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காட்டுக்குப் போன ஒருவன் தன் நண்பர்களிடம், 'அங்கே மரத்தில் ஒரு பிராணியைக் கண்டேன். செக்கச் செவ்வென்று என்ன அழகு!' என்று விவரித்தான். நண்பர்களில் ஒருவன் 'நானும் அந்தப் பிராணியைப் பார்த்தேன். அது பச்சை நிறம்' என்றான். மூன்றாமவன் போய்ப் பார்த்துவிட்டு வந்து 'நானும் பார்த்தேன். அது நல்ல கறுப்பு நிறம்' என்றான். இப்படியே ஊரிலிருந்த ஒவ்வொருவரும் போய்ப் பார்த்துவிட்டு வந்து ஆளுக் கொரு நிறத்தை சொன்னார்கள். பிறகு எல்லோருமாக அங்கே சென்றார்கள். மரத்தடியில் ஒருவர் உட்கார்ந்திருந்தார். அவரிடம் தங்கள் பிரச்சனையைக் கூறினார்கள். அவர் சொன்னார்: 'ஆமாம், அந்தப் பிராணியின் பெயர் பச்சோந்தி. ஒவ்வொரு சமயமும் நிறம் மாறும் கடவுள் மாதிரி. வெவ்வேறு நிறத்தில் இருந்தாலும் அது ஒரே பிராணிதான்'.

எப்போதும் மரத்தடியில் உட்கார்ந்திருப்பவனுக்குத் தான் உண்மை புரியும் என்பதை ஊர் மக்கள் உணர்ந்தார்கள்.

அது கடுமையான குளிர் காலம். கணப்பைப் பற்ற வைத்தால் இதமாக இருக்கும் என்று நினைத்த ஒருவன் இருட்டில் தட்டித் தடுமாறி நடந்து அடுத்த வீட்டுக்குப் போய்க் கதவைத் தட்டினான். எழுந்து வந்தவரிடம் 'கணப்பைப் பற்ற வைக்க வேண்டும். கொஞ்சம் நெருப்புக் கொடுங்கள்' என்றான்.

கதவைத் திறந்தவர் சிரித்தார். 'ஏனப்பா, கையில் விளக்குடன் தானே இவ்வளவு தூரம் வந்தாய்? அதைக் கொண்டு நீ அங்கேயே பற்ற வைத்திருக்கலாமே?' என்றார். 'ஒவ்வொருவனுக்கும் அறிவு இருக்கிறது. அதைப் பயன் படுத்தத்தான் தெரியவில்லை' என்று பிறகுதான் அவனுக்குத் தெரிந்தது.

ஒரு பெண் தன் சினேகிதியைப் பார்க்க அடுத்த ஊருக்குப் போனாள். அந்த சினேகிதி நெசவு வேலை செய்கிறவள். இவளைக் கண்டதும் மிக்க மகிழ்ச்சி அடைந்து, 'இரு, ஏதாவது பலகாரம் கொண்டு வருகிறேன்' என்று சொல்லிவிட்டு உள்ளே சென்றாள்.

உட்கார்ந்திருந்த இவள் நெசவுக்காக வண்ண வண்ணமாக சுருட்டி வைத்திருந்த நூல் உருண்டைகளைப் பார்த்தாள். ஆசை மேலிட ஒன்றை எடுத்துத் தன் புடவைக்குள் ஒளித்துக் கொண்டாள்.

பலகாரத்துடன் திரும்பியவளுக்கு ஒரு நூல் உருண்டை குறைந்திருப்பது தெரிந்து விட்டது. அதைக் காட்டிக் கொள்ளாமல் 'பல நாட்கள் கழித்து உன்னைப் பார்த்தது எனக்கு ஆனந்தமாயிருக்கிறது. வா, உன்னைக் கட்டிப் பிடித்துக் கொண்டு டான்ஸ் ஆட வேண்டும்' என்றாள்.

இவள் வேறு வழியில்லாமல் நூல் உருண்டையை இடுக்கிக் கொண்டு அவளுடன் ஆடினாள். நெசவாளிப் பெண் 'நன்றாகக் கையை வீசி ஆடு. அதுதான் எனக்கு சந்தோஷம்' என்றாள். வந்தவள் சங்கடத்துடன் ஒரு கையால் நூல் உருண்டையை அமுக்கிப் பிடித்துக் கொண்டு ஆடினாள். நெசவுக்காரி 'இரண்டு கைகளையும் உயர்த்திக் கொண்டு ஆடேன். அதுதான் நன்றாக யிருக்கும்' என்றாள்.

வந்தவள் 'எனக்கு டான்ஸ் தெரியாது. என்னை விட்டுவிடு' என்று சொல்லிவிட்டு ஓட்டம் பிடித்தாள்.

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Radha Krishna kalyana mahotsavam

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Narayana Kaingarya Sabha Trust (10/38, 3rd Street, Ramakrishnapuram, West Mambalam), Ramanatha Bhagavathar and party will conduct Sri Radha Krishna kalyana mahotsavam on Aug. 6 and 7 in Goshala, Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam.

There will be ashtapathi bhajans at 2 p.m and divyanaama sankeerthanam at 6.30 p.m on Aug. 6.

Anuradha Rajagopalan (Secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that 'unjavrithi' procession will start at 8 a.m from Goshala and pass along Easwaran Koil Street, Ellaiamman Koil Street, Gandhi Street and Subba Street.

There will be 'Anjaneyar mangalutsavam' at 1.30 p.m, she added.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phones 93834 60379 and 90428 13964.

'Swathi Thirumanjana pooja' today

Sri Swathi Nrusimha Maha Yagna Trust will conduct 'Swathi Thirumanjana pooja' for Sri Yagnamoorthy at 12 noon on Saturday Aug. 6 in Sri Mukkur Lakshmi Nrusimhachariar Sannidhi, 34/24, Venkatesan Street, T. Nagar.

There will be Sri Lakshmi Nrusimhar manthiram japam at 7 a.m.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 2435 3704.

Preparing for installation of Anjaneya idol

By Our Staff Reporter

Mathaji Kanyakumari (Founder, Sanjeevini Peetam, BRP 1st Street, West Mambalam) planted 108 plantain trees near Earikaatha Anjaneya Swamy, Mamandur Lake, Nathakolla Village, Dusi Mandalam, Kancheepuram on July 31 for conducting Lord Hanumanth vritham on Dec. 8. She told *Mambalam Times* that by December the trees will be fully grown in time for the function to install the idol of Lord Anjaneya.

Kanyakumari said that she also planted several fruit bearing trees and flower plants.

About 10,000 devotees will chant 'Sri Hanuman chalisa' from 12 noon to 1 p.m on Wednesday, Aug. 10 on the oc-

casion of Kanyakumari's birthday.

More details can be had in phones in 90435 68941 and 2471 2231 or www.sanjeevinipeetam.com.

Sundarakanda paarayanam tomorrow

There will be Sundarakanda paarayanam at 6.30 a.m on Sunday, Aug. 7 in Sri Ram Samaj, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

All are welcome.

Aadi program in Moopathamman Temple

There will be a special program in Sri Moopathamman Temple (Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) from Aug. 10 to 14 during Aadi celebrations.

The following are details:

Aug. 10: 12 noon: Special abhishekam; 4 p.m: 'Manjal kaappu'; 8 p.m: Sankar's Sadhaga Paarvai light music program.

Aug. 11: 12 noon: Special abhishekam; 4 p.m: 'Ma kaappu'; 8 p.m: Sai Suresh's light music program.

Aug. 12: 12 noon: Special abhishekam; 4 p.m: 'Sandhana kaappu'; 8 p.m: Dance program

by 'Chiku Bukku'.

Aug. 13: 12 noon: Special abhishekam; 4 p.m: 'Vibuthi kaappu'; 8 p.m: Ashok's 'Lovely Indians' dance program.

Aug. 14: 12 noon: Special abhishekam; 1 p.m: Porridge distribution; 4 p.m: Silver kavacham; 8 p.m: Devotional songs by Sakthi Shanmugaraja.

All are welcome.

'Avahanthi homam' on Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Anusham.com (G-1, Kala Flats, 63rd Street, Ashok

Nagar) there will be 'Avahanthi homam' at 10.30 a.m on Monday, Aug. 8 in Goh Samrakshana Sala, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam on the occasion of Sri Maha Periyaval Anusha Jayanthi.

Shymala Subramaniam (Co-ordinator) appealed to devotees who have collected 'oru pidi arsi' (one handful of rice) and one rupee daily (as directed by Maha Periyaval) to hand over the collections to the organization for 'annadhanam'.

There will be 'annadhanam' at 12 noon. All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 98842 90540.

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Speeding auto kills man

By Our Staff Reporter

Srinivasan (56) of West Mambalam, who was knocked down by a speeding autorickshaw while crossing the road in Ayanavaram on July 31, succumbed to head injuries in Government General Hospital.

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12th Aug.	Devotional Music Krishna Balesh	Devotional Music Krishna Balesh	Devotional Music P Unnikrishnan
16th Aug.	Devotional Music Champa Kalkura	Devotional Music Champa Kalkura	Devotional Music Prince Rama Varma
17th Aug.	Devotional Music Shobha Upadhy	Devotional Music Anuradha Sriram & Sriram Parasuram	Devotional Music Anuradha Sriram & Sriram Parasuram
18th Aug.	Devotional Music Jaishree Viswanathan	Talk on Or Iravil Sri Venu Raza Narayanan	Devotional Music Vijay Siva
19th Aug.	Devotional Music Kamala Ramaswamy	Namasankeertanam by Brahma Shri Sattanatha Bhagavathar & Party	Devotional Music Sudha Ragunathan
20th Aug.	Talk on Narayaneeya Saram U.ve Damal Ramakrishnan	Talk on Narayaneeya Saram U.ve Damal Ramakrishnan	Dance Madhurya Lahiri Sreekal Bharath
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சரக் சரக் கென்று வந்த சத்தத்திலிருந்து தொடர்பவருக்குக் கால்கள் இருப்பது புலனாகியது. ஆகவே பிசாகமில்லை. பேயு மில்லை. நாயாக இருக்குமோ? திரும்பிப் பார்த்தேன். நாயேதான். இன்னும் கார்ப்பரேஷனின் பிடி வாரன்ட் கிடைக்கப் பெற்றுக் கண்ணீர் அஞ்சலிக்குத் தகுதி பெறாத ஒரு கருப்பு நிற நாய்.

தொண்ணூறு டிகிரி திரும்பினேன். பவர் கட்டின் போது பாவிக்கப்படும் பனை ஓலை விசிறியாக வாலை ஆட்டி ம்...ம்.. என்று முன்கியது. அது ஹிஸ் மாஸ்டர்ஸ் வாய்ஸ் விளம்பர மாடலாக உட்கார்ந்து கொண்டு தான் ஒரு ஆண் நாய் என்று பிரத்யேக அங்க அடையாளத்தினால் அறிவித்துக் கொண்டு ம்...ம்... என்று என்னை அண்ணாந்து பார்த்து மேலும் முன்கியது. 'சம்மதமா, நான் உன் கூட வர சம்மதமா?'ன்னு பாட்டால் கேட்கிறதா? அம்புலி மாமாக் கதைகளின் விரசேனன், குரசேனன், இன்பசேனன் மாதிரி விலங்குகளின் மொழி தெரியாத தால் விழித்தேன்.

மறுபடியும் நடையைக் கட்டினேன், 'தனியாத்தான் வாக்கிங் போகணும்' என்கிற டாக்டரின் அறிவுரை நினைவுக்கு வந்தது. 'சளசள'வென்று மனைவி பேசிக் கொண்டு வருவதை செவி மடுக்கக் காதிச் சொட்டு மருந்தை விட்டுக் கொண்டவர்போலத் தலையை தேவியின் பக்கம் சாய்த்து பதில் ஏதும் சொல்லாமல் நடந்து வரும் ஒரு அப்பாவிக்கணவர் என்னைப் பொறாமை யுடன் பார்த்து எதிர் சாரியில் கடந்து போனார்.

இரண்டு கால்கள் உள்ளவர்களையே வாக்கிங்கின் போது ஜோடி சேர்த்துக் கொள்ளாமல் இருக்கும் போது நான்கு கால்கள் உடைய நாயையா கூட வர சம்மதம் தெரிவிப்பேன்? நோ வே! கட்டாயம் ஜாகிங் போகக் கூடாதுன்னு டாக்டர் வேற மிரட்டியிருந்ததால் நான்கு கால் பாய்ச்சலில் துரத்தி ஓட்டப் பயிற்சிக்குக் கோச்சாக அமைந்துவிடும் நாயால் ஒரு பயனுமில்லை என்கிற எண்ணம் மேலோங்க, 'கு! போ!' என்று விரட்டினேன். 'நாய்க்கு இடங்கொடேல்'ங்கிற ஒரு புதிய மாத்திச் சூடியைப் படைத்து மானசீகமாக அரங்கேற்றிக் கொண்டேன்.

வாலை ஆட்டிக் கொண்டு ம்...ம்... என்று தொடங்கிய நாய் ஏதோ முக்கியமான தகவலைச் சொல்ல வந்தது. 'புரியலையே கண்ணா' என்று வாய்விட்டு சொன்னேன். ம்...ம்... என்ற முன்கலை விட்டு விட்டு 'வள்' என்கிற மெல்லினக் குரைப்பைப் போட்டு நான் கடந்து வந்த பாதையைப் பார்த்து நின்று என்னைத் திரும்பிப் போகச் சொன்னது. ஏன் திரும்பணும்? என்பதைப் புரியும் வகையில் விளக்காததால் முன் வைத்த காலையின் வைக்கப் பூக்கக் கொள்ளாமல் நடையை எட்டிப் போட்டேன். பெண்களின் ஜிம்மைத் தாண்டியவுடன் திரும்பிப் பார்த்தேன். வி.வி.ஐ.பி ஊர்தியை ஓட்டமும் நடையுமாகப் பின் தொடரும் சல்பாரி சூட் கறுப்புப் பூனைப் படையாளர் ரேஞ்சில் தொடர்ந்து ஓடி வந்து கொண்டிருந்தது அந்த நாய்.

ஏழாவது அவினயூவில் நானும் நாயும் தொடர்ந்து நடக்கும் போது கடைசிக் காலத்தில் நாயால் பின் தொடரப்பட்ட தர்ம புத்திரராக உருமாறியது போல உணர்ந்தேன். என்னது? நான்?... நான்? தர்ம புத்திரரா? சிரிப்பு வந்தது. தர்ம புத்திரர்



சொர்க்கபுரியான அமராவதியை நோக்கிப் போகும் போது. அவருக்கு கேட்பால் இருந்தும் நாய்க்கு அனுமதி கிடைக்காததால் உள்ளே நுழைய மறுத்த அவர் எங்கே? நான் எங்கே?

பதினோராவது அவென்யூவில் 'யு' டர்ன் அடித்து வீடு திரும்பும் போது கடையே டிரெய்லர் பஸ் மாதிரி நாயும் வந்தது. ஆனால் அதன் நடையை பள்ளியிலிருந்து திரும்பும் ஒரு சிறுவனின் துள்ளல் தெரிந்தது. அடிக்கடி எழுப்பிய ம்...ம்...சத்தத்தில் உற்சாகம் சூயிங்கமாக ஓட்டிக் கொண்டிருந்தது.

காமாட்சிபுர முதல் தெரு மினி அங்காடியை நெருங்கியபோது திருவாளர் நாய் ஆக்ஸிலரேட்டரை அழுத்தி என்னை ராங் டைலில் ஓவர்டேக் செய்து வழிமறித்து நின்று கொண்டு கலையைப் பார்த்து வன் என்று குரல் கொடுத்தது.

'ஸார், வாங்கின பிஸ்கெட் பாக்கெட்டை மறந்து விட்டுட்டுப் போயிட்டீங்கே? இந்தாங்க' என்று கடைப் பையன் வெளியே வந்து கொடுத்தான். 'ஸ்வாஹா' என்ற உச்சாடனத்துடன் விடப் படும் நெய்யை எதிர்நோக்கும் தியைப் போல என்னுடைய காலை வேளை டயாபடீஸ் பசிக்குத் தீனியாக வாங்கின ஆரோ ருட் பிஸ்கெட்.

நாய் வாலை ஆட்டியது. எச்சில் சொட்டும் சிவப்பு நாக்கை முழு நீளம் நீட்டி மறுபடியும் வாலை சரக் சரக் கென்று துரித கதியில் ஆட்டியது. ம்...ம்...என்று முன்கியது.

பாக்கெட்டைப் பிரித்து பிஸ்கெட்டுகளை நாயின் முன்னே பரவலாகப் போட்டேன். தின்ன ஆரம்பிக்கும் முன் அது என்னைப் பார்த்த ஆழ்ந்த பார்வை, 'உன் கூட அசோக் நகருக்கு என்ன? சொர்க்கபுரிக்கே தொடர்ந்து வருவேன்' என்று உறுதி மொழி அளிப்பது போலத் தோன்றியது.

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Aurobindo birthday celebrations from Aug.13



By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Annai Ashramam (10, 45th Street, 9th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) has organized 'Savitri maha naama velvi' from 8 a.m to 8 p.m on Aug. 13, 14 and 15

as part of Sri Aurobindo's 139th birthday (Aug.15) celebrations.

Annai Adigal (Founder) told *Mambalam Times* that devotees will read 'Sri Savitri' on all three days and drop their



prayer letters in the divine box.

He said that pictures of The Mother (Mahalakshmi avathar) (for income) and Maha Kali (to prevent evil), Sri Savitri mantra card and a di-

vine book are being distributed among members of the center.

All are welcome.

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

Special homams, Sundaramurthy Swamigal Guru pooja

By Our Staff Reporter

Akila India Aadhisaiiva Sivachariyargal Seva Sangam (41/19, South Usman Road, T. Nagar) has organized special homams and Sri Sundaramurthy Swamigal Guru pooja on Aug. 6 and 7 in Gandhimadhi Kalyana Mandapam, South Boag Road, T. Nagar.

The following are details:

Aug. 6: 5 a.m.: Homam and Veda paarayanam; 9 a.m.: Sathsang; 11 a.m.: Sri Sundaramoorthy Swamigal maha abhishekam; 5 p.m.: Maha sankalapam and Sadhachandi paarayanam.

Aug. 7: 5 a.m.: Sadachandi homam; 10 a.m.: 108 Suvasini pooja; 11 a.m.: Deeparathanai; 6 p.m.: Dance program.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 99622 83882.

'Spiritual doubt clearing meet' tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Vaithika Sri (448, TTK Road, Alwarpet) will conduct its monthly 'Spiritual doubt clearing meeting' from 3 p.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, Aug. 7 in Ayo dhya Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

More details can be had in phone 2489 3077.

All are welcome.

He seeks renovation of dilapidated temples

By Our Staff Reporter

Mahendranvadi Umasankaran (resident of Sri Krupa Flats, 1, 57th Street, Ashok Nagar) has written three books on ancient temples in Tamilnadu which have remained in a dilapidated condition for several years with the hope that people reading them will come forward to arrange for their renovation.

He told *Mambalam Times* that he is ready to offer guid-



ance to anyone interested in renovating them.

He has listed more than 250 such temples in his books.

Daily poojas are being conducted only in a few of them, he added.

His books are 'Thiruthalanganal Narpattu', 'Arultharum Thamizh Aalayamgal' and 'Muthanakovilgal 36'.

Umasankaran, an insurance agent, gathered details during his travel all over the State. He can be contacted in phone 2489 7366.

1 lakh bangles used to adorn Amman idol

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 1 lakh glass bangles were used to adorn the presiding deity in Arulmigu Sri Muthalamman Temple (241, Lake View Road, Nellakupam, West Mambalam) on Aug. 2 as part of Aadi Pooram celebrations

C. Balasubramania Sivachariar (Purohit) told *Mambalam Times* that bangles are being given to devotees from 6 a.m to 11 a.m and 5.30 p.m to 9 p.m daily.

There will be special abhishekham, porridge distribution and special pooja at 6 p.m on Sunday, Aug. 7.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 94444 62116.



Mahaperiyaval anusham jayanthi

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Baktha Jana Trust (4, K. V. Colony 3rd Street, West Mambalam), there will be go-pooja, avahanthi homam and Sri Suktha homam at 9 a.m on Monday, Aug. 8 in its premises as part of Sri Mahaperiyaval anusham jayanthi.

The idol of Sri Mahaperiyaval will be taken in procession at 8 p.m the same day along Lake View Road, Rajaji Street and other streets.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 2371 1971.

Blood donation camp tomorrow

Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya Matriculation School (Postal Colony 4th Street, West Mambalam) has organized a blood donation camp from 8 a.m to 12 noon on Sunday, Aug. 7 in its premises. The camp will be inaugurated by K. S. Harish (Test Analyst, Cognizant Technology Solutions).

A team of doctors from Rotary Central T.T.K.V.H.S. Blood Bank will collect the blood.

Sai bhajans this evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Sai bhajans will be conducted from 6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m on Saturday, Aug. 6 in All India Naidu Sangam (1, Sarangapani Street, T. Nagar). All are welcome.

20-ft Amman idol for festival

By Our Staff Reporter

A 20-ft tall plaster of Paris idol of Karumari Amman is getting ready for installation on New Boag Road, T. Nagar in connection with the Aadi - festival in Sri Muthumari Amman Temple in adjoining Corporation Colony 2nd Street, T. Nagar.

The organizers told *Mambalam Times* that idol is being made at a cost of nearly Rs.1.5 lakh.



TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

THE AVM STORY - 75

A cursory glance at the 'Matrimonial, columns of Indian newspapers reveal the preference and prejudice. 'Wanted fair bride.....!', so run the advertisements.

The aversion towards black skin in women seems to be deeply embedded in the Hindu male psyche. It was indeed commendable that Meiyappan chose to take this theme in 'Naanum Oru Penn'. Not many films focused on this socially relevant theme have been produced in India. Not many would risk such ventures except pioneers and socially conscious filmmakers.

This film was produced under the banner of Murugan Brothers, a partnership firm with the sons of Meiyappan - Murugan, Kumaran and Saravanan - who were now fully involved in film production.

The dark-skinned woman who suffered in her married home was played with immense depth and empathy by C. R. Vijayakumari. A sensitive actress, she was good in such roles and her performance struck deep sympathetic chords in both female and male moviegoers and it led to the success of the film.

Her husband in the movie was the Tamil film star S. S. Rajendran (also her husband in her private life at that time). Two great actors and popular stars also had roles in the success. One was S. V. Ranga Rao and M.R. Radha.

S.V. Ranga Rao (1918-1974) was a much talented multi-lingual star and actor of high order and merit who could carry any role with depth, feeling and conviction. M.R. Radha was a stage and screen star and cult figure of his day. In his heydays he was a major draw with his roles of villainy.

In 'Naanum Oru Penn', the dark woman is unlettered too and the villains try to take advantage of her illiteracy but she turns the tables against them and emerges victorious, astonishing one and all. The positive approach of an oppressed woman fighting the system and winning appealed to audiences and the film was a solid hit. It won the President's Silver Medal for the Best Regional Film of 1963. It also won other awards from the Filmfare Magazine, Bombay, and Film Fans' Association, Madras for the Best Tamil Film.

'Naanum Oru Penn' was remade in Hindi as 'Mein Bhi Ladki Hoon' (1964) with Meena Kumari in the lead role as the dark-skinned woman and the Hindi film star Dharmendra as hero. It was also produced in Telugu as 'Naadhi Aada Janme' (1965) with N. T. Rama Rao and Savithri in lead roles. The remakes too were directed by Thirulokachandar.

By now Thirulokachandar was well established as talented filmmaker and he moved ahead making more hits. Later he turned producer too, thanks to the initial break and backing given by Meiyappan.

His next film for his alma mater was 'Kaakkum Karangal' (1965). It had the star pair S.S. Rajendran and C.R. Vijayakumari in the lead roles and the plot line was inspired by the famous best-selling Somerset Maugham novel, 'The Painted Veil.' This film too fared well.

With a well-equipped and managerially organized studio with excellent technicians and film production facilities under his wings, Meiyappan had many producers coming to him to make pictures as joint ventures. As an enterprising entrepreneur and shrewd businessman, he offered them his studio facilities as a package deal for a share in the film and its profits. He gave them raw film stock too. In the credits of such films the AVM Productions banner did not appear along with those of the producers. However many such films were not only successful at the box-office but also became memorable movies. They proved profitable for Meiyappan and also gave him the pleasure and satisfaction of having contributed much to their making in his studio.

It all began in Tamil with 'Kula Deivam' (1956) and such films included 'Deiva Piravi' (1960), 'Paava Mannippu' (1961), 'Paarthaal Pasi Theerum' (1962). 'Pacchai Vilakku' (1964), and 'Babu' (1971). Interestingly Sivaji Ganesan played the lead role in all of them (except 'Kula Deivam').

(To be continued)

Project to construct shelter for special kids

By Our Staff Reporter

Rotary Club of Madras Centenary Commemoration and Rotary Club of Madras North jointly launched 'Embrace Shelter' project for constructing 'Arvind Ashram' to house special children being taken care of by Arvind Foundation (6th Sector, K. K. Nagar) on July 25.

S. Kannan, who has taken charge as President of Rotary Club of Madras Centenary Commemoration, told *Mambalam Times* that A. Sampathkumar (Governor, Rotary District) and V. Vaikunth (Former



DGP) jointly released a letter appealing for donations which was received by Athmaraj and Sudha Athmaraj (Founders, Arvind Foundation).

Kannan said that they plan to raise Rs. 89 lakhs for constructing the building for 'Arvind Ashram'.

He said that the Club has organized a music program by S. P. Balasubramaniam (Playback singer) in Kamaraj Hall, Teynampet on Oct. 8 to raise funds.

More details can be had in phones 93810 41949 and 98410 05231.

Guide signs for road users



By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation has started installing signs indicating the presence of bus-stops, gaps in the median, petrol bunks etc. for the guidance of road users.

Free Narayaneeyam classes for women



By Our Staff Reporter

Bhama Krishna (resident of Anna Nagar) conducts free Narayaneeyam classes for women from 11 a.m to 1 p.m on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in Sri Sarva Priya Maha Ganapathi Temple (junction of Moorthy Street Extension, West Mambalam and 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar, near GRT School).

She told *Mambalam Times* that more than 50 women are attending the classes which were started last week. Others too are welcome.



Bhama is a disciple of late Venkateswaran Gururaj (Bombay).

She was inspired by Srivatsa Jayarama Sharma, she added.

Bhama said that she learnt Narayaneeyam in 1975 after shifting from Bombay. She started conducting free classes in Anna Nagar in 1990. She has also conducted classes in T. Nagar, K. K. Nagar, Thiruvanniyur, Nungambakkam and other areas in the city.

She can be contacted in phone 97909 44800.

Aavani Avittam next Saturday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Anjaneya Seva Sabha, there will be 'Rig Veda Upakarma' at 6.30 a.m and 8.30 a.m on Saturday, Aug. 13 in Sri Rama Anjaneyar Temple, Hanumar Koil Street, West Mambalam.

There will be 'Yajur Veda Upakarma' at 7.30 a.m and 9 a.m in Guru Kripa, 26/17, Venkatachalam Street, West Mambalam on the same day.

More details can be had in telephone number 91766 20760.

Changes in timing for issuing disability certificates

By Our Staff Reporter

The Government has announced changes in the timing for issue of disability certificates by State Resource cum Training Center, 15th Avenue, Ashok Nagar (behind K. K. Nagar Peripheral Hospital) with effect from Tuesday, Aug. 2. An official press released said that for hearing and visu-

ally impaired persons it will be issued on Mondays; for locomotor handicapped/cerebral palsy/leprosy cured on Tuesdays; and for those having mental retardation, multiple disability, autism and mental illness on Fridays.

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By **M. A. SADANAND**

Yeddiyurappa's miner-gang ran smack into a boulder named Hegde and the honest Indian shouted 'Eureka'. Law and justice have for the nonce overrun the maggots because there are still honest legal eagles like friend Hegde and the dedicated group of lieutenants who provided him with the armament scattered aplenty by the thieving horde. The billion plus of this God-filled country say "Thank you, Santhosh".

Justice K. S. Hegde, father of Santhosh, was in the line of succession to be the Chief Justice of India but Prime Minister Indira Gandhi ignored the queue and plopped a pliable friend on the judicial throne. Hegde and three others, men of flesh and steel minds, resigned at this obvious dishonesty of the executive.

Santhosh, the intrepid son of K. S. Hegde, could not hail the iron lobby and say, "Well done, boys. Dig and be merry since the natural resources of the country belong to all, and the fact that the iron ores happen to be in Bellary does not disqualify you from your ambitious project of exploiting the boon and sharing it with your citizen brothers who receive a paltry pay from the public coffers".

I, a Keraliyan, did my B.A. in Presidency College Madras where a tall gangling guy named Chandrasekhar Hegde used to sit next to me. I do not know if Santhosh is related to him, but, from our association for two years in B.A., I looked upon the sect as an intellectually higher one than common clay.

Chandrasekhar Hegde strayed into a mighty pharmaceutical Company and retired as G.M about 4 years ago, and a friend of 50 years became dust on a fell evening when he was watering his plants, leaving the world to darkness and to me. I am one up on him because it is good to be alive.

Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays

By **Our Staff Reporter**

Sri Ramana Baktha Samajam, West Mambalam (BVSN Moorthy School, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam) conducts the following program on Sundays:

- 5 p.m: Veda paarayanam
- 5.30 p.m: Ramana Maharishi's Aksharamanamalai.
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- All are welcome.
- More details can be had in phone 94441 72623.
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Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

By **Our Staff Reporter**

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ISKCON program in Mambalam

By **Our Staff Reporter**

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By Our Staff Reporter

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By Our Staff Reporter

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By Our Staff Reporter

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Sai bhajans on 3 days a week

By Our Staff Reporter

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More details can be had from D. Srinivasa Rao (98400 50875) or C. Ramamurthy (94440 54819).

Advocate held for bid to sell property

By Our Staff Reporter

The Central Crime Branch police arrested Muruganandham (40), an advocate, on Aug. 4 on charges of trying to sell a property in T. Nagar using bogus documents.

Indira Devaraj (61) alleged in her complaint to Commissioner of Police J. K. Tripathy that Muruganandham (40) created a bogus 'Power of Attorney' and attempted to sell her property located on Sivagnanam Road. The accused person allegedly pasted the woman's photograph and forged her signature.

A special team formed to investigate the case arrested Muruganandham.

More special buses for school students

By Our Staff Reporter

Metropolitan Transport Corporation has introduced 16 more special buses for school students.

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Residents' bid to save trees from axe



Residents of Nandanam 1st Street Extension launched a signature campaign last week to prevent Corporation workers cutting two avenue trees for connecting stormwater drains. K. Sriram (resident) told *Mambalam Times* that residents protested when workers came to cut the trees on July 30. They argued that when the



Corporation could dig the trench for the stormwater drain skirting trees in other streets in Nandanam (top right picture) they could do the same in their street also.

There appears to be a stalemate with the residents set to present the memorandum to higher officials to save the trees and Corporation officials remaining uncertain.

Playground taken over for stormwater drain work



By Our Staff Reporter

The Corporation Playground on Nandanam 1st Street is being used for work related to construction of stormwater drains for roads in the city which will be completed in two years. During this period the playground cannot be used by residents, an official told *Mambalam Times* on Aug. 1.

He said that shelters have been provided in the ground for hundreds of labourers engaged

in the work.

Residents said that when the Corporation took over the playground 6 months ago they thought that the work would be completed in a few months. They are now forced to have their morning/evening walk on roads or in nearby parks, they added.

They said that the labourers are polluting the ground by using it for bathing and cooking.

No fancy number plates from September 1

It's really 1234!

This is 1112!



What's the number?



By Our Staff Reporter

The Government has war-

ned that registration certificates of vehicles found with fancy number plates after Aug. 31 will be suspended.

It said in a press release that vehicles should display the registration number as specified under Rules 50 and 51 of the Central Motor Ve-

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Of late, several complaints have been received that some vehicles do not comply with the rules.

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