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கல் சொன்ன கவிதைகள்

அரை நூற்றாண்டுக்கு மேல் ஆகிறது இந்த அனுபவம் ஏற்பட்டு. சில சம்பவங்கள் கல்லில் செதுக்கியது போல் நினைவில் இருக்கின்றன. பல சம்பவங்கள் சொப்பனத்தில் கண்ட மாதிரி மறைந்து விட்டன.

மகாபலிபுரம்! கூண்டு வைத்த படகில் ஏறத்தாழ ஓர் இரவு பூராவும் பக்கிங்ஹாங் கால்வாயில் பயணம் செய்து மகாபலிபுரத்தை அடைந்த இனிமையான அற்புதமான நிகழ்ச்சி. பழுவேற்காடு பயங்கரப் படகு விபத்து ஞாபகத்திற்கு வருகிறது. (ஒரு முறை இதைப் பற்றி இதே பகுதியில் எழுதியிருக்கிறேன்.)

காரிலோ பஸ்ஸிலோ மகாபலிபுரத்துக்குப் போகாமல் பக்கிங்ஹாங் கால்வாய் வழியாகக் கூண்டு போட்ட படகில் போகலாமென்று குமுதம் ஆசிரியர் அமரர் எஸ்.ஏ.பி ஒரு நாள் சொன்னார். ஒரு பெட்ரோமாக்ஸ் விளக்கு, ஜமக்காளம், தலையணைகள். துடுப்புப் போட்ட படகு இல்லை. படகுக்குக் கயிறு கட்டிக் கால்வாயின் இரண்டு கரைகளில் இருந்த இரண்டு பேர்கள் இழுத்துக் கொண்டே போனார்கள். எந்தத் துறையில் படகில் ஏறினோம் என்பது ஞாபகம் இல்லை. எல்லோருக்குமே இளம் வயது. ஆகவே சிரிப்பும் கலாட்டாவும் கும்மாளமும் தான்.

நீளமான படகு. சாப்பிட்ட பின் ஆளுக்கொரு பக்கம் படுத்தபடி பாட்டு. அரட்டை. திடீரென்றுப் படகு குலங்கியது. பெட்ரோமாக்ஸ் விளக்கும் சாப்பிட்ட பாத்திரங்களும் ஆடின. கரையில் இருந்த ஆள் 'பயப்படாதீங்க!' என்று குரல் கொடுத்தான். வெளியே பார்த்தால் ஓரே கும்மிருட்டு. சில நிமிடங்களுக்கு எங்களை அச்சம் ஆட்டு விட்டது. பக்கிங்ஹாங் கால்வாய் கடலோடு கடக்கும் பகுதி அது என்று பிற்பாடு படகுக்காரன் சொன்னான். பிறகு மகாபலிபுரத்தை நோக்கிப் படகு செல்ல, பலபலவென்று பொழுது புலர்ந்தது. அன்று நாள் மொத்தமும் மகாபலிபுரத்தில் சுற்றிவிட்டு மறுபடி அதே படகில் சென்னைக்குத் திரும்பினோம்.

இந்த அனுபவத்துக்குப் பிறகுப் பல முறைகள் மகாபலிபுரத்திற்கு சென்றிருக்கிறேன். அந்த சிற்ப சாம்ராஜ்யத்தைப் பற்றிப் புத்தகங்களையும் கட்டுரைகளையும் படித்திருக்கிறேன். எல்லா விவரங்களும் அத்துபடி. இருந்தாலும் 'மகாபலிபுரம் - உங்களுடன் வரும் ஒரு வழிகாட்டி' என்ற சிறிய புத்தகம் அண்மையில் கிடைத்தது. சும்மா புரட்டினேன். ரொம்ப வித்தியாசமாக எழுதியிருக்கிறார்கள் ஸ்ரீனிவாஸ் - ஜெ. பிரபாகர் என்ற இருவர். (தங்கத் தாமரைப் பதிப்பகம், சென்னை 20)

'பயப்படாதீர்கள். இந்த நூல் ஆராய்ச்சிக் கட்டுரை அல்ல. இது மாமல்லபுரத்தைப் பற்றிய வழிகாட்டி நூல். ஒரு சுற்றுலா வழிகாட்டி (டிரிஸ்ட் கைடு). பயணிகளை ஒவ்வொரு இடமாகக் கூட்டிச் சென்று மாமல்லபுரத்தை சுட்டிக் காட்டி விளக்குவது போல அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. எளிய ஜனரஞ்சக நடையில் உங்களுடன் உரையாடுவது போல' என்று முன்னுரையில் சொல்லியிருப்பது போல், பேச்சு நடையில், இலக்கணமில்லாத கொச்சைப் பேச்சில் இதை எழுதியிருக்கிறார்கள். வித்தியாசமான சின்னப் புத்தகம். வழிகாட்டி நூல் எழுதுபவர்கள் பின்பற்றக் கூடிய புது முயற்சி. மாதிரிக்கு சில பகுதிகளைப் பாருங்கள்.

பல்லவர்கள்

சரி, இப்ப பல்லவர்களைப் பற்றி சில சுவையான தகவல்களை சொல்கிறேன். கேளுங்கள்.

'பல்லவன்' என்ற சமஸ்கிருத சொல்லுக்கு 'அரும்பு' அல்லது 'குருத்து'ன்னு அர்த்தம்.

புராணத்தின்படி குரு துரோணரோட மகன் அஸ்வத்தாமனுக்கும், நாக இளவரசி என்ற ஒருத்திக்கும் ஒரு மகன் பிறந்தான். அந்தக் குழந்தை தாமரை 'அரும்பு'களின் மீது படுக்கவைக்கப்பட்டதால் அவன் 'பல்லவன்'னு அழைக்கப்பட்டான். இவன் ஆரம்ப பித்த வம்சத்துக்கு இதனால் 'பல்லவ வம்சம்'னு பேர் வந்தது. பஞ்சபாண்டவர் குகை

இதோ அடுத்தது இருக்கே... இது பஞ்ச பாண்டவர் குகை. அலங்காரமான சிங்கத் தூண்களோட விசாலமான இந்த குகைக் கோயில் இப்படி வெளியே இருந்து பார்க்கவே எவ்வளவு அழகா இருக்கு பார்த்தீங்களா? எல்லாரும் ஒரு நிமிஷம் அப்படியே இருங்க.

தம்பி! நீங்க மட்டும் உள்ள போய்ப் பார்த்து என்ன இருக்குன்னு வந்து சொல்லுங்க பார்க்கலாம். சும்மா தைரியமா போங்க...

ம்ம்.... என்ன இவ்வளவு சீக்கிரம் திரும்பி வந்துட்டீங்க தம்பி!

'உள்ளே சிற்பமும் இல்லை. சிலைகளும் இல்லை. உள்ளே ஒண்ணுமே இல்லாததுக்கு வெளியே இவ்வளவு அலங்காரமா...? உங்க ஊரு ராஜாவெல்லாம் என்ன இப்படி செய்திருக்காங்க'னு கோபமாக் கேக்கறீங்க இல்லை.

ஆனா பாருங்க, தம்பி சொன்ன மாதிரி இல்லை.. இந்த குகையில் நிறைய விஷயம் இருக்கு. இப்ப உள்ளே போய்ப் பார்க்கலாம் வாங்க...

இப்ப நீங்க பார்க்கறது போர்க்கோலத்துல இருக்குற மகிஷாசுரமர்த்தினியோட சிற்பம்.

தரையில் கலசங்கள்

இப்ப இப்படிப் பின் பக்கம் வந்து பாருங்க... கோபுரத்து மேலே இருக்க வேண்டிய கலசம் இப்படித் தரையிலே இருக்கேன்னு கேக்கறீங்க...

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Mayor given suggestions to improve Jeeva Park

By Our Staff Reporter

Jeeva Park Walkers & Joggers Association (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) has appealed to Sadai S. Duraisamy (Mayor) to set up a facility to convert waste available in the park into manure.

The suggestion was made during the Mayor's visit to the park on Dec. 25.

He was accompanied by P. Kalairajan (T. Nagar MLA), 'Video' Saravanan (Councillor, Ward 141) and B. Sathyanarayanan (member, Corporation Appointments Committee).

G. Ravikumar (Association Secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that members suggested a number of steps to improve facilities including in-



stallation of a radio and fountains, renovation of play area, placement of dustbins, repairing of damaged fence, nameboard and lamps, and laying of 'acupressure path'.

He said that the Mayor gave an assurance that he would do

the needful.

Ravikumar said that a number of persons visit the park in the morning and evening for walking, practising yoga and exercising.

He can be contacted in 98410 16555.

Vaikunda Ekadesi, Radha Kalyana Utsavam

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Ramakrishnapuram Bhajan Mandali, West Mambalam has organized 52nd Sri Vaikunda Ekadesi and Sri Radha Kalyana Utsavam on Jan. 5 and 6 in Kotta Srinivasaiah Ramanuja Koodam, Duraisamy Road, T. Nagar.

The following is the program: Jan. 5: 6 a.m.: Sri Ganapathi pooja; 9 a.m.: Sri Vishnu Sahasranaama paarayanam; 2 p.m.: Ashtapathi bhajans; 7 p.m.: Divyanaama bhajans.

Jan. 6: 8 a.m.: Unjavrithi bhajans; 10 a.m.: Sri Radha Kalyanam by M. Muthuram Bhagavathar and Sri Radhakrishnan Trust members; 6 p.m.: Anjaneyar utsavam, Thirupugazh bhajans by K. Jayaraman, V. Subramania Bhagavathar, Raju Bhagavathar, V. Kalyanaraman (mridangam), Jambu (dholak and tabla).

All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 98417 71835.

Free homoeopathy camp tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Clinical Research Unit for Homeopathy will conduct a free homoeopathy camp for woman and children from 10 a.m to 3 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 1 in Sankara Mutt, Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam.

More details can be had in phone 99416 76795.

Discourses on Valmiki Ramayanam from Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Hayagreevar Trust, Muralidhara Sharma will give discourses on 'Srimad Valmiki Ramayanam' at 7 p.m daily from Jan. 3 to 9 in Sri Ayodhya Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam as part of 6th year Sri Hayagreevar Sakitha Sri Poovaraha Mahayagnam Mahotsavam and annual examination for school and college students.

There will be Sri Hayag-

reevar 'moola manthiram japam' and 'mahasankalpam' at 8 a.m from Jan. 3 to 8, and 'sahasranaama archanai' on all days.

There will be kuthuvillaku pooja at 9.30 a.m and special homam at 10.30 a.m on Jan. 8, and Thirumanjanam for Sri Rama, 'moola manthiram homam' and annadhanam from 8 a.m to 11.30 a.m on Jan. 9. All are welcome.

More details can be had in phones 98410 18879/65559.

Inauguration of educational trust this evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Sree Sabarimalai Bhaktha Educational & Social Trust (48/257, Alagirisamy Salai, K. K. Nagar) will be inaugurated in a function on Saturday, Dec. 31 in Vasantham Kalyana Mandapam, Srinivasa Street, West Mambalam.

The following is the program: 6 p.m.: Sri Vishnu Sahasranaama paarayanam by members of All India Vishnu Sahasranaamam Cultural Federation.

6.30 p.m.: Discourse on 'Thirumana muraaim vazhkaiernerium' by V. G. Subramania Ganapadigal.

7 p.m.: Distribution of educational assistance by K. Ganesan (former Principal,

Vivekananda College).

Janani orchestra will present devotional songs.

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More details can be had in phones 98403 19952/53 and 98413 89982.

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Special pooja for Hanuman this morning

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sanjeevini Peetam (16/45, B.R.P 1st Street, West Mambalam), there will be a special pooja for Lord Hanuman at 10 p.m on Saturday, Dec. 31 as part of Lord Hanuman Nakshatra pooja and New Year celebrations

The following is the program: 10 p.m.: 'Vennai kaappu' and 'vadamalai' 'alangaaram'.

11 p.m.: Bhajans, Bhagavad Gita paarayanam.

12 midnight: Akanda deepa arathi (beginning of New Year).

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Group dance program tomorrow evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Jai Srividya Devi Music and Dance Cultural Trust, West CIT Nagar, J. Surya Narayana-murthy (Lecturer, Kalakshetra) and 40 of his students will present a bharathanatyam program at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 1 in Sri Sidhhi Kamala Vinayagar Koil, 14, South Street, West CIT Nagar.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 72995 88904.

Sastha Preethi celebrations

By Our Staff Reporter

Bhakthanjali Bhajan Mandali Trust, Karambakkam has organized 15th year Sastha Preethi celebrations on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 in Shreenath Kalyana Mandapam, 30/18, Thiruvengadam Street, West Mambalam.

The following is the program: Dec. 31: 6.30 p.m.: Achidrashamedha paarayanam.

Jan. 1: 6 a.m.: Ganapathy homam and Sastha Preethi; 9 a.m.: Namasankeerthanam by Bhakthanjali Bhajan Mandali; 12.30 p.m.: Maha deeparathanai; 1 p.m.: Annadhanam. All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 94444 18154.

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வினோ: சரி, என்ன விசேஷம்?

நிம்மி: ஏன்? ஏதாவது விசேஷம் இருந்தால்தான் லிபேன் பண்ணணுமா? அப்படி விசேஷம் இல்லாம உன்னோட பேச வேறே யாராவது இருக்காளா?

வினோ: ம்! ஆரம்பிச்சுட்டியா உன் வினையாட்டை, நான் இப்போ ரொம்ப பிளியா இருக்கேன் தெரியுமா?

நிம்மி: கதை விடாதே. உன்னோட புது செல் லிபேனைக் குடைஞ்சுண்டு இருப்பே. ரெண்டு நாட்களாக நீ என்னை சின்டறதே இல்லையே. எப்பவும் அந்த ஆண்ட்ராய்டுதானே. புத்தம் புதிய புத்தகமே உன்னைப் புரட்டிப் பார்க்கும் புலவன் நானு பாடாதது ஒண்ணுதான் பாக்கி... எந்தப் படம் அது? அந்தப் பாட்டு ரீ மிக்ஸ் வைரலில் மாட்டிண்டாச்சா?

வினோ: நேற்று வரையிலே இல்லைன்னு நினைக்கிறேன். படம் அரசு கட்டளை. இசை கே.வி. மகாதேவ மாமா. பாடினவங்க வேறே யாரு? டி.எம். எஸ்ஸும் சசி லாவும். போறுமா மாம்?

நிம்மி: வினோ! உனக்குத் திரைகான மூர்த்தின்னு நல்லி செட்டியார் தலை மையிலே பட்டம் கொடுக்கலாம். அது சரி. எதுக்குக் கூப்பிட்டேன் தெரியுமா? வீட்டுக்கு வரும்போது மறக்காம ஆப்பிரும், மில்க் சாஷேயும் வாங்கிண்டு வா.

வினோ: செஞ்சுட்டாப் போறது. ஏன் லிபேனில் ஸ்டாக் இல்லையா? சரி. ஆப்பிள்ளு மொட்டையா சொன்னா எப்படி? வாஷிங்டன் ஆப்பிளா? கலிஃபோர்னியா ஆப்பிளா? நியூ லாண்டா ஆப்பிளா? இல்லாட்டி காஷ்மீர் ஆப்பிளா?

நிம்மி: நல்ல வேளை கேட்டே. கலிஃபோர்னியா ஆப்பிள். வினோ: அப்புறம், பால் பாக்கெட்டா என்ன பால்? பால் டரைஸ்டா? டபிள் டோஸ்டா? லிபுல் க்ரீமா?

நிம்மி: லிபுல் க்ரீம். கட்டாயம் லிபுல் க்ரீமா இருக்கணும். வினோ: வாங்கிண்டு வரேன். எதுக்குன்னு கேட்க மாட்டேன்.

நிம்மி: கேட்டா நான் சொல்லவும் மாட்டேன். சஸ்பென்ஸ். முதல்லே வாங்கிண்டு வா.

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(அன்று இரவு டின்னருக்குப் பிறகு வினோத் டிவி பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறான். கிச்சனில் நிம்மி.)

வினோ: மணி பத்தாச்சே. படுக்கப் போகணும். எப்போ கொண்டு வந்து கொடுக்கப் போறே?

நிம்மி: (வியப்புடன்) எதை லார்?

வினோ: எதையா? ஆப்பிரும், பாலும் வாங்கிண்டு வந்தேனே. மறந்துட்டியா?

நிம்மி: மறக்கலியே.

வினோ: பின்னே என்னோட பேவரிட் ஆப்பிள் மில்க் ஷேக் எங்கே?

நிம்மி: (கண்கள் விரிய) மை காட்! மில்க் ஷேக் பண்ணிக் கொடுக்கப் போறேன்னா மனப் பால் குடிச்சுண்டு இருக்கே?

வினோ: ஆமாம். பின்னே? ஆப்பிளை வெச்சுண்டு என்ன செய்யப் போறதா நினைப்பு? அதுதான் நியூட்டன் அதை வெச்சு ஆராய்ச்சி பண்ணி முடிச்சுட்டாரே.

நிம்மி: (பெருசா சிரித்து) லாரி லார். ஆப்பிரும் பாலும் உனக்கு இல்லை, எனக்கு. ஆப்பிளைக் கூழாக்கித் தடிமனா முகத்தில் தடவிக் கழுவிண்டு வந்தா முகம் வேக்ஸ் பாலிஷ் போட்டு ஒட்டின மொஸாய்க் தரை மாதிரி ஆயிடும். அப்புறம், டிரையான நகங்களை வெதுவெதுப்பான பாலில் வெச்சு எடுத்து வெட்டினால் நகங்கள் அழகா வெட்ட வரும்னு ஒரு மேகலின் லே படிச்சேன்... ஆப்பிள் மில்க் ஷேக்கா? மை காட்! ஏமாந்துட்டியே. ஏமாறச் சொன்னது நானோன்னு ஒரு பழைய பாட்டு உண்டு இல்லே. எந்த சினிமாவிலே?

வினோ: (சுன்னுவரத்தில்) படம் நானும் ஒரு பெண். கண்ண தாசன் எழுதினது. ஆர். சுதர்ஸனம் இசை. போறுமா? நான் யாரு? திரைகான மூர்த்தி. சிலரை மாதிரி ஏமாத்த மாட்டேன். தெரியுமா?



100 participate in Gita recitation contest



More than 100 students participated in the Srimad Bhagavad Gita recitation competition conducted by Lions Club of Swagatham (Lakshmi

Narayanan Street, West Mambalam) on Dec. 18. K. Nageswara Rao (President) told *Mambalam Times* that prizes were distributed

by Swami Padmasthananda Maharaj (Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama), N. Rajasekar (District Governor) and other members.

Spoken English course from Jan. 22

By Our Staff Reporter

Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) will conduct a spoken English course (basic and intermediate levels) for college students, employees, job seekers and housewives from Jan. 22 in its premises.

The last date for submitting applications is Jan. 18.

More details can be had from the Ashrama Library in telephone numbers 2814 3896/3514.

Sruuthi wins award for 3rd consecutive year

By Our Staff Reporter

S. Sruuthi (resident of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar and Std. 4 student of PSBB, T. Nagar) won the 'Fun Champ' award for the 3rd consecutive year in the competition conducted by Fun City in City Center, Mylapore on Dec. 22. She won 1st prize in fancy dress and bharaathanatyam, and 2nd prize in fashion parade.



Revathy's vocal concert today

By Our Staff Reporter

Revathy Kumar (resident of 45/21, Krupa Sankari Street, West Mambalam) will present a vocal concert at 12 noon on Saturday, Dec. 31 in Music Academy, Mylapore.

She is a disciple of P. Vasanthaokumar. All are welcome.



Vigneswar's keyboard program on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

V. G. Vigneswar (resident of Thiruchendur Flats, 7, BRP 1st Street, West Mambalam) will present a keyboard program (carnatic music and songs on Ayyappan) at 6 p.m on Friday, Jan. 6 in Sri Ayyappan Temple, Ponnambalam Salai, K. K. Nagar.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 98409 68953.



Aishwarya's vocal concert this evening

She will be accompanied by Sivagami Narayanan (violin) and N. Rajam (mridangam).

Aishwarya is a disciple of R. K. Sriramkumar and Rukmini Ramani.

All are welcome.



By Our Staff Reporter

Aishwarya Sundaram (resident of Abhirami Apartments, 21/5, BRP 1st Street, West Mambalam) will present a vocal concert at 5 p.m on Saturday, Dec. 31 in NKT Muthu Hall, 4, Parthasarathy Temple 2nd Lane, Triplicane during Vizha Vendan's Music Festival.

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Fire personnel on alert when cyclone crossed coast 'Hare Rama' chanting tomorrow evening

By Our Staff Reporter
Personnel of Ashok Nagar Fire & Rescue Station had geared themselves up to tackle any situation that was expected to be caused by cyclone 'Thane' which crossed the north Tamilnadu coast between Cuddalore and Puducherry between 6.30 a.m and 7.30 a.m on Dec. 30 morning. U. Chandrasekaran (Station Fire Officer, Ashok Nagar) told *Mambalam Times* that a fibre boat, which can accommodate 10 persons and is



equipped with lifebuoys and life jackets was kept ready for rescue work in flooded areas. Motors and other equipment were also on hand to drain out water from flooded areas.

The crossing of the cyclone caused heavy rains to the city throughout the day on Dec. 30.

Many roads and streets all over the city including T. Nagar and West Mambalam were flooded with commuters bearing the brunt of the inconvenience.

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Global Organization for Divinity India Trust, there will be chanting of 'Hare Rama' at 5 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 1 in Sri Vasudeva Sathsangam, 35, Vasudevapuram Street, West Mambalam. All are welcome.

More details can be had in phones 98417 82765 and 96771 21079.



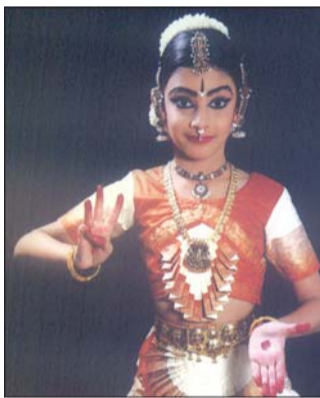
A tree on Coats Road in T. Nagar, which was uprooted in strong winds on Dec. 29, fell on a parked car.

'Standup comedy' show tomorrow morning

By Our Staff Reporter
Under the auspices of Jeeva Park Walkers and Joggers Association (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar), Prof. K. N. Chit Sabesan will present 'Standup comedy' at 7 a.m on Sunday, Jan. 1 in the park as part of New Year celebrations. All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 98410 16555.

Aiswarya dance on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter
Aiswarya Ramanan (resident of 21/7, Srinivasa Street, West Mambalam) will present a bharathanatyam program at 5.45 p.m on Friday, Jan. 6 at 45, Musiri Subramaniam Salai, Mylapore. She is a disciple of S. Divyasaena. Aiswarya is a Std. 6 student of PSBB School, K. K. Nagar. All are welcome.



Bhuvana's dance program this evening



B. Bhuvana (resident of 28/57, Kuppaiyah Street, West Mambalam and Std. 7 student of PSBB, K. K. Nagar) will present a bharathanatyam program at 6.30 p.m on Saturday, Dec. 31 in MOP Vaishnav College for Women, 20, 4th Lane, Nungambakkam High Road, Nungambakkam. She is a disciple of Chitra Subramani (Lecturer, Tamilnadu Government Music College). All are welcome.

Painting contest for school students

By Our Staff Reporter
Suga Welfare Association (5 Block, Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar) will conduct a painting competition on 'Bhogi' for school students at 2 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 8 in its premises. Uma Raj (President) said that participants should bring painting materials. The entry fee is Rs.10. The last date for entries is Jan. 6. More details can be had in phone 94443 41194.

White canes distributed on Vajpayee birthday

By Our Staff Reporter
88 white canes (walking sticks) were given to visually challenged persons by BJP workers led by M. Sarala (President, Ladies Wing, South Chennai, BJP) on Dec. 25 as part of 88th birthday celebrations of A. B. Vajpayee. Vanathi Srinivasan (State Secretary) was also present.



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By M. A. SADANAND

While our law-making orators were lung-powering their mite to churn out a potion that would defang the ANNAcondas (who are our new honoured guests but more deadly than the slithery ones in the zoos), the latter goaded the shouters' spleen in the absence of the hero of the event who was defying nature and hunger, a licence freely granted by our republic of unlaws.

The two parliamentarians who stood out of the motley crowd in the Lok Sabha were the handsome Sashi Tharoor, the best English speaker in Parliament, and Pranab Mukherjee who bore the brunt of the vacuous attack.

The good old man has weathered worse storms created by worse people and he stood like the Valluvar statue off Kanyakumari in the Indian Ocean and upped Anna Hazare's body temperature by a few degrees Fahrenheit so that he could, without hurting his pride, put his surrender to the frailty of man who is

but a body plus There is time yet, before the Republic Day, to contrive a come back so that the vacancy created by Godse in 1948 could be filled by another Mahatma. We have not been told yet what Mahatma 2 has to offer us, but it is presumed that he would preach what he practises, namely wearing the whitest clothes.

Tinopal Company would take over India that is Bharat. None shall enter the legislatures, including of course the Parliament, wearing any fancy clothes but only garments made in white khadhi. The new Gandhi will not be derisively called by any Emperor "the half naked Fakir" as Mohan Chand Karam Chand Gandhi was called. So let us wind up the fun in Parliament with the resolution that there shall be a succession of Gandhis as the 'Father of the Nation' who has to pass the Mohan Chand Test.

Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

By Our Staff Reporter

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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
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Trust finds jobs for challenged persons



By Our Staff Reporter

Need Trust (33, 48th Street, 9th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) works for the welfare of challenged persons.

K. Sujatha (Business Administrator) told *Mambalam Times* that it was started by Josyula S. Shekar in 2007. It is implementing several projects prominent among them being 'Ablejob Visionary Services' which provides job opportunities for challenged persons.

She herself had participated in the job fair a few years back and was absorbed by the Trust itself to monitor its projects.

About 450 persons have been found jobs so far.

The Trust has profiles of 2,500

challenged persons on its register.

Sujatha said that a team from the Trust visits prospective employers to see if conditions and the work atmosphere in their establishments will suit challenged persons.

The Trust also provides assistance for terminally ill patients and old age homes, and educational assistance to needy students, orphans and differently abled children.

She said that the Trust conducts awareness and fund-raising programs for the welfare of challenged persons in association with NGOs, corporate houses and educational institutions. The Trust can be contacted in 4305 4853/36/37.

Children's Museum to get new look



The Children's Museum in the Government Museum, Egmore is getting a new look. The basement and first floors are being renovated and expected to be ready by the summer vacation with multimedia-based interactive exhibits.

According to sources, a proposal for setting up a 3D theater with a capacity of around 40 seats at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 lakhs has been sent to the State Government for approval.

Also in the pipeline is a proposal to have a 5D theater which can seat small groups. "It would be like a small kiosk. The difference between 3D and 5D is that in 5D you will be able to appease the five senses also. If there is a snake slithering on the screen you will feel as if it is slithering on your foot. If there is a fire, you will feel

the heat," explained a source.

S. S. Jawahar (Commissioner of Museums) said that a proposal for the renovation has been sent to the State Government for consideration.

"The Chief Minister is very much interested in renovating the museums and also taking them to more people. A proposal for a mobile museum has also been sent to the Government," he said.

S. Soundarraj, a mathematics teacher, said that he brings his sons, Jayaraj and Selvaraj, studying in class 2 and LKG respectively, to the museum at least once in two months. "They are young and at a very impressionable age. They are very interested in learning about coins and the museum has a good collection," he said.

Report: courtesy *The Hindu*

TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY
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"Kuzhandhaiyum Deivamum" was remade in Telugu as 'Letha Manasulu' (1966) with Jamuna, Haranath and Kutty Padmini in lead roles. Directed by the same duo Krishnan-Panju, it did not however enjoy the same success as the Tamil original.

But Meiyappan hit the bull's eye with the Hindi version 'Do Kaliyan' (1967). It was directed by Krishnan-Panju and had noted stars Mala Sinha and Biswajeet as the couple. The role of the twins was enacted by an impish girl Baby Sonia who made a splash. Later, as a young woman and known as Neetu Singh (her given name), she was a successful Hindi film star. She married the top star Rishi Kapoor and retired from films to lead a life of domesticity. 'Do Kaliyan' was a silver jubilee-week hit and further brightened the radiant image of Meiyappan and AVM Studios.

After S. S. Vasana, Meiyappan was the most successful Hindi film producer from South India. Many others followed his footsteps but all did not achieve his success. During a certain period, almost every successful South Indian producer trod into the Hindi film market but many burnt their fingers. And some even beyond their wrists!

Another successful film that Seetharaman wrote for Meiyappan was 'Ramu' (1966). A heavily-laden sentimental family melodrama of a couple with a son who loses his speech and turns dumb, it had Gemini Ganesh and K. R. Vijaya as the tragic couple and a brilliant child actor 'Master' Rajkumar as the dumb boy. A. C. Thirulokachandar directed it with much feeling and insight. 'Ramu' was a fine success and won many awards. It won the Indian Government's Silver Medal and 'Master' Rajkumar won the Film Fans' Association Award. So did Pushpalatha for her supporting role. Interestingly, a smart dog which played an important role too won an award from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

'Ramu' was remade in Telugu in 1968 with N. T. Rama Rao and Jamuna in lead roles with 'Master' Rajkumar as the dumb boy. Thirulokachandar directed it too with equal success.

A memorable movie made in 1966 by Meiyappan was the hit 'Anbe Vaa' which had the superstar and phenomenon M. G. Ramachandran as hero. It was the first time that the mega star and the movie mogul came together to work in a film. The legend of Tamil cinema, a legend that still survives, 'MGR', as he is known, had been in films since 1936, a contemporary of Meiyappan but, rather surprisingly, the mega star and the movie mogul did not come together in a film until 1966.

The film that brought them together was "Anbe Vaa", adapted from a Hollywood movie 'Come September' (1961). A run-of-the-mill Hollywood movie by noted filmmaker Robert Mulligan, it had an impressive cast with Rock Hudson, Gina Lollobrigida, Bobby Darin and Sandra Dee. The film had a long run in India and, in Madras (now Chennai), it was a big hit. The theme song rendered by Billy Vaughn and his orchestra, and the song sung by Bobby Darin 'Multiplication, that's the name of the game!' were solid hits in India. The gramophone discs by Billy Vaughn were bestseller in India.

Not surprisingly, the romantic film with a novel storyline was adapted for the Indian screen and the outcome was 'Anbe Vaa'. The coming together of MGR and Meiyappan per se made news in the Tamil film world and expectations ran high from the word 'go'.

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To be continued

Free Veda classes on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sai Seva Chakra (15, Bharathi Street, West Mambalam) conducts free Veda classes from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m on Sundays in Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar.

Veda classes are conducted from 3.30 p.m to 4.30 p.m on Sundays in Sai Seva Chakra's premises.

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More details can be had in phone 98843 05676.

Free Veda classes thrice a week

By Our Staff Reporter

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

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Special arrangements for New Year Day darshan

By Our Staff Reporter

Tirumala-Tirupathy Devasathanam (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) has made special arrangements for darshan of Lord Venkatchalapathy on New Year Day.

K. Anandh Kumar Reddy (President, Local Advisory Committee, TTD, T. Nagar) told *Mambalam Times* that devotees can have darshan from 2.30 a.m on Jan. 1.

The following are details of the program:

5 a.m: Break for neiveydhiam distribution; 6 a.m: Darshan resumes; 3 p.m: Break for alangaaram; 4 p.m: Darshan resumes.

Program for Vaikunda Ekadesi:

4 a.m: Darshan; 7 a.m: Break; 7.30 a.m: Darshan; 2 p.m: Break; 4 p.m: Darshan; 7 p.m: Break; 7.30 p.m to 10 p.m: Darshan.

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By Our Staff Reporter

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There will be special pooja and 'alangaaram' for Hanuman at 7 a.m on Thursday, Jan. 5 on the occasion of Vaikunda Ekadesi.

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