது குரு தேவீ. பல்வகை மலர்களிலிருந்து தன் தேவைக்கு அதிகமாகவே தேனை சேகரித்துத் தன் கூட்டுக்குக் கொண்டு வந்து சேர்க்கிறது. சேகரித்த தேனைக் கொஞ்சமாக உண்டுவிட்டு மீதியை மற்றத் தேவீகளுடன் பகிர்ந்து கொள்கிறது. அதுபோல நானும் சான்றோர்களின் போதனைகளைக் கற்றறி கிறேன். அறிந்ததை என் வளர்ச்சிக்கும் பயன்படுத்திக் கொண்டு மற்றவர்களுடனும் பகிர்ந்து கொள்கிறேன்.

என் பதினான்காவது குரு ஒரு காட்டு யானை. அதைப் பிடிப்பதற்காக ஒரு பெண் யானையை அமர்த்தினார்கள். அதனிடம் மயங்கிய யானை அதனைப் பின் தொடர்ந்து சென்று தழைகளையும் சருகுகளையும் போட்டு முடியிருந்த பள்ளத்தில் விழுந்து விட்டது. அதைப் பிடித்து வந்து பழக்கி, வேலை வாங்கினார்கள். புலன்களின் ஆசைகளையும் தாபங்களையும் அடக்கினால் ஆபத்து இல்லை என்பதை அதன் மூலம் அறிந்தேன்.'

'பதினேழாவது குரு யார்?' 'மான். அதன் செவிப் புலன் அபாரமானது. எந்த ஓசையையும் கூர்ந்து கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறது. இருந்தாலும் வேடன் குழுவை ஊதும்போது அதன் உருக்கத்தில் தன்னை மறந்து வெளியே வந்து வேடனிடம் சிக்கிக் கொள்கிறது. அப்படித்தான் காதில் விழுகிற செய்திகள், வதந்திகள், அரட்டைகள் முதலியவற்றை நம்பக் கூடாது என்று பெரும்பாலும் எச்சரிக்கையாக இருக்கிறோம். ஆனால் நம்முடைய ஏக்கங்களையும் பற்றுக்களையும் தூண்டி விடக்கூடிய சிற்சில வார்த்தைகளில் நம் மனம் மயங்குகிறது.'

என் பதினாறாவது குரு மீன். தூண்டில் உள்ள் புழுவை விழுங்க முயன்று மீனவனிடம் அகப்பட்டுக் கொள்கிறது. இந்த உலகம் ஒரு தூண்டில். நான் தூண்டில் சிக்காமல் சுதந்திரமாக இருக்கிறேன்.'

'பதினேழாவது குரு?' 'வேசி. தன்னிடம் வருகிறவர்கள் மீது அவளுக்குக் காதல் கிடையாது. அவர்களுக்கும் அவளிடம் காதல் கிடையாது. தான் காட்டும் அன்பும் பெறுகிற அன்பும் செயல்களையானவை என்று அவள் அறிவாள். வேசி மாதிரி போலியாக வாழாமல் கண்ணிய மாகவும் மெய்யாகவும் வாழ வேண்டும் என்று நான் அறிகிறேன்.'

என் பதினெட்டாவது குரு ஒரு சின்னப் பறவை. ஒரு இரை யைக் கொடுத்திட்டு அது பறக்கும் பொழுது பெரிய பறவைகள் அதைத் தூர்த்துகின்றன. தன்னிடம் உள்ள இரையை அது கீழே போட்டதும் அவை போய் விடுகின்றன. அதைப்போல உடைமைகளை வைத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் வரை துன்பம். துறந்துவிட்டால் தொல்லையில்லை என்று கற்றுக் கொண்டேன்.

என் பத்தொன்பதாவது குரு குழந்தை. அது பசியெடுக்கும்போது அழுகிறது. தாய் எடுத்துக் கொள்கிறாள். வயிறு முட்டப் பாலைக் குடித்ததும் அழுகையை நிறுத்திவிடுகிறது. தாய் என்ன தூண்டினாலும் அதற்கு மேல் பாலைக் குடிக்க மறுத்துவிடுகிறது. அதுபோல எனக்குத் தேவை ஏற்படும்போது மட்டுமே கேட்கவும், தேவை முடிந்ததும் நிறுத்திக் கொள்ளவும் நான் கற்றேன்.

அடுத்த குரு ஒரு இளம் பெண். எனக்கு உணவளிப்பதற்காக சமையல் செய்த அவள் தன் கைகளில் நிறைய வளையல்களை அணிந்திருந்தாள். அவை இடையூறாக இருந்தன. முதலில் ஒரு வளையலைக் கழற்றினாள். அதன் பிறகு இடையூறும் ஓசைகளும் நிற்கவில்லை. மேலும் ஒன்றைக் கழற்றினாள். பயனில்லை. இப்படியே ஒவ்வொன்றாய்க் கழற்றியதும் ஒரே ஒரு வளையல்தான் பாக்கி இருந்தது. எந்த சத்தமும் இல்லை. இடைஞ்சலும் இல்லை. தனிமைதான் சுகம் என்று அவளிடம் அறிந்து கொண்டேன்.'

'இருபத்தொன்றாவது குரு?' 'பாம்பு. அது தனக்கென்று ஒரு பொந்தையோ, புற்றையோ அமைத்துக் கொள்வது கிடையாது. பறவைகள் விட்டுவிட்டுப் போன கூட்டிலேயோ மரப் பொந்திலேயோ சில காலம் வசிக்கிறது. பிறகு வேறொரு இடத்துக்குப் போய் விடுகிறது. அது போல இயற்கையாகக் கிடைக்கும் வசதிகளைக் கொண்டு வாழ வேண்டுமே தவிர எனக்கென்று ஒரு நிரந்தரமான இருப்பிடத்தை ஏற்படுத்திக் கொள்ளக் கூடாதென்று அறிந்தேன்.

எனது இருபத்தி இரண்டாவது குரு அம்பு தயாரிக்கும் தொழி லாளி. அம்பு முனையைக் கூராக்குவதிலே அவனுடைய கவனம் மொத்தமும் செல்கிறது. அரசர்களும், படை வீரர்களும் அவனைக் கடந்து செல்கிறார்கள். யாரையும் அவன் கண்டு கொள்வதில்லை. அவனைப் போல செய்யும் வேலையில் ஒரு முனைப்பட்டு இருந் தோமானால் லட்சியத்தை அடைவது எளிது என்று அறிந்தேன்.'

'இருபத்து மூன்றாவது குரு?' 'சிலந்திப் பூச்சி, அது தனக்கென ஒரு வலையைக் கட்டிக் கொள்கிறது. ஒரு பெரிய சிலந்தி வருவதைக் கண்டதும் அவசரமாக ஓடித் தன் வலையில் தானே சிக்கிக் கொண்டு பெரிய சிலந்திக்கு இரையாகி விடுகிறது. நாமும் பத்திரமான வாழ்க்கையை ஏற்படுத்திக் கொள்ள எண்ணி நமக்கு நாமே வலைகளை உண்டாக்கிக் கொண்டு சிக்கிக் கொள்கிறோம் என்பதை உணர்ந்தேன்.'

'கடைசி குரு?' 'ஒரு புழு. அதை ஒரு குயில் பிடித்துக்கொண்டு தன் கூட்டிலே கொண்டு போய் வைத்தது. பிறகு அந்தக் குயில் பாடத் தொடங்கி யது. அதன் கீதத்தில் புழு மனசைப் பறி கொடுத்து, தான் மரணத்தின் மடியில் இருக்கும் நிலைமையை மறந்தது. அது போல நமக்குள்ளே இருக்கும் இனிமையான நாத்தத்தைக் கேட்கத் தொடங்கி னால் துன்பங்களையும், அபாயங்களையும் மறந்து வாழலாம் என்று அறிந்து கொண்டேன்' என்று கூறி முடித்தார் தந்தாத்ரேயர் நன்றி: பி.எஸ்.பஞ்சநாதன் rankamala@yahoo.co.in

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19 in the fray in T. Nagar constituency

By Our Staff Reporter

There are 19 candidates including 12 Independents contesting the Assembly election from T. Nagar constituency which also includes Ashok Nagar and parts of K. K. Nagar.

The following are the candidates and the symbols allotted to them:

1. V. P. Kalairajan (AIADMK) - Two leaves
2. Dr. A. Chellakumar (Congress) - Hand
3. K. Nagadas (Bahujana Samaj Party) - Elephant
4. K. Ravichandran (BJP) - Lotus
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6. B. Prabhakar (Jharkhand Morcha) - Bow & arrow
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10. N. Harikrishnan (Ind) - Bread
11. B. Kumar (Ind) - Ice cream
12. H. Narasimhan (Ind) - Batsman
13. K. R. Ramasamy (Ind) - Whistle
14. E. Sarath Babu (Ind) - Slate
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17. M. Srinivasan (Ind) - Carrot
18. M. Suresh Babu (Ind) - Glass tumbler
19. N. Suresh (Ind) - Coconut

'Lakshadeepam'

Sri Narayana Kaingarya Chenna Sri Adhi Kesava Sabha Trust, West Mambalam has organized a 'Lakshadeepam' at 6.15 p.m on Thursday, April 14 in Sri Bashyagara Sri Chengamalavalli Samedha Perumal Temple, Govindan Road, West Mambalam. All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 93834 60379.

Rama Navami celebrations

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Anjaneya Seva Sangam, West Mambalam has organized a special program from April 12 to 16 in Sri Rama Anjaneyar Temple, Hanumar Koil Street, West Mambalam as part of Sri Rama Navami celebrations.

There will be Sri Seetha Kalyanam at 4 p.m on Sunday, April 17.

In Siva-Vishnu Temple

Laksharchanai will be performed for Sri Rama at 7.30 a.m on Tuesday, April 12 in Siva-Vishnu Temple, Usman Road, T. Nagar as part of Sri Rama Navami celebrations.

The deity will be taken in procession at 7.30 p.m the same day.

There will be Thirukalyana utsavam at 6 p.m on Wednesday, April 13.

In Sanjeevini Peetam

Sanjeevini Peetam (BRP 1st Street, West Mambalam) will conduct a 'Samuhika Sri Rama Raksha sthotra' paarayanam at 6 p.m on Tuesday, April 12 as part of Sri Rama Navami celebrations.

There will be chanting of Sri Hanuman chalisa.

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More details can be had in phone 2471 2231.

'Patti mandram' on Ramayanam

Sri Srinivasamoorthy Mandiram (Haridass Madam, 56/1, Ellaiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam) has organized a 'Pattimandram' on 'Srimad Ramayanam' at 8 p.m on Tuesday, April 12 as part of Sri Rama Navami celebrations.

M. Ramalingam will preside. Sivakumar, Dr. Rangaraja, Dr. Sangeetha and Nithya will be among the speakers.

C. Sarjora and C. Lalitha (Bombay Sisters) will present a vocal concert at 7 p.m on Wednesday, April 13. They will be accompanied by S. P. Ananthapadmanabhan (violin), Kumbakonam Swaminathan (mridangam) and Mambalam Narasimhan (ghatam).

Sri Kalabharath and party will present a bharathanatyam program at 7 p.m on Thursday, April 14.

All are welcome.

Discourses on Ramayana from Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Vasudev Sathsang (35-A, Vasudevapuram Street, West Mambalam), Pavithrachaitanya Swamiji will give discourses on 'Sri Valmiki Ramayanam' from 7 p.m to 8.30 p.m daily from April 11 to 17.

There will also be bhajans by various groups.

There will be Unjavrithi bhajans at 7 a.m on Saturday in West Mambalam and Divya namasankeerthanam at 6.30 p.m the same day.

Sri Sita Kalyana utsavam and Sri Anjaneyar utsavam will be celebrated at 8 a.m on

Sunday, April 17.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phones 5471 8800 and 2483 4472.

Discourses on Ramayana from Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

B. Kesav Dikshithar will give discourses on 'Srimad Ramayana' at 6.45 p.m daily from April 12 to 20 in Arulmigu Kasi Viswanathar Temple, Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam as part of Sri Rama Navami celebrations.

Summer course for students on Indian culture

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sathya Sai Organizations Chennai Metro West is organizing a free summer course on 'Indian culture and spirituality' for students of Stds. 8 to 12 from April 24 to 27 in Sai Kesav Hall, T. Nagar (near Panagal Park).

Classes will be conducted from 9 a.m to 1 p.m.

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Those interested may register their names in the venue at 8 a.m on April 24.

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சாந்தா: ம்! ஐட்கா வண்டிக் குதிரையைக் கூடக் குதிரைக் காரர் இப்படி மாலிஷ் போட்டுண்டு இருக்கமாட்டார்.

ரமணன்: ஏன்? ராஜா தேசிங்கு அப்படின்னு உவமையை உயர்த்தி சொன்னா குறைஞ்சா போயிருவே? உனக்கென்ன கேலி பண்ணே. முட்டி என்னோடது. அது என்னமோ தெரியலே, பிறக்கும் போது இது இடது முட்டியோட சேர்ந்து ரெட்டையா, ஒண்ணா தான் பிறந்தது. ஆனா இடது முட்டி ஒழுங்கா வேலையை செஞ்சுண்டு இருக்கு. வலது மாத்திரம் கூட்டணிப் பார்ட்னரா சதி செய்யறது. அப்பா! என்ன வலி!

சாந்தா: ஏதாவது வன்மம் வெச்சுண்டு செய்யறதா? ஸ்கூல் படிக்கிறச்சே தினம் முட்டி போடுவீங்கன்னு உங்கம்மா சொல்லியிருக்கா. அதனோட பின் விளைவா? ஆனா அந்த தண்டனையை ரெண்டு முட்டிக்கும் சமமா சேர்த்துதானே இருந்திருக்கும்? இல்லே பட்டாபிஷேக சீனலே அனுமார் பவ்யமா உட்காரற போனிலே வலது முட்டியை மாத்திரம் போட்டு அடிக்கடி உட்கார்ந்தீங்களா?

ரமணன்: ஏன் லாக்கப்பிலே ஒரு தொப்பைப் போலீஸ்காரர் முட்டிக்கு முட்டி லட்டியாலே தட்டியிருந்தால் கூட ரெண்டு முட்டியும் சேர்ந்து தானே அடி வாங்கி இருக்கும்னு சொல்லிட்டு துதுதானே.

சாந்தா: சேச்சே! தமாஷ் பண்ணி வலியிலிருந்து உங்க சிந்தனையைப் புலம் பெயர வைக்கலாமனு பார்த்தேன். கோவம் வந்துடுத்தா?

ரமணன்: கோவம் வரலே. ஆனா இனிமே ஆர்த்தி ஆர்த்தோ கிளிவிக்குக்குப் போக மாட்டேன்.

சாந்தா: ஏன்? அங்கே டீட்டிமென்ட் கொடுக்கற ஃபிளியோ தெரபிஸ்ட் அசப்பிலே அந்தக்கால டி.ஆர். ராஜகுமாரி மாதிரி அம்சமா இருப்பான்னு சொல்லலே?

ரமணன்: இதானே வேணாங்கிறது. தினமும் போன உடனே பெஞ்சிலே அத்தைப் பாட்டியா காலை நீட்டிண்டு உட்காரணும். வலது முட்டியைத் தோஸ்டரிலே வைக்கிற பிரெட் ஸ்லைஸ் மாதிரி வெச்சு அதிலே கரண்டைப் பாய்ச்சறா. அது கண்கணன்னு குமுட்டி அடுப்பா குடு அதிகமாகி தொகையலுக்கு கூட்ட கத்திரிக்காய் மாதிரிக் காய்ந்து கருகிப் போய் முட்டியிலேர்ந்து புகை வர ஆரம்பிக்கிறதுக்கு முன்னாலே அந்த மணியை கிரிரிங்னு இன்டர்வெல் பெல் மாதிரி அடிச்சா ஓடி வந்து ஏதோ ஒண்ணை மொளக்குன்னு கோழித் தலையாட்டம் திருகி சூட்டைக் குறைச்சுட்டு அடுத்த டார்ச்சர் சேம்பருக்குப் போயிடறான்.

சாந்தா: யாரு அந்த டி.ஆர். ராஜகுமாரியா?

ரமணன்: ஆமாம் அந்த டி.ஆர். ராஜ... பாத்தியா? கேலி பண்ணறே. இன்னிலேர்ந்து அந்த முட்டி குளையக் குப்ப போகப் போற தில்லே, அதிலே ஒரு பலனும் இருக்கிறதா தெரியலே.

ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் கை மாறினதுதான் மிச்சம். வலி இன்னும் அதிகமாகி யிருக்கு. இப்போ கூட...அப்ப...ப்பா...

சாந்தா: நல்ல வேளை, நீங்க குசேலர் பெண்டாட்டி கசீலை மாதிரி லேடியா பொறக்கலே. இந்த வலிக்கே ஊரைக் கூட்டற நீங்க தொடர்ச்சியா இருபத்தி ஏழு பிரசவ வலிக்கு என்ன செஞ்சி ரூப்பிங்களோ? சரி அதை விடுங்கோ. உங்களுக்குக் கொள்ளு பிடிக்குமா?

ரமணன்: ஏன் அதை ஒரு நீளப் பையிலே போட்டுக் கழுத்திலே மாட்டிக் குதிரை மாதிரி வாலை விசிறியா ஆட்டிண்டு தின்னச் சொல்லப் போறியா?

சாந்தா: சேச்சே! முட்டி வலிக்கு சூடான கொள்ளுக் கஞ்சியும், கொள்ளுத் தொகையலும் சரியான மருந்தாம். என் ஃபிரண்டு பார்வதி பட்டாபிராமன் சொன்னா.

ரமணன்: குதிரை வால் கொண்டை போட்டுண்டு வருவானே, அந்த லொடலொடாதானே? வலி போகணும்னா கொள்ளை சாப்பிட்டாப் போச்சு. ஆனா கிட்டே வரவங்க 'நங்க'ன்னு உதை வாங்கத் தயாரா இருக்கணும். சரி, தமாஷை விடு. நேத்து டாக்டர் ஒரு பீதியைக் கிளப்பி விட்டார் தெரியுமா?

சாந்தா: என்னன்னு?

ரமணன்: மத்த டீட்டிமென்ட்டெல்லாம் சரிபட்டு வர வேன்னா ஸ்டிராய்டு இஞ்ஜெக்ஷன் தான் போட்டுக்கணுமா. அதுவும் டைரக்டா முட்டியிலே. உனக்குத் தெரியுமோய்யோ? எனக்கு சின்ன வயசிலேர்ந்து ஊசின்னாலே அலர்ஜி. அதுவும் திரும்பி ஒரு மாதிரி நின்னுண்டு அசிங்கமா பின் பக்கம் போட்டுக்கறதுன்னா கேக்கவே வேணாம். தவலை அடை மாதிரி இருக்கிற முட்டி சில்லிலே எப்படிப் போட்டுக்கறது? மினி டிரில்லிங் மிஷின் மாதிரி ஏதானும் வெச்சிருப்பாரோ? நினைச்சாலே குலை நடுங்கறது. அதுவும் போட்டுக் கேக்கலேன்னா knee டிரான்ஸ்ப்ளான்ட் பண்ணி முட்டியையே மாத்திடு வாராம் நிறைய ஸ்பேர் முட்டியை க்னிளிக்கிலே வெச்சிருப்பார் போலிக்கு. (விஜுக்குன்னு நடுங்கி) சாந்தா! உங்க பார்வதி பட்டாபிராமனுடைய கொள்கை என்னன்னு சொன்னே?

சாந்தா: கொள்ளோட புகழைப் பரப்பறதுதான் அவளோட கொள்கை. அவளுக்கு வந்த அசாத்திய முட்டி வலி பட்சியாப் பறந்துபோய்ப் போன வார லேடெஸ் கிளப் ரன்னிங் ரேஸிலே ஓடி ஜெயிச்சா தெரியுமா?

ரமணன்: எப்படி ஓடினா?

சாந்தா: சும்மா ரேஸ் குதிரை மாதிரி!

ரமணன்: (மலர்ச்சியுடன்) அப்போ கமான்!! உடனே சங்கர பாண்டி நாடார் கடைக்கு ஓடிப்போய்க் கொள்ளைக் கொள் முதல் பண்ணிண்டு வா. இஞ்ஜெக்ஷன் கடிவாளத்துக்கு வாய் திறக்காத நான் குதிரை மாதிரிக் கொள்ளுக்கு வாயைத் திறக்கிறேன். jsraghavan@yahoo.com

Support for Anna Hazare, prayers for wellbeing



By Our Staff Reporter

Gandhian Anna Hazare's fast unto death in Delhi demanding enactment of Jan Lokpal Bill against corruption found its echo in T. Nagar on April 7 with Gandhi Study Center, 5th Pillar and other Gandhian organizations conducting a meeting in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya on Venkatanarayana Road.

A. Annamalai (Director, Gandhi Study Center) told *Mambalam Times* that students, Gandhian activists and other individuals assembled for the meeting to express their support for Anna Hazare after being invited orally.

They also prayed for his wellbeing.

Naresh Gupta (former Chief Election Officer) (in picture above) presided over the program.

The students lit candles.

Annamalai said that the prayer meeting will continue from 9.30 a.m to 6 p.m on all days till Hazare ends his fast.

Naresh Gupta told newsmen that public servants must be free from corruption. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, he said, 'People across the board—from politicians to civil servants to businessmen—must be honest'.

Brushing aside questions on the technicalities in appointing the chairman for the Lokpal committee, Gupta stated that the Administrative Reforms Commission has supported the bill. He also stated that the bill was based on the functions of Ombudsman instituted in Sweden in 1809.

More people gathered at the school on April 8. (Picture below)



Reading of Panchangam



By Our Staff Reporter

Vedic Ravi (President, K. K. Nagar Thamizhnadu Brahmin Association) will read out the 'Sri Kara varsha Panchangam' at 4 p.m on Thursday, April 14 in Sri Era Maariamman Temple, Vanniyar Street, K. K. Nagar.

He said that the Panchangam printed by the associa-

tion was released last week and the first copy was received by Seethalakshmi Mahadevan (social worker and President, K. K. Nagar Sahasrana-ma Mandali).

The Panchangam will be given free to members and to others for Rs. 50, he added.

More details can be had in phone 98407 87957.

TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

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During the 1950-60s, there was a distinct trend in Tamil cinema of seeking story material from Bengal, the land of the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, Sarat Chandra Chatterjee and such literary giants. Many Bengali stories, novels, plays and films were adapted for Tamil cinema. Indeed, in that period there were even 'Bengali story brokers!' hovering round Madras studios.

'Kula Deivam' highlighted the joint family system, the need for family unity and widow remarriage. Thus, it was a socially significant film and met with success. Directed by Krishnan-Panju, it had S. V. Sahasranamam, Pandari Bai, S. S. Rajendran, Mynavathi and stage comedian V. R. Rajagopal. He made a splash and came to be known as 'Kula Deivam' Rajagopal. For some years he was a top comedian but later sadly slid down the grease pole and faded away.

The film won a Certificate of Merit awarded by the Government of India. In 1957, Meiyappan remade it in Hindi as 'Bhabhi' and it proved to be a phenomenal success.

While films in South Indian languages Tamil, Telugu and Kannada were being steadily produced in his studio, Meiyappan set his sights in expanding into the larger and more lucrative Hindi film market. S. S. Vasana had already showed the way to that market with his bonanza 'Chandralekha' in Hindi, and he also remade his Tamil movies into Hindi with much success. Madras was fast emerging as a Hindi film production center and others in South India like Jupiter Pictures and Pakshiraja Films in Coimbatore and Modern Theaters in Salem too jumped into the stream. The lead was shown by Vasana and Meiyappan.

The invasion of the Hindi film market by South Indian producers would have far-reaching consequences in the development of Indian cinema in many ways. Ever since movies began in 1913, films made in Bombay and other film-making centers like Kolhapur, Calcutta, Poona and distant Lahore (now in Pakistan) had been screened extensively in south. When cinema began to talk Hindi in 1931 with Ardeshir Irani's historic 'Aalam Aara', the sprawling Madras Presidency and the rest of South India became a vast and fertile market for Hindi cinema. Movies produced by celebrated glittering names of Hindi cinema such as Prabhat Pictures, Bombay Talkies, Ranjit Movietone, Rajkamal Kalamandir, New Theaters, Sagar Movietone, and others were warmly welcomed in South India, and many of their movies enjoyed long runs in the south. Most South Indians did not understand Hindi but they saw the films mainly for the melodious music and catchy lilting songs and for the story content. Singing stars like K. L. Saigal, Pankaj Mullick, Noorjehan, Kanan Bala, Shantha Apte and others were as popular in South India as they were in the rest of the country. The box-office takings flowed in plenty from the south to Bombay and other centers. And for many long years it had remained a one-way traffic!

Vasana changed all that, followed by Meiyappan. For the first time the flow was reversed and box-office collections now flowed from the North to Madras! A historic achievement indeed! Even though many South Indian producers produced Hindi films, the leaders were Vasana and Meiyappan.

After 'Ladki' (1953) Meiyappan did not venture into Hindi cinema and he launched his second project only in 1956 with 'Bhai Bhai'. It was remake of the Tamil film 'Rattha Paasam' (1954) which was, in turn, based on a successful stage play with the same title. The Tamil playwright and screenwriter was C. V. Sridhar - a person who subsequently contributed in good measure to Indian cinema as writer, producer and director of success and merit.

Chithamur Veeraraghava Sridhar, who created film history with his melodramatic love stories in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Hindi began his life as a clerk in a State Government office. He had written plays even as a schoolboy. One of his plays was 'Rattha Paasam' which was staged by TKS Brothers with success. This was later produced as a movie and Sridhar took his bow in cinema, the impressive beginning of a spectacularly successful career in Indian cinema.

(To be continued)

If anything interesting is happening in your neighbourhood please inform *Mambalam Times*.

'Savitri akhanda nama yagnam' in Aurobindo center

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Auravindar Annai Dhyanai Maiyam (10, 45th Street, 9th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) has organized 'Sri Savitri akhanda nama maha yagnam' from 8 a.m to 8 p.m on April 16 and 17 as part of Chitra Pournami celebrations and for the benefit of students who have appeared for board examinations.

Annai Adigal (Managing Trustee) told *Mambalam Times* that devotees will chant Savitri in front of the portraits of The Mother and avatars of Maheshwari, Mahakali, Mahalakshmi and Mahasaraswathi.

He said that members will pray for the students to get good marks and secure desired courses in colleges. Devotees



can place notes describing their problems in front the portrait of The Mother during the program.

Annai Adigal said that devotees will read from the book on

'Savitri' authored by Sri Aurobindo.

He said that a special program has been organized on April 14 to mark the arrival of The Mother in Pondy Ashram.

All are welcome. Contributions can be sent to the above address.

More details can be had in phones 93804 50621 and 98414 25456.

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terminus) last week.

S. Edwin Babu (Project Joint Director) told *Mambalam Times* that those above 55 will be charged Rs. 20 and others Rs. 40. Even this fee will be waived for deserving cases, he added.

Edwin said that S. P. Singaram (Businessman) has provided the premises free of rent. The center is open from 9.30 a.m to 5 p.m from Monday to Friday.

G. Poongodi (Physiotherapist) said that those suffering from cervical and joint pain, stroke and cerebral palsy are provided treatment and counselling.

She said that the center has been provided with modern equipment.

Poongodi can be contacted in phone 98842 08530.

By Our Staff Reporter

Helpage India (a non-profit organization) opened its first

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Samyuktaa's 'arangetram' this evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Samyuktaa Balaji (resident of Prakasam Road, T. Nagar) will have her bharathanatyam 'arangetram' at 5 p.m on Saturday, April 9 in Sivagami Pethachi Auditorium, 179, Luz Church Road, Mylapore.

She is a disciple of S. Divyasena (Director, Divyanajali).

She is a Std. 8 student of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kalpak-



kam. All are welcome.

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All are welcome. More details can be had in phones 98405 66117 and 94445 66117.

Exnora appeal to voters

By Our Staff Reporter

Members of T. Nagar Zone Exnora are distributing pamphlets in public places appealing to voters to exercise their franchise in the Assembly elections on April 13.

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Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

By Our Staff Reporter

Sevas (50, Darga Road, Rajaji Nagar, Pallavaram) is sending volunteers for week-long service to pilgrims in Tirumala starting on Sundays and ending on Saturdays.

Men and women who are physically fit and are willing to stay in Tirumala for a week are welcome to offer their services for 6 hours everyday. The work will be of supervisory nature.

Accommodation, lunch and dinner will be provided free of cost. They can have special darshan of Lord Venkateswara.

Travelling expense and the cost of breakfast must be borne by the volunteers.

Those interested can contact Nalini Ravikumar (18/43, Jubilee Road, West Mambalam) in 99621

Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Shirdi Sai Meditation Mandir (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) there are discourses on 'Sri Saisath Saritha' at 6.30 p.m on Sundays in its premises.

T. Thiruvalluvan (Founder) told *Mambalam Times* that mass spiritual healing is conducted at 7.30 p.m on Thursdays and Sundays.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phones 2643 2323, 4212 5118 and 94444 53777.

ISKCON program in Mambalam on Saturdays

By Our Staff Reporter

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Injambakkam, conducts 'Bakthi Vriksha' programs from 7 p.m to 9 p.m on Saturdays at 28, South K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam.

The program includes bhajans, congregational chanting and Bhagwad Gita classes.

More details can be had in phone 2371 3606 or from Ranga Krishna Das (2474 4900, 98400 27800). All are welcome.

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Die & mould exhibition till tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter
TAGMA (Tool and Gauge Manufacturers Association, Mumbai) has organized 'Die & Mould South International Exhibition' till April 10 in

Chennai Trade Center, Nandambakkam.
Leading global brands from India and abroad are participating in the exhibition which covers latest offerings from the entire spectrum of the tooling industry.

OBITUARY



D. INDIRA
D. Indira (resident of Srinivasa Street, West Mambalam) passed away on March 29. She was 66 and had been a resident of West Mambalam for more than 40 years. Indira is survived by her husband S. Ramachandran.

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Pamphlets appeal to residents to cast vote 'Ekdina paarayanam' in Sai Mandir on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter
S. Ashok Kumar (resident of Jubilee Road, West Mambalam) is distributing pamphlets among passersby on busy roads appealing to them not to fail to cast their vote in the forthcoming Assembly elections on April 13.

He told *Mambalam Times* that he has printed 50,000 pamphlets to start with.

Ashok said that he distributed pamphlets in the senior citizens home on Gopal Street, West Mambalam and among teachers and staff of Sarada Vidyalaya, T. Nagar.

He said that the voting percentage can be increased if



awareness is created among the youth. Ashok has been campaigning for 'whole body donation' for a few years.

He can be contacted in phone 97908 77798.

By Our Staff Reporter
Sri Shirdi Sai Meditation Mandir (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) has organized 'Ekdina paarayanam' from 8 a.m to 8 p.m on Tuesday, April 12 as part of 'Sri Rama Navami' celebrations.

T. Thiruvalluvan (Founder) told *Mambalam Times* that 'Sainama lighitham' notebook will be distributed among devotees to write Sai nama 108 times.

There will be chanting of Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam at 11 a.m and reading from the 'Quran' at 4 p.m the same day, headed.

Thiruvalluvan said that there will be Sri Rama 'alangaaram' for Sai Baba.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 94444 53777.

Special program in Aachi Amman Temple from Friday

By Our Staff reporter
A special program has been organized in Devi Sri Aachi Amman Temple (6/48, Siddhi Vinayagar Street, T. Nagar) on April 15, 17 and 17 as part of Chitra Pournami celebrations.

The following are details:
April 15: 9 a.m: Special alangaaram; 10 a.m: Suman-gali pooja organized by TTD; 6.30 p.m; Harikatha.
April 16: 6.30 p.m: Bhajans by Sathguru Sai Sabradhya Bhajan Mandali.
April 17: 8 a.m: Homam; 10.30 a.m: Maha abhishekam; 11.45: 108 Sangu abhishekam; 6.30 p.m: Pournami thiruvillaku pooja.

All are welcome.

More details can be from A. Muthian in 92831 03990.

Ramana Maharishi Aradhana on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter
Members of Sri Ramana Baktha Samajam, West Mambalam will take a portrait of Sri Ramana Maharishi in a procession in West Mambalam on Thursday, April 14 as part of Sri Ramana Maharishi's 61st Aradhana festival.

The procession will start at 6.30 p.m from B.V.S.N. Moorthy School (Thambiah Road) and pass along Jubilee Road, Arya Gowda Road and Umapathi Street.

There is Sri Ramana Satsang from 5 p.m to 7 p.m on Sundays in B.V.S.N. Moorthy

School.
All are welcome.
More details can be had in phone 94441 72623.

Free eye camp in PHC next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter
Public Health Center (174, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) will conduct a free eye camp from 8 a.m to 1 p.m on Sunday, April 17 in its premises.

Those interested may register their names at the Reception Desk, Rajaji Block between 8 a.m and 12 noon on April 12, 13 or 15.

Banner appeals to citizens to cast vote



By Our Staff Reporter
G. G. Jayaraman (Proprietor, Vani Greeters, Pandy Bazaar, T. Nagar) has hung a banner outside his shop appealing to citizens to cast their vote in the forthcoming Assembly elections on April 13.

ISKCON summer camp for kids

By Our Staff Reporter
ISKCON Chennai is conducting a summer camp for children in the 6-12 age group in various venues in the city.

The program includes slokas, stories, songs, bhajans, mantra meditation, crafts and fun games.

The fee is Rs. 600.

The following are the organizers in venues in the neighbourhood:
T. Nagar: V. Shreerasha, 37/C, Unnamalai Ammal Street, North Usman Road. April 18 to 29. Timing: 10 a.m to 1 p.m. Contact nos: 2814 2928, 94443 50625.
West Mambalam: Rama Bhakti, F 6, Ganesh Flats, 15, Puspavati Ammal Street. May 2 to 13. Timing: 10 a.m to 1 p.m. Contact nos. 2474 0988, 97890 38677.

Sai bhajans on 3 days a week
By Our Staff Reporter
Sri Sathya Sai Samiti, T. Nagar conducts Sai bhajans every week in the following venues in T. Nagar:
Sai Keshav Hall, 157, G. N. Chetty Road (near Panagal Park, Vijaya Bank building): Saturdays, 5.10 p.m.
Ayurvedhaasramam, 155, G. N. Chetty Road (near Panagal Park), Mondays, 6 p.m.
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More details can be had from D. Srinivasa Rao (98400 50875) or C. Ramamurthy (94440 54819).

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