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கமல்ஹாஸனின் 'மனமெல்லாம் வியாபித்த' கதை

சென்னை நகர் உருவான ஆரம்ப நாட்களை வைத்து எழுதப்பட்ட முதல் தமிழ் நாவல் நான் எழுதிய 'அடிமையின் காதல்'. பேட்டைகள், கிடங்குகள், வியாபாரங்கள், திருவிழாக்கள், அடிமை வியாபாரங்கள் முதலிய பலவும் இடம் பெற்ற கதை இது. சமீபகாலமாக, 'சென்னை தினம்' கொண்டாடப்படுகிறது. கட்டுரைகள் வெளியாகின்றன. பேச்சாளர்கள் சொற் பொழிவாற்றுகிறார்கள். ஆனால் 'அடிமையின் காதல்' பற்றி ஒருவரும் மூச்சு விடுவதில்லை! மிக்க நன்றி.

பத்மஸ்ரீ கமல்ஹாஸனுக்கு என் மீது மட்டற்ற பிரியம். 'அடிமையின் காதல்' மீது மட்டற்ற காதல். அதைப் புகழ்ந்து பாராட்டிப் பல சமயங்களில் என்னிடமும் மற்றவர்களிடமும் பேசியிருக்கிறார். ஆகவே அதன் புதிய பதிப்புக்கு (அலையன்ஸ் கம்பெனி போன்: 2464 1314) ஒரு வாழ்த்துரை தர வேண்டுமென்று அவரைக் கேட்டுக் கொண்டேன். மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் ஒப்புக் கொண்டு அருமையாக எழுதிக்கொடுத்திருக்கிறார். இங்கே அதை நன்றியுடனும் பெரு மையுடனும் தருகிறேன். தற்பெருமை அடித்துக் கொள் கிறேன் என்று பலருக்குத் தோன்றலாம். ஆனால் உலகநாயகனின் லட்சக்கணக்கான ரசிகர்கள் இந்த நாவலை வாங்கிப் படித்து மகிழ் அவரது வாழ்த்துரை பெரிதும் உதவும் என்பது என் நம்பிக்கை.

வாழ்த்துரை

'இது சத்தியம்' கதாசிரியர் 'அரசு' நடந்த காலத்தில் 'அ' 'ர' 'சு' வில் 'ர' இவர்தான் என்ற பரவலான பேச்சு இருந்தது. இப்படித் தான் தெரியும் திரு. ரா.கி.ர.வை எனக்கு. பிற்பாடு நல்ல எழுத்தாளர்களுடன் கலந்தாலோசித்து திரைக்கதையை உருவாக்க வேண்டும் என்ற எனது ஆவலில் திரு. ரா.கி.ர. வை அணுகிய போது உடனே ஒப்புக் கொண்டார்.

கதை விவாதம், சின்ன வாக்குவாதங்கள், சந்தோஷமான பல மணி நேர உரையாடல்கள், குழுதம் காரியாலயத்துக் கதைகள் என எங்கள் நட்பு வளர்ந்து கொண்டிருந்தது. வயது வித்தியாசம் அறியாத நட்பு, வயதை ஒரு பொருட்டாக மதிக்காத நட்பு, இருதரப்பிலும்.

ஒரு நாள், 'நெஜமா சொல்லுங்க உங்களுக்குப் பிடித்த எழுத்தாளர் யார்?' என்றார் ரா.கி.ர.

ஜெயகாந்தன், சுஜாதா என்றே பதில் இருக்கும் என்று எதிர் பார்த்திருப்பார் என்று நினைக்கிறேன். அதுவும் உண்மைதான் என்றாலும்,

'என்னைத் தொடர்ந்து சரித்திரத் தொடர்கதைகளைப் படிக்க வைத்தது சாண்டியல்யன் கூட இல்லை. மோகினி என்ற ஒரு அம்மையார்' என்றேன்.

லேசாக ஒரு நழுட்டுச் சிரிப்புடன், 'அப்படியா! ஏன் அந்தப் பொம்பளையப் பிடிக்கும்?' என்றார்.

'சரி, குழுதம் பத்திரிகைக்கும் அந்த அம்மாளுக்கும் ஏதோ கருத்து வேறுபாடு. அப்படிக்க கருத்துக்கள் வேறுபட ரா.கி.யும் காரணமாக இருந்திருப்பார்போல இருக்கிறது. அதனால் தான் நழுட்டுச் சிரிப்பும் எகத்தாளமும்' என்று நினைத்து, 'உங்களுக்கு அவங்களைப் பிடிக்கலைன்னாலும் எனக்குப் பிடிக்கும்' என்றேன்.

'ஏன் அப்படி சொல்லீங்க? எனக்கும் பிடிக்கும், ஆனா என்ன, அது பொம்பளையே இல்ல', என்றார்.

என் சந்தேகம் ஊர்ஜிதமானது. நல்ல பெண் எழுத்தாளரைப் பார்த்து ரா.கி.ர.வுக்குப் பொறாமை என்று மனதுக்குள் நினைத்தேன். பிற்பாடு அந்த மோகினி அவதாரம் எடுத்தது தானேதான் என்று அவர் தெரிவித்த போது வியப்பும் அசடும் பொங்கி வழிந்தது என் முகத்தில்.

அற்புதமான பல மணி நேரங்களை என் பால்ய காலத்தில் எனக்குத் தந்த அந்த மோகினிக்கும் பிற்பாடு 40 வயதுக் கமல் ஹாஸனுக்கும் நேரம் போவதே தெரியாமல் உரையாடியும் 'மஹாநதி' என்ற ஒரு அற்புதமான படைப்பை செதுக்க உதவிய சிற்பியாகவும் விளங்கிய ரா.கி.ர.வுக்கும் ஒரு நன்றி.

இவர் புராணம் ஒரு புறமிருக்க, 'அடிமையின் காதல்' என்னுள் ஏற்படுத்திய மாற்றங்களுக்கு வருவோம். சரித்திரப் படங்கள் என்ற பெயரில் தமிழ்த் திரையுலகம் பல அபத்தங்களை நிகழ்த்திக் கொண்டிருந்த வேளை அது. புராணமும் சரித்திரமும் கலந்த ஊசிய ரசம் தமிழ்த் திரையில் ததும்பிக் கொண்டிருந்த நேரம். அந்தக் காலகட்டத்தில் சரித்திர நாவல்களை அதிகம் படிக்காத ஒரு சிறுவனுக்கு ஞானக்கண்ணைத் திறந்த மாதிரி இருந்தது. 'அடிமையின் காதல்'.

சின்ன வயதில் தலையில் தூக்கி வைத்து கொண்டு ஆடிய விஷயங்களைப் பருவமும் பக்குவமும் வரும்போது கீழே இறக்கி வைக்க வேண்டிய சங்கோஜம் கலந்த நிர்ப்பந்தம் வரும். அந்த நிர்ப்பந்தத்தை 'அடிமையின் காதல்' எனக்கு ஏற்படுத்தவே இல்லை. இன்றும் என்னை வாசிக்கத் தூண்டும் நாவல் அது. இன்றும் அதைத் தலையில் வைத்துக் கொண்டு ஆடத் தயார் என்பதற்கு சான்றே இந்த உரை.

கதாநாயகனான காஞ்சிபுரத்தான் வீட்டில் கோபித்துக் கொண்டு புறப்படும் வேளை தொட்டு, இந்திய ஆங்கிலேய உறவைக் கதையின் நடு அத்தியாயத்தில் கொண்டு சென்று காஞ்சிபுரத்தான் கதையைக் கோட்டை வாசலில் முடித்திருப்பார் ரா.கி.ர.

'என் மதறாஸ் இப்படியும் இருந்ததா?' என வியக்க வைக்கும் நுண்ணிய பல சரித்திரத் தகவல்கள்.

சாந்தோம் சர்ச் பக்கம் செல்லும் போதெல்லாம் தன் தோளில் வளர்ப்பு ஓணானுடன் மாலை வாக்கிங் செல்லும் ஆங்கிலேயப் பாதிரியார் நினைவுக்கு வருவார்.

என் மனமெல்லாம் வியாபித்த கதை 'அடிமையின் காதல்'. சரித்திர நாவல்களைப் படிக்க வேண்டும் என்ற ஆவலை என்னுள் ஏற்படுத்திய முதல் நாவல் 'அடிமையின் காதல்'. மீண்டும் ஒரு தலைமுறையை இது வியக்க வைக்கும். இதை ஆங்கிலத் திலும் மொழி பெயர்த்தால் ஆங்கிலமே படிக்கும் தமிழரில் சிலர் தமிழ் சரித்திர நாவல்களைப் படிக்க ஈர்க்கப் படலாம். வாசக நன்றியுடன்

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'Navarathri Veenarpana' from tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

'Navarathri Veenarpana' will be inaugurated at 9.30 a.m on Sunday, Oct. 2 in Sri Krishna Gana Sabha (Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar). The program, being conducted in association with Veena Mahotsava, will conclude on Oct. 10.

Neyveli Santhanagopalan, S. Sowmya, Padmavathi Ananthagopalan, Suma Sudhindra and Saraswathi Rajagopalan will perform at 9.30 a.m on the inaugural day. About 30 veena artistes will

participate in 'Navarathri Veenarpana'.

The following is the schedule for the concerts:

Oct. 3: 6 p.m: S. P. Ramh, Janardhan Mitta (sitar).

Oct. 4: 6 p.m: Kalyani Ganesan, R. S. Jayalakshmi & N. R. Vedavalli, S. Sundar.

Oct. 5: 6 a.m: S. Srinivasan, Mudikondan S. N. Ramesh, P. Vasant Kumar.

Oct. 6: 6 p.m: Rajesh Vaidya, R. Sriram, Revathy Krishna.

Oct. 7: 6 p.m: Rama Raghuraman & artistes of Kalakshetra, N. Ananthanaraya-

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Oct. 8: 4 p.m: Sarada Thothatharrani, Punya Srinivas, Revathy Krishna, G. R. R. Murthy, V. Balasubramaniam.

Oct. 9: 10 a.m: T. C. A. Sangeetha, T. T. Narendran, Veena Venkataramani, S. Anjani, Jayalakshmi Sekar, Jeyaraj Krishnan & Jayasri Jeyaraj.

Oct. 10: 6 p.m: P. Ganesh (Chitra Veena), Geetha Krishnamurthi, V. Raghurama Ayyar, Madurai T. N. Seshagopalan.

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Veena Vidyalaya students' concert this evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Students of Veena Vidyalaya will present a classical and devotional songs concert at 6 p.m on Saturday, Oct. 1 in Alarmelumangai Kalyana Mandapam, Radhakrishnan Street, T. Nagar.

They are students of Rama Raghugraman.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 98409 94905.

Bhajan program in Aachi Amman Temple

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Hindu Dharma Prachara Parishad, Gana Bhakthi Bhajana Mandali, T. Nagar will present bhajans at 6 p.m on Tuesday, Oct. 4 in Devi Sri Aachi Amman Temple, Siddhi Vinayagar Koil Street, T. Nagar.

K. Ganapathi Subramanian will give a discourse at 6 p.m on Wednesday, Oct. 5 in the same venue. All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 92831 03990.

By Our Staff Reporter
Vipassana Meditation Activity conducts a free meditation class for those in the 8-16 age group from 9 a.m to 3.30 p.m on the 2nd Saturday of every month in Sri Balananda Vidyalaya, 64, Burkit Road, T. Nagar. The next class is on Oct. 8.

Aravind D. Dikshatar (Course Manager) told *Mambalam Times* that that children are taught 'Anapanasati meditation' as propagated by Lord Buddha which improves concentration and memory power. Storytelling sessions, games and other activities are also conducted, he added.

Gold coins go missing from handbag

By Our Staff Reporter

Fernandez (52) and his wife Carbolia (50) of Gowrivakkam, who purchased gold coins worth Rs. 10 lakhs from a shop on Usman Road, T. Nagar on Sept. 27 evening, later found

the gold missing from Carbolia's handbag.

After buying the coins, the couple went to shop for garments.

While returning home in their car, Carbolia checked her handbag and found the box containing the coins missing.

They drove back to Usman Road and searched for the bag but did not find it.

They then lodged a complaint with Mambalam police.

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Centenarian passes away



By Our Staff Reporter
V. Lakshmi Ammal (resident of 19, Ramachandra Iyer Street, T. Nagar) passed away on Sept. 27. She was 100 and had been a resident of T. Nagar for more than 60 years.

Lakshmi was the wife of late V. Venkatakrishna Iyer (retired Manager, Chief Engineer's office, Chepauk).

She is survived by her daughter Bangaru, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

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Advertised as 'An Inspiring Film For Citizens Of Tomorrow', 'Hum Panchi Ek Dal Ke' was suggested to Meiyappan by the noted Bombay-based writer-producer, Sadashiv Rao Kavi, who collaborated with him in the production with no stake in the capital investment. However, he received credit as its Producer.

The title in Hindi means that we are all birds on the same branch, used as a figure of speech to convey the underlying message of unity of India. "We are citizens of one and same nation that is India, even though we may speak different languages, follow different religions, dress differently, and have varying customs but we are all Indians. Birds of different feathers, hues and colors but all live on the same branch of a tree that is India!"

In fact, the idea of unity and oneness is carried further to the global level in the film, and the concept of world citizenship is stressed and driven home in a song and dance sequence in which all major nations are represented. This was something new in Indian Cinema and blended well in a film for children. This is what made this film unique and different.

The film was directed by the noted writer and lyricist P. L. Santoshi. It also had melodious music composed by N. Dutta. The song rendered in chorus by the boys, with the first line 'Hum Panchi Ek Dal Ke', became popular. Interestingly, as is the practice in Indian Cinema, the voices for the boys in the song were lent by female 'playback' singers!

The film had many young artistes like Jagdeep, Mohan Choti and Daisy Irani, and they made a mark later in movies. Daisy Irani - impish, cherubic and full of mischief - was a popular child star.

Not surprisingly, 'Hum Panchi Ek Dal Ke' won the Pandit Nehru Award for the Best Children's Film in 1957. The award had been instituted in 1953 but no film had won the coveted prestigious award until this film did in 1957. Full marks to Meiyappan!

The Annual Film Awards were given at a glittering function in Delhi and the awards were distributed personally by the President of India. The Prime Minister rarely attends such functions. But this year Pandit Nehru attended the ceremony when Meiyappan received the award from Babu Rajendra Prasad, President of India. Pandit Nehru congratulated Meiyappan for his fine film for children.

Pandit Nehru later watched the film at a special screening with Meiyappan and the child artistes, and he was so deeply impressed that he invited Meiyappan and the artistes to his home for breakfast, a rare honour indeed! Meiyappan had seen Pandit Nehru at the inauguration of a famed science-institution at Karaikudi established by the noted philanthropist K. V. Al. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar. Meiyappan had filmed the function but he had not met or known the Indian Prime Minister. Now he had the proud privilege of having breakfast with the world-renowned leader playing the host! A justifiably proud moment in Meiyappan's life!

In spite of the awards, adulation and all, sadly, Meiyappan did not produce another film for children. The reasons are obvious and nobody could blame him. Cinema is only part art, also part business and a capital intensive industry!

1957 was a very successful and memorable year and Meiyappan had every reason to feel happy. Never one to rest on his oars and laurels, he planned ahead to become one of the top film producers of India

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Special counter in post-office for senior citizens



By Our Staff Reporter

A special counter for senior citizens will be opened in T. Nagar Head Post-office (Sivagnanam Road) at 11 a.m on Saturday, Oct. 1 on the occasion of World Senior Citizens Day, S. Samuel (Senior Postmaster) told *Mambalam Times* on Sept. 29.

He said that the new counter will be a permanent facility for senior citizens to conduct all transactions.

There are 8 counters for others, he added.

Samuel said that more than

5000 senior citizens have accounts in the post-office.

The figure will be more than 10,000 if the post-offices in West Mambalam, Nandanam and nearby areas are included.

He said that there will be a grievance meeting for senior citizens after the special counter is inaugurated on Oct. 1.

Some of the long-time account holders will be felicitated on the occasion, he added.

More details can be had in phone 2434 5793.

You can now buy watches in post-office



By Our Staff Reporter

A special counter for selling HMT watches was opened in T. Nagar Head Post-office (Sivagnanam Road) on Sept. 27.

It was inaugurated by Paulraj (Managing Director, HMT Waches Limited).

More than 50 models in the Rs. 300 to 3300 price range are available. A discount of 10% to 25% is being offered on select models.

S. Samuel (Senior Postmaster) told *Mambalam Times* that sales of watches have been

good.

The counter is open from 10 a.m to 3 p.m on all days except Sundays and Government holidays.

Sale of watches was launched in Anna Salai Post-office and General Post-office two months ago.

Paulraj said that a representative of the company will be present for a month to help the postal staff familiarize themselves with the different models.

More details can be had in phone 2434 5793.

Poor students to get tiffin boxes

By Our Staff Reporter

Lions Club of Thangaratham and Lions Club of Avishkaar will distribute 500 tiffin boxes among poor students and rice among 200 visually and physically challenged persons in a function at 6 p.m on Sunday, Oct. 2 in Pandian Hall, 10, Station Road, West Mambalam

as part of Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations.

K. Jayanth Murali (Inspector General of Police, Central Industrial Security Force) will be the chief guest. N. Rajasekar (District Governor) and other Lions Club members will be present.

தமாஷா வரிகள்

ஜே. எஸ். ராகவன்

கொலுவில் ஊழல்!

தம்பையா வந்து சேர்ந்தார். 'எங்க வீட்டு கொலுவை கட்டாயம் பார்க்க வரணும்' என்று அழைப்பு விடுத்தது தோளில் தொங்கிய ஜோல்னாப் பைக்குள் கையை விட்டுத் துழாவினார். குங்குமச் சிமிழைத் தேடுகிறாரா என்று முளைத்த விபரீத சந்தேகத்தை விரட்டி, 'நாளாக்கு ஆண்கள் தினம் சார். என்னோட நெருங்கிய நண்பர்களை எல்லாம் அழைக்குமாறு அவள் கட்டளையிட்டிருக்கிறாள். இதோ அழைப்பிதழ் கூடப் போட்டிருக்கேன். ஏழிலேருந்து எட்டு வரை சுண்டல், புட்டு, காப்பி உண்டு. பாட்டெல்லாம் பாடணும்னு கட்டாயம் இல்லை' என்று ஒரு அசட்டு சிரிப்பை சிதறவிட்டு விட்டு 'நிறைய வீடுகளுக்குப் போகணும். வரேன்னு' கிளம்பி விட்டார்.

வீட்டில் பெரிய கூடத்தை அடைத்து அம்சமாக கொலுவைத் திருந்தது. அரைக்கை சட்டை, பால் வெள்ளை சரிகை வேஷ்டி, ராம் ராம் சால்வை, பன்னீர் புக்கையிலை மணத்துடன் தம்பையா வரவேற்றார். குண்டு ரமணனும், எல்.ஐ.சி சிவகா மியும் சுண்டலைக் கொறித்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார்கள். அறிமுக மில்லாத ஒரு காவி ஜிப்பா காப்பியைத் தன் மேல் சிந்திக் கொண்டிருந்தது. வீட்டில் பெண்களின் வாடையையே காணோம். சுத்த ஆண்களின் ராஜ்ஜியம்.

'பொம்மையெல்லாம் பழக. அதுவும் குறவன் குறத்தி செட், போலீஸ், செட்டியார், மரப்பாச்சி எல்லாம் அரத பழக. என் பாட்டியோடது. நாரதரின் கையில் பிராக்சர், செல்லோ டேப் கட்டுப் போட்டிருக்கு. இந்த சீலனுக்கு நீயா, நானா, மானாட மயிலாட இல் லாட்டி குப்பர் சிங்கர் செட் வ ரும்னு நினைச் சேன். காணோம். பார்க்கைப் பாருங்கள். அங்கேதான் புது மையைப் புகுத்தி இருக்கோம். என் மாமனார்தான் ஸ்பான்சர். இந்த வருஷ தீம் என்ன தெரியுமா? ரமணா சொல்லு?'

வாய் நிறையப் புட்டுடன், 'தெழியலையே?' என்றார் மழலையில்.



'கதை விடற எழுத்தாளாராச்சே! நீங்க சொல்லுங்க பார்க்கலாம்னு என்னிடம் தாவினார்.

தம்பையாவே பெருமையுடன் சொல்லிப் பட்டயம் வாங்கிக் கொள்ளட்டுமே என்று விட்டு விட்டு ரமணனை வழி மொழியும் வகையில் உதட்டைப் பிதுக்கினேன்.

'சொல்றேன். ஊழல். இந்த வருட தீம் ஊழல் லார்'.

'ஊழலா? எப்படி?'

'உன்னிப்பா கவனிச்சா புரியும். முதலிலே பார்க்கோட எல்லைகளைப் பாருங்க. திட்டுத் திட்டா ஆற்று மணலைக் கொட்டிக் குவிச்ச வெச்சிருக்கேன். இது எதைக் குறிக்கிறது தெரியுமா?' 'மணல் கொள்ளை! அதை அன்றதிலே ஊழல். அதானே?'

'குப்பர் லார். ஓரத்திலே ஒரு டிப்பர் லாரி பொம்மையை வெச்ச அதன் எதிரே ஒரு ஆண் பொம்மை விழுந்து கிடக்கிற மாதிரி இருக்கே. அதுக்கு விளக்கம் தேவை இல்லைன்னு நினைக்கிறேன்.'

'பாவம் அந்தத் தாசில்தார்' என்றேன்.

'அதோ அங்கே இருக்கிறது தான் செல்போன் டவர். கீழே இங்கலீஷ் ரோவிலே மூணு 'ஜி'.

'புரிகிறதுஜி!'

'அங்கேயிருந்து ஒரு ரோடு வெள்ளையா மலை இருக்கிற இடத்துக்குப் போய் முடிக்கிறது. அதன் உச்சியிலே கருப்பு நிற சாக்கலேட்டுகள். பக்கத்திலேயே ஒரு பெரிய கட்டிடம். அதன் கூரை மேல் 'உஷ்! ரகசியம்னு எழுதியிருக்கு' என்னதுன்னு தெரியுதா?'

நான் சொறேன்! நான் சொல்றேன்னு உற்சாகத்துடன் கூவி ஜிப்பா கலந்து கொண்டார். 'ஸ்வில் பேங்க் சார். கரெக்ட்டா?'

தம்பையா அட்டகாசத்துடன் சிரித்தார். 'இதை அவங்க தேசிய மொழியிலே எழுதணும்னா ஜெர்மன், பிரென்ச், இத்தாலிய மொழிகள் தெரிஞ்சிருக்கணும். நடக்கிற காரியமா? அதான் தமிழிலேயே எழுதிட்டேன். அப்புறம் இந்தப் பக்கம் வாங்க. அந்த 'ஜி' இருக்கிற மூலையிலேருந்து இன்னொரு பாதை பிரிஞ்சு நாலு பக்கமும் கருப்புக் கலர் வேலி இருக்கிற இடத்துக்குப் போய் நிற்கிறது. வேலிக்குள்ளே கொட்டகைகள், வாட்ச் டவர்ஸ். சோக மா நிக்கற ஆட்கள்.'

ஜிப்பா உற்சாகத்துடன் குரல் கொடுத்தது.

'திஹார் சார். திஹார்.'

'சரியா சொன்னீங்க. இதோ அதற்குத் தெற்காலே பார்க்க தீங்கன்னா இன்னொரு வேலிக்குள்ளே சில பொம்மைகள். கைகளிலே நீலக் கலர் பேப்பரை மசாலா தோசைப் பார்க்க மா திரி கருட்டி வெச்சுண்டு இருக்காங்க.'

'சிம்பிள் லார். நில அபகரிப்புக் கேஸ்கள். அது திஹார்னா இது புழல். சரியா?'

தம்பையா ரமணனின் முதுகைத் தட்டிக் கொடுத்தார். 'என்னடா. எல்லாம் நெகட்டிவ்வா இருக்கேன்னு பார்க்கிறீர்களா? இன்னிக்கு ஆண்கள் தினம் மாதிரி நேற்று சிறுவர்கள் தினம். நிறையப் பசங்க வந்திருந்தாங்க. கெட்டிக்காரங்க. பார்த்த உடனேயே புரிஞ்சுண்டு டக் டக் குன்னு சொல்லிட்டாங்க. எதிர்த்த வீட்டு ரவி என்ன கேட்டான் தெரியுமா? 'அங்கிள், இவ்வளவு செஞ்சீங்க, இதுக்கு மாற்றம் வரலாம்னு பாஸிட்டிவ்வா சொல்ற மாதிரி இன்னொரு வெள்ளை டிரஸ் பொம்மையும் வெச்சிருக்கலாம்னான். 'என்ன பொம்மை?னு கேட்டேன். விறைப்பா நின்று 'ஜெய் ஹிந்து'ன்னு குரல் கொடுத்தான். உடனே நாலஞ்சு பேரா ஜேர்ந்துண்டு 'அன்னா ஹஸாரே'ன்னு கைகளை உயர்த்திக் கோரலா சொன்னாங்க.

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Honest auto driver returns bag



By Our Staff Reporter
K. Mariapushpa Raj (42) of Kolathur, an autorickshaw driver, restored a bag containing credit cards, driving license, cash and house keys to the

owner Revathi (resident of Kannadasan Salai, T. Nagar) on Sept. 27. Revathi had boarded his autorickshaw at 12.30 p.m to go to her residence but left be-

hind the bag in the vehicle.

She told *Mambalam Times* that she searched everywhere in vain and was pleasantly surprised when the driver of the autorickshaw turned up at 3.30 p.m to return the bag. Raj refused to accept a gift, she added.

Raj said that 20 minutes after he had dropped Revathi, a couple who boarded his vehicle on Venkatanarayana Road noticed the bag and asked him about it. He told them to place it on the shelf behind the seat and forgot about it.

He remembered the bag 2 hours later when he was in Anna Nagar. He was not able to identify the owner and rushed to Revathi's flat. The watchman told him that a resident had lost her keys. He then met

Revathi and handed over the bag. Raj said that he starts his day at 9.30 a.m on Mahalakshmi Street and is available till 11 p.m. He has been operating in T. Nagar for the past 3 years. He has regular customers, he added.

Raj said that he had owned 20 autorickshaws between 1994 and 2002 but had to sell all except the one he is driving due to family problems.

He recalled that he returned 3 silk sarees left behind by a resident of K. K. Nagar 2 years back.

His wife is a teacher in a private school in Kolathur. They have a daughter Agalaya studying in Std. 5 and a son Adhavan (Std. 3).

Raj's phone number is 93836 37999.

Free Sanskrit course for kids

Sanskrita Bharathi will commence 'Balakendram', a free 6-month Sanskrit certificate course, for children in the 5-12 age group at 5.30 p.m on Thursday, Oct. 6 (Vijayadasami Day) at 35, Ramakrishnapuram 3rd Street (near Raja

Shop Inn), West Mambalam. Regular classes will be conducted from 5.30 p.m to 6.30 p.m on Tuesdays.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phones 98414 34401/91911 65116.

Traffic Wardens needed

Tamilnadu Police Traffic Wardens Organization, Kilpauk has appealed for volunteers to regulate traffic at busy junctions. Graduates in the 25-45 age group possessing driving license may apply.

Applications forms can be downloaded from the website www.tptwo.org.

More details can be had in phones 98402 08989, 94448 26569 and 98408 60901.

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Residents choose candidate for civic poll

By Our Staff Reporter

T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association chose E. Sridharan (45) (Secretary, Vijayakripa Flat Owners Association, Motilal Street, T. Nagar) at a meeting on Sept. 25 to contest the Chennai Corporation election from Ward 136 in Corporation Zone 8 (NSK Salai, Kodambakkam).

V. S. Jayaraman (Secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that the Association is of the opinion that only a candidate chosen by it will be able to solve long-pending problems not tackled by politicians so for.

He said that there are 75 streets in Ward 136.

Sridharan is a computer science graduate.

Busy junction flooded



By Our Staff Reporter
North Usman Road-Bazullah Road junction was flooded on Sept. 29 morning following heavy showers.

'Ekdina laksharchanai' for Yagnamurthy

By Our Staff Reporter

'Ekdina laksharchanai' will be performed for the presiding deity Sri Yagnamurthy in Sri Mukkur Lakshmi Nrusimhachariar Sannidhi (34/24, Venkatesan Street, T. Nagar) at 8 a.m on Thursday, Oct. 6 (Vijayadasami Day).

Devotees can offer flowers for laksharchanai.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 2435 3704.

Free Vedic astrology classes

By Our Staff Reporter

ISSVAR (Indian School for the Study of Vedic Astrology and Research, 9/4-A, K. V. Colony 1st Street, West Mambalam) will conduct free Vedic astrology classes for beginners from 3 p.m to 6 p.m on Saturdays and 10 a.m to 12 noon on Sundays from Oct. 8 for 3 months.

The classes will be inaugurated at 9 a.m on Oct. 6 (Vijayadasami Day) by Dr. R. Thiagarajan, V. K. S. M. Sharmaaji (Founder) told *Mambalam Times*.

More details can be had in telephone number 91763 59580.

Free Veda classes from Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Kurichi Lakshminarasimhachariar (resident of 8, 2nd Main Road, CIT Nagar East, Nandanam) will conduct free Veda and Suktham classes from 9 a.m to 10 a.m on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Oct. 6 (Vijayadasami Day).

More details can be had in phone 98406 40705.

KG students plant saplings



By Our Staff Reporter

Kindergarten students of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya (Postal Colony 4th street, West Mambalam) planted saplings in the school's premises as part of 'green activity' last week. Dr. Girija Seshadri (Senior Principal) was present.

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Vishnu Sahasranaamam, Annamacharya kritis contests

By Our Staff Reporter
Annamachariar Vamsikula Sankeerthana Seva Mandali, West Mambalam will conduct Vishnu Sahasranaamam chanting and Annamachariar kritis singing competitions for school and college students at 9 a.m on Sunday, Oct. 9 in Balanandha Vidyalaya, 64, Burkit Road, T. Nagar. There is no entry fee. Those interested may register

their names with the following persons:
T. V. Meenalochini, B 1, Padarpriya, Srinivasa Flats, 23/10, Kuppaiyah Street, West Mambalam. Ph: 32000994, 93847 31651
T. V. Brinda, Kanakadhara Apartments, 5, Rajaji Road, West Mambalam. Ph: 4351 2831, 98405 86096. The last date for registration is Oct. 6.

Bumble Bees starts admissions

By Our Staff Reporter
Bumble Bees Play School (3/2, 50th Street, Ashok Nagar) has started admissions for pre-school classes commencing on Vijayadasami Day on Oct. 6. Day care facility is available. Music classes are also conducted. More details can be had in phones 98840 10039 and 97907 30272

'Tamka' pooja on Wednesday

Under the auspices of Sanjeevini Peetam (16/45, BRP 1st Street, West Mambalam) there will be special 'Tamka pooja' at 7 p.m on Wednesday, Oct. 5 as part of Maha Navami Ayudha pooja. Mathaji (Founder) told Mambalam Times that 'Tamka' is Lord Hanuman's weapon. There will be chanting of Hanuman chalisa. All are welcome. More details can be had in phones 2471 2231, 90435 68941 and www.sanjeevinipeetam.com.

Free yoga classes from next Sunday

Sannyasi Krishnayogam will conduct free yoga classes for adults for 3 weeks from 5.30 a.m to 7 a.m from Sunday, Oct. 2 in Bala Vidya Higher Secondary School, 30, Vasudevapuram (between Chakrapani Street and Janakiraman Street, near Doraiswamy Road subway). Those interested can register their names in phones 94442 40383/94450 51015 or www.satyamyogatrust.net

Madhwa Samaj meets next Sunday

Members of Sri Madhwa Samaj (27/13, Kuppaiyah Street, West Mambalam) will meet at 4 p.m on Sunday, Oct. 9 to discuss future plans. The Samaj, which is 44 years old, has appealed to members residing in T. Nagar, West Mambalam, Ashok Nagar, K. K. Nagar, Saidapet and Kodambakkam to attend the meeting. More details can be had from B. Srinivasa Rao (Secretary) in phone 98843 64643.

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Free camp in Duraiswami Eye Hospital tomorrow

Dr. Duraiswami Eye Hospital (10, Madley Road, T. Nagar) and Lions Club of Shakti will conduct a free eye screening camp from 9 a.m to 1 p.m on Oct. 2 in the hospital's premises on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi.

M. Nandagopal (District Governor) will be the chief guest. More details can be had from Dr. Gayathri Sreekanth

Free maths classes

Sri Sai Seva Chakra (15, Bharathi Street, West Mambalam) conducts free mathematics classes for Std. 9 students (State and CBSE syllabus) from 5 p.m to 6 p.m on Mondays and Wednesdays in its premises.

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I am young with fresh and innovative ideas. I come from a well to do family. So I assure you that I am not in this for money. I am doing this as a gesture of how much I respect my father. So I will be earnest. I am a family man going through the trials and tribulations of everyday life just like everyone of you and hence I can understand your situations better. I wish to contribute to our society in a good way and help people live their lives better. **Mr. A.K.Murthy**, the former railway minister of the **PMK** has kindly obliged and given me the opportunity to join the **PMK** and contest in your area for the post of Councillor. I wish to be known as "**Mambalam**" **Vinoth** henceforth with reference to our party's symbol. I still remain and will always be just your regular friendly guy next door. Please vote for me and help me empower you and your locality. Give me a chance to bring positive change.

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