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T. Nagar shops get another 8-week reprieve

By Our Staff Reporter

The High Court on Feb. 17 passed an order allowing shops on Ranganathan Street and Usman Road to continue to do business for 8 more weeks.

The First Bench, consisting of Chief Justice M. Y. Eqbal and Justice T. S. Sivagnanam, also directed the Tamilnadu Government to take a decision



committee, with regard to amendment to Sections 56 and 57 of the Act, were already acted upon and incorporated as provisions for locking and sealing of the unauthorised buildings by way of Act 61 of 2008, the counter-affidavit, filed in response to a public interest litigation by Citizens Consumer and Civil Action Group, said.

The Supreme Court had on Jan. 9 ordered that the seals placed on 25 shops by CMDA and Chennai Corporation on Oct. 31, 2011 for violating building rules be removed for a period of 6 weeks. The Supreme Court also directed the High Court to dispose of all the unsealing applications filed by Ranganathan Street Merchants Association and others when the matter was taken up in the 4th week of January.

ஸ்ரீ பட்டத்தளச்சியம்மன் துணை

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The committee had been constituted by the State Government in June, 2007 to consider all aspects of developments and to suggest necessary modifications to the Tamil

Nadu Town and Country Planning Act.

The recommendations are under the active consideration of the Government, the Housing and Urban Development Secretary had told the High Court on Feb. 3.

The recommendations of the

Polio drops to be administered tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

The first dose of oral polio vaccine for 2012 will be administered to children under 5 years on Sunday, Feb. 19 under the pulse polio immunization program.

The second dose will be given on April 1.

All children under 5 should be immunized irrespective of their previous immunization status.

Sick children including those affected by diarrhea can also be administered the polio drops. Immunization camps

with transit booths will also be set up in railways stations, bus terminuses and tourist spots to cover families in transit.

Mobile teams will visit hotels and theaters.

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Mahasivarathri celebrations in temples

By Our Staff Reporter

Mahasivarathri will be celebrated in temples in the neighbourhood on Feb. 19-20. The following are details of programs:

Siva Vishnu Temple (Usman Road, T. Nagar)

Feb. 19: 7.30 a.m.: Maha Ganapathy pooja, Purusha Sooktha homam.

Feb. 20: 8.30 a.m.: Homam; 9 a.m.: Akanda maha rudra japam, laksharchanai, akanda maha abhishekam; 6 p.m.: Dhevara music concert by 'Sundhara Magalir Dhevara Innisai Kuzhu'; 10 p.m.: Akanda bhajan by Vembu Bhagavadhar & party.

Feb. 21: 8 a.m.: Rudra homam, Vasodhara homam and Poornahuthi; 1 p.m.: Prasadam distribution.

More details can be had in phone 2434 6031.

Sanjeevini Peetam (16/45, B.R.P 1st Street, West Mambalam)

Feb. 20: 10 p.m.: Special abhishekam for Sri Spatika lingam; kumbha aarathi, akanda aarathi and linga aarathi; chanting of Lingastakam, Shivastakam, Vilvastakam, Chandrasekhara astakam, Eswara Dhandakam, Shiva panchakshari Sthotram, Mruthyunjaya Maha Manthra Paarayanam, Shiva Gayathri, Om Namah Shivaya Saranu Ghosha Paarayanam and Sri Hanuman chalisa.

More details can be had in phone 90435 68941.

Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam)

Feb. 19: 7 a.m.: Ayusha homam; Avahanthi homam.

Feb. 20: 5.30 p.m.: Special aradhana.

Sri Arulmigu Kasi Viswanathar Temple (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam)

Feb. 20: 4 p.m.: Exhibition of Shiva lingams those of ice, 'vibuththi', 'kumkum', 'spadigam', gold, silver, and Arthanareeswarar.

There will be screening of a film on Shiva Temples.

More details can be had in phones 98414 75566

'Linga Darshan' for Mahasivarathri

By Our Staff Reporter

Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhyalaya has organized 'Annamalaiyar Linga Darshan' and exhibition on 'Healthy mind and body' from 8 a.m to 8 p.m on Feb. 18 and 19 in JYM Kalyana Mandapam, 6, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar as part 'Mahasivarathri' celebrations.

There will be meditation at 6.30 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 19 in the same venue.

There will be a free Raja Yoga meditation camp at 6 p.m from Feb. 20 to 23 in 6, Ashtalakshmi Apartments, 22, Mahalakshmi Street, T. Nagar.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phones 2826 2627, 94440 11194, 97910 92461.

Dhanvanthri Day celebrations

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sukar Markandeyan Charities and Sukar Markandeyan Medical Research Foundation have organized special programs on Feb. 20 and 21 in Murugan Kalyana Mandapam, South Boag Road, T. Nagar as part of Dhanvanthri Day celebrations.

The program will be inaugurated by Ramani Guruji.

The following are details:

Feb. 20: 6.30 p.m.: Swagtha pooja; 7 p.m.: Divine discourse.

Feb. 21: 5 a.m.: Guru pooja, Ganapathi homam, Navagraha homam; 7 a.m.: Dhanvanthri homam; 7.30 a.m.: Divine reading; 8.30 a.m.: Maha abhishekam and aradhana by G. Veeramani Swamigal, Thath Purusha Narasimha Paramananda Desika Swamigal and Sri Mahalakshmi Durga Peedam Sri La Sri Subbu Siddhar; 12 noon: Annadhanam; 6.15 p.m.: Award presentation.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 2834 2483.

Exhibition-cum-sale in college next Saturday

By Our Staff Reporter

Students of Shri Shankaral Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women (3, Madley Road, T. Nagar) will organize an exhibition-cum-sale of products made by them under the 'Shasun Bazaar' program from 9.30 a.m to 4 p.m on Saturday, Feb. 25 on their campus.

The students underwent training in CELD (Centre for Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development).

Stalls will sell accessories, dress material, sarees and paintings. Food stalls and fun games are also planned. Visitors will be offered mehendi and nail art.

The entry fee is Rs. 10.

150 students attend eye camp

By Our Staff Reporter

More than 150 students of Karnataka Sangha School (Habibullah Road, T. Nagar) attended the eye camp organized by Lions Club International District A8 324 last week.

G. Manilal (District Vice Governor) told *Mambalam Times* that a team of doctors from Sankara Nethralaya examined the students.

Polio drops to be administered tomorrow

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Volunteers are visiting residential areas in autorickshaws with public address systems and appealing to parents to bring their children for administration of polio vaccine to the nearest vaccination center.

The vaccine will be administered at the following centers:

T. Nagar

Health Post, 4, Sivagnanam Road.

Corporation Middle School, New Boag Road.

Raja Pillai Thottam, Kollapuri Amman Koil Street.

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Corporation AE Office, 89, Usman Road (near Siva-Vishnu Temple).

Sarada Madam, 7, Raghavaiah Road.

Corporation Dispensary, R. K. Puram.

Corporation Middle School, Dharamapuram Main Road, Sathyamurthy Nagar.

17, Thukkaram 3rd Street.

Health Post, 73, Giriappa Road.

Amman Koil, 92, Giriappa Road.

28th Block, Dr. Thomas Road.

O Block, Dr. Thomas Road.

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Corporation AE office, Bazullah Road and Usman Road junction.

Corporation Office, 20, S. S. G. Street.

Balamandir School, 13, Prakasam Road.

Valmiki Apartments, 9/5, Valmiki Street.

S. M. Nagar Health Post, 73, Giriappa Road.

92, Amman Koil Street.

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5, Parthasarathypuram Extn.

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Kamaraj Nagar Health Post, 1, Brindavan Street.

ICDS, 22/17, Housing Board, Brindavan Street.

Kali Bari Temple, Umopathy

Street.

18, Vinayagam Street.

Muthala Amman Temple, Muthal Amman Koil Street.

Women & Children Foundation, 41 & 42, Porur Somasundaram Street.

Kalamandir Matriculation School, Chakrapani Street.

Public Health Center, 114, Lake View Road.

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ஒரு முறை வாசல் திண்ணையில் ஆதிமூலம் சாய்ந்து உட்கார்ந்திருக்கும் போது 'கும்பிடறேனுங்க' என்று வணக்கம் தெரிவித்த கோவிந்துவிடம் சண்டை பிடித்துக் கொண்டார். 'ஏன்யா? என்னோட கண்ணு திருதராஷ்டிரனா அவிஞ்சு போச்சா? நீ கும்பிட்டது கண்ணுக்குத் தெரியாதுன்னு நினைச்சு 'கும்பிடறேங்க'ன்னு விளக்கம் சொல்லி அவமானப் படுத்தணும் கிறதாக்கா சேவல் கூவின கையோட ஓடி வந்தே? என்று சிறியவர், அச்சிலேற்ற முடியாத வார்த்தை ஒன்றைக் கொசுறாகப் பிரயோகித்து கோவிந்துவை விரட்டிவிட்டார்.

தவறுதலாக எங்கள் வீட்டில் போடப்பட்ட தபால் கார்டைக் கொடுக்க சாத்தியிருந்த அவருடைய வீட்டுக் கதவைத் தட்டினேன். 'யாராது?' என்று வந்த சிருசிடு கேள்விக்கு பதிலாக 'நான்தான்னு சொன்னேன். உள்ளேயிருந்து இடி இடித்தது. 'நான்தான்னா யாரு? அப்படி உன்னோட குரல் ரேடியோவிலே அடிக்கடி கேட்டுப் பழகின ஜவஹர்லால் நேரு குரலா? யாருன்னு கேட்டா இன்னாரன்னு சொல்ல வேண்டியது தானே? உன்னோட அப்பன் உனக்கு வெச்ச பெயரை வெச்சுண்டு அளகு பார்க்கிறயா? நானாம் நான்.'

அவர் கேட்கும் கேள்விக்கு சட்டுபுட்டென்று பதில் சொல்லாவிட்டால் வாங்கிக் கட்டிக் கொள்ள வேண்டும். 'இன்னிக்கு ராகு காலம் எப்போய்யா?' என்று ஒரு முறை அவர் கேட்ட போது தபால்காரர் சஞ்சிவி 'இன்னிக்கா? ராகு காலமா? எப்போன்று கேக்கிறீர்களா?' என்று பதிலாக இழுத்துக் கொண்டிருந்த போது 'ஏன்யா அதான் ராகுகாலம் எப்போன்னு கேட்டுட்டேனே. தெரியும் தெரியாதுன்னு இளனியை சிவற மாநிரி சதக்குனு சொல்லாம எதுக்குக் கேள்வியைக் கிளிப்பிள்ளையா திருப்பி சொல்றீங்க? நான் என்ன மாங்கா மடையனா?' திகைத்த தபால் கார சஞ்சிவி 'ரன்னரா' ஓடிவிட்டார்.

கொளுத்தும் வெயில் மதியத்தில் பக்கத்து வீட்டு சிவநேசன் ஒரு முறை அவருடைய வீட்டு மின்சார மணியை அழுத்தினான். மணி அடிக்கிற சத்தம் கேட்காததால் மறுபடியும் அழுத்தினான். மணிச் சத்தம் கேட்கவில்லை. திரும்பிப் போகாமல் கதவை மரங்கொத்திப் பறவையாகத் தட்டினான். எரிச்சலுடன் வெளியே வந்தவர் 'என்னடா வேணும்?' என்றார். 'நைனா உங்க வீட்டிலே கரண்டு இருக்கான்னு கேட்டுட்டு வரச் சொன்னார். இருக்கா? காலிங் பெல்லை அடிச்சேன். அது அடிக்கலே. அதனால் தான் கதவைத் தட்டினேன்.'

பதிலுக்காக ஆவலுடன் நின்ற அவனைப் பார்த்து அன்று அவர் வை வார்த்தைகளின் வீச்சால் இரண்டு குடும்பங்களுக்கும் மூண்ட சண்டை அதுவரை சிநேக பாவத்துடன் பழகிக் கொண்டிருந்த அவருடைய வீட்டு நாய்களையும் ஒன்றைப் பார்த்து ஒன்று உறும் வைத்தது.

பஞ்சாங்கத்தில் நான் நட்சத்திரம் பார்த்து ஒரு நல்ல நேரத்தில் அச்சத்துடன் திக் கித் தினறி அவருடைய மனைவி பொன்னம்மா ஒரு வாய் மொழி மனுவைக் கொடுத்தாள். 'என்னங்க நம்ம ஆண்டாளு பள்ளிக்கூடத்திலே ஓட்டப் பந்தயத்திலே சேரணும்னு ஆசைப் படறா. சேரச் சொல்றீங்களா?'

'எதுக்குடி? எதுக்குன்னேன்? ஏதாவது காலிப் பையனோட ஓடிப் போக இப்போலேயிருந்து பழகவா? இந்தக் கையாலாகாத ஆதிமூலம் கல்யாணம் கார்த்திகை எல்லாம் செஞ்சு வைக்கத் திராணி இல்லாதவன். பொண்ணு ஓடிப் போனாத்தான் உண்டுன்னு தாயார்க்காரி நீயே நினைச்சுட்டியா?'

பொன்னம்மா காதுகளைப் பொத்திக் கொண்டு தொடர்ந்து வரும் வார்த்தைக் கணங்குகளை எதிர்கொள்ளும் தைரியமில்லாமல் உள்ளே போய் விட்டாள்.

தை மாசத்தில் ஆண்டாளைப் பெண் கேட்க வந்த பிள்ளையின் தகப்பனாரோடு ஆதிமூலம் இவ்வாறாகப் பேச்சு வார்த்தை நடத்தினாராம்.

'ஐயா, வணக்கம். நான் பொன்னேரியிலிருந்து வரேன். நீங்க தானே ஆண்டானோட அப்பா?'

'அப்படென்னுதான் நான் நம்பறேன்.'

வந்தவர் திகைத்தார்.

'ஐதகத்தைக் கொடுத்த தங்கசாமி உங்க குடும்பம் கௌரவமானதுன்னு சொன்னாரு.'

'அப்போ மத்தவங்களுள்ளாம் எதிர்மறையா சொன்னாங்களா?. வந்தவர் மேலும் திகைத்தார்.

'என்னங்க? இப்படிப் பேசினா எப்படி?'

'பின்னே எப்படிப் பேசணும்? ஒண்ணு பண்ணுங்க. என்னை சிடப் பிள்ளையா ஏத்துண்டு எனக்கு முதலிலே அதைக் கத்துக் கொடுங்க. நான் தேறினதுக்கு அப்புறம் சம்பந்தம் பேச வாங்க.'

வந்தவர் பீதியடைந்து எழுந்து கொண்டார்.

'நீங்க ஏதோ கோபத்திலே இருக்கீங்கன்னு நினைக்கிறேன். அப்புறம் வரேன்.'

'நில்லுங்கய்யா. நீங்கதான் பொண்ணு கேக்க வந்த இடத்திலே தாறுமாறா கேள்விகளைக் கேட்டு என்னை சீண்டி குடா நாலு வார்த்தைகள் பேச வெச்சுட்டு எதிராளி மேலே பழியைப் போடறீங்க. என்னன்னு நினைச்சிண்டு இருக்கீங்க? அ?'

கன்னி, முதிர் கன்னி, பேரிளம்பெண் போன்ற வரிசைகளில் ஆண்டாளு வயது உயர்வு பெற்று கல்யாணம் கார்த்திகை வராமலேயே இன்னும் இருக்கிறாள் என்று சமீபத்தில் பூந்தமல்லி போன போது வக்கில் குமாஸ்தா சுப்பராயனிடமிருந்து தெரிந்து கொண்டேன். தந்தை சொல்லை மீறி, ஓடுவதில் ரகசியமாகப் பயிற்சி பெற்று ஆண்டாளு விடிவை நோக்கிக் காலா காலத்தில் ஓடியிருக்கலாம்! writerjsr@gamil.com



She provides free palliative care



By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Republica Sridhar (Medical Director and Founder, RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust, 13, Ragavaiah Road, T. Nagar) has been providing free pain treatment and palliative care for needy persons for 17 years.

She also runs 'Karunasagar'



in Chennai (4/126, Krishna Nagar, 1st Main Road, Maduravoyal) and Madurai each of which provides free terminal care for 20 patients.

Dr. Republica told *Mambalam Times* that she has done a special course on 'Palliative care' in Britain.

She said that apart from

cancer there are many diseases which cause intolerable pain for patients.

She conducts awareness programs on 'Palliative care' through various organizations like Lions and Rotary Clubs, educational institutions and NGOs.

Dr. Republica said that she provides free treatment for needy patients and charges a nominal fee for others. She has treated more than 2000 persons so far, she added. She conducts a nursing course on palliative care jointly with IGNOU.

Dr. Republica appealed for volunteers to conduct awareness programs and to converse with patients in her home.

She can be contacted in phones 2815 7373/7212 and 93810 16588.

Free yoga classes from tomorrow

Sannyasi Krishnayogam will conduct free yoga classes for adults for 3 weeks from 5.30 a.m to 7 a.m from Sunday, Feb. 19 in Bala Vidya Higher Secondary School, 30, Vasudevapuram (between Chakrapani Street and Janakiraman Street, near Doraiswamy Road subway). The classes are conducted according to the curriculum of the Bihar School of Yoga. Asanas, pranayama pratyahara (sense withdrawal techniques), dharana (concentration), meditation, mantra, value education, food habits, shatkriyas (internal pathways cleaning for managing diseases) etc. are taught.

Doctors give lectures on alternative medicines. Classes on stress management for corporate executives are also conducted. Those interested can register their names in phones 94442 40383/94450 51015 or www.satyamyogatrust.net

Swamiji offers counselling to his students.

Assistance given to physically challenged persons

By Our Staff Reporter

Appoorva Women's Association (Kuppusamy Street, T. Nagar) distributed assistance among needy persons and challenged persons during its 17th anniversary celebrations on Feb. 13.

Radha Krishnamoorthy (President) told *Mambalam Times* that two persons were provided calipers, two were given sewing machines and three persons tricycles. Educational assistance was given to school and college students.

She said that Rs.10,000 was donated to RMD Pain and Palliative Care Trust, T. Nagar and Rs. 5000 to Madha Trust, Adyar (a hospice center for cancer patients).

Radha said that uniforms were given to 40 school students.

She said that the association was formed with 10 house-



wives in 1994. It now has more than 50 members.

Radha said that members visit orphanages, old age homes and other organizations to distribute various forms of assistance. Spectacles are donated

every month in association with Rajan Optical, T. Nagar.

Radha said that scholarship is given to needy students who secure more than 85% marks.

She can be contacted in phone 93814 93939.

3-day art show from today



By Our Staff Reporter

Kalpna Sridhar and Malathi Ranganathan (residents of T. Nagar) have organized an exhibition of traditional wood carvings, paintings, bronze idols and brass lamps from 10.30 a.m to 1.30 p.m and 4 p.m to 9.30 p.m on Feb. 18, 19 and 20 at A-2, 8, Bazullah Road, T. Nagar.

They told *Mambalam Times* that the exhibits include Kerala murals, bronze idols of Nrusimha, Krishna, Lord Siva and Lakshmi, and lamps with chains. All are welcome.

More details can be had in phones 94434 56774 and 99400 46461



TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

TAMIL CINEMA AND MUSIC - 3

In the early days of movies, the word 'Talkies' was used as the suffix to the name of a cinema theater as in Select Talkies, 'Crown Talkies' and such.

These names appear confusing - and even amusing - to foreigners in India and to those studying the history of Indian Cinema. The word was used by theater owners to make it clear that it was wired and equipped for sound and that it screened talking pictures and not silent movies.

Even after movies began to talk in 1931, silent films continued to be made for some more time and screened as before in India. So, at a given point of time in a town, both silent and talking pictures were being screened in different theaters! To distinguish between the two, the word 'Talkies' was added to the name of the theater with sound equipment. Such names continue to be in vogue even today in the 21st century in many parts of India, especially in small towns and rural areas.

Indian Cinema played a significant role in the Freedom Movement, in spite of the rigid system of film censorship by the British government. Yet filmmakers used smart and subtle methods to introduce the message of the struggle, mainly through songs. The role of Tamil Cinema in the Freedom Movement awaits a full and in-depth study till today.

Unfortunately there are no gramophone records (then commonly known as "plates") of the songs of "Kalidas", and no print of the film has survived. Even the song-book is not traceable and, sadly, details about the names of its lyricist and music composer and other technicians remain unknown.

"Kalidas" was the only Tamil talkie to be produced in 1931 and it created history. A new aural age in cinema had dawned and the role of film music began to take roots in the hearts, minds and souls of moviegoers.

In the same year, many silent films were produced in Madras. They were "Bhaktha Vatsal" (or "Durvaasa Garva Bangham"), "Leila, the Star of Mingrelia", "Maya Madhusudhan", "Nara Narayan", "Praval Padmini" (or "Coral Queen"), "Rose of Rajasthan", "Satharam", "Signet Ring" (the latter-day pioneer and famed filmmaker, K. Subramanyam, then cutting his teeth in cinema, wrote its story and scenario), "Taranhar" (story and scenario - K. Subramanyam) and "Vishwamitra". Sadly these films are lost forever in the limbo of time.

Even though the films were silent, they were accompanied by background music provided in the cinema house by the exhibitor. Instrument players, mostly using harmonium and tabla and sometimes a flute, sat in the pit of the theater and they played appropriate background music score. Interestingly the background score for the same movie varied from theater to theater - even from show to show - depending on the moods of the instrument players who produced the score at a moment's notice! Not any easy job that!

There were also men standing at a doorway in the middle of the theater-wall and they narrated, in the local language, the events on the screen and also spoke out the dialogues in their own fashion. Such men, known as "barkers", enjoyed a certain degree of popularity and some of them were treated as "stars" with fan following of their own! This practice was in vogue in Japan and also in small towns and villages in India.

The silent films were less than 6000 feet in length and were screened at the speed of 16 frames per second. The 35 mm sound films run at 24 frames per second.

Another interesting feature which was popular in that period in South India was 'live shows' during the screening of a silent film. Projection would be stopped and dancers, mostly scantily dressed women, would come on stage and perform dances for about fifteen to twenty minutes. Such dances were widely advertised in hand bills and the crowds were larger on such days!

(To be continued)

'Hanuman janma Nakshathra pooja'

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Sanjeevini Peetam (16/45, BRP 1st Street, West Mambalam) there will be a special program at 11 a.m on Thursday, Feb. 23 as part of 'Sri Hanumanjanma Nakshathra pooja'.

There will be tender coconut abhishekam and 108 jackfruit pods pooja for Lord Hanuman.

There will be chanting of Sri Hanuman Chalisa.

All are welcome.

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

'Old Students Day' in Sarada Vidyalaya

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri RKM Sarada Vidyalaya Girls Higher Secondary School (134, Usman Road, T. Nagar) has organized 'Old Students Day' celebrations at 10.30 a.m on Saturday, Feb. 25 in the school premises.

All old students are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 2814 0153.

Abhishekam for Yagnamurthy today



By Our Staff Reporter

Special abhishekam will be performed for Sri Yagnamurthy and Sri Mukkur Lakshmi Nrusimhachariar at 2 p.m on Saturday, Feb. 18 in Sri Mukkur Lakshmi Nrusimhachariar Sannidhi to mark

the conclusion of 32-day 'Yendira prathistajapam' and 'Pooradam nakstham'.

All are welcome.

Sita Kalyanam was performed last week.

More details can be had in phone 2435 3704.

Talk on ayurveda treatment

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Mambalam Exnora Women's Guild and Naickamar Street Civic Exnora, R. Veeracholan (Medical Officer, Urban Ayurvedic Medical Center) will give a talk on 'Solution to good health through traditional ayurvedic treatment' at 3.30 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 8/4, Naickamar Street, West Mambalam. All are welcome.

Students display gymnastic skills



By Our Staff Reporter

Students of Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College (Madley Road, T. Nagar) showcase their gymnastic skills during the 7th annual sports meet last week.

Other demonstrations included yoga, pyramid, aerobics, karate and silambam.

2 vocal concerts on Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Hamsavinodhini (West Mambalam), Vasudha Devi will present a vocal concert at 5 p.m and Dr. Vijayalakshmi Subramanian at 6.30 p.m on Feb. 20 in Anjenayar Temple, 53rd Street, Ashok Nagar as

part of Mahasivarathri celebrations.

They will be accompanied by C. N. Srinivasamoorthy (violin) and Guru Raghavendra (mridangam).

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 98408 45507.

'Akhanda bhajans'

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sathya Sai Samithi, West Mambalam will conduct 'akhanda bhajans' from 9 p.m on Monday, Feb. 20 to 6 a.m on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Vasantham Marriage Hall, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 94450 34415.

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

Mother's birth anniversary celebrations

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Annai Ashram (10, 45th Street, 9th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) has organized 'Balcony darshan' of The Mother at 6.30 a.m on Tuesday, Feb. 21 as part of The Mother's 134th birth anniversary celebrations.

Annai Adigal (Founder) told Mambalam Times that Chitra Chandar will give a talk on 'Mahimai of Divine Mother' at 6 p.m.

Pondicherry Ashram blessing cards will be given to visitors, he added.

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Bus crews complain of student 'nuisance'



By Our Staff Reporter
The driver of a bus on route 11H (TN 01 N 5479) halted the vehicle at the junction of Kamarajar Salai and Natesan Street in K. K. Nagar protesting against the misbehaviour of students which resulted in disruption of traffic for 30 minutes as the drivers of other buses also stopped their vehicles in the middle of the road. The crew caught hold of one of the students who is said to

have threatened the driver of the first bus and asked him to call his parents. Meanwhile, traffic police rushed to the spot to clear the traffic jam. Drivers and conductors complained to police officials that the students of some schools in T. Nagar, West Mambalam and nearby areas make a nuisance of themselves by standing on the footboard, clinging to window bars and climbing on

top of the buses. This occurred mostly in Duraisamy Subway, Thambaih Road, Arya Gowda Road, 11th Avenue, Anna Main Road and Kamarajar Salai. They said that the students also misbehaved with women and girl students in the buses. When the driver and conductor tell them to behave properly they are threatened, they told the police officials. They appealed for posting of

policemen in buses on routes passing through areas in which schools are located, in the morning and the evening. Following an assurance given by police officials that a solution will be found, the drivers moved the buses. The student caught by the bus crew was handed over to the police who summoned his father to the spot. The student was let off after being given a stern warning.

Free Veda classes during weekends

By Our Staff Reporter
Free Veda classes are being conducted from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m on Saturdays and Sundays in Krishna Gana Sabha, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar. More details can be had in phone 98843 05676.

Plea for donations to reprint guide for visually challenged



By Our Staff Reporter
College Students and Graduates Association of the Blind (Thakkar Bapa Vidya-

State and Central Government orders for the Visually Impaired' for distribution among members and others. M. Uthirapathy (President) told *Mambalam Times* that there are more than 2000 members in the Association who can utilize the book to get information. He said that 1st edition was printed in 1999 and the second in 2010. Uthirapathy also appealed for volunteers to read to visually challenged persons. More details can be had in telephone numbers 98658 18875, 90809 53828 and 97910 74387.

TTD booklet to be given free to devotees

By Our Staff Reporter
K. Ram Kumar (Secretary, State Hindu Religious & Endowment Board) released 'Govindham - Paramanandham', a booklet published by Tirumala-Tirupati Devasthanam, in the TTD Center



on Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar last week. K. Anandha Kumar Reddy (President, TTD Local Advisory Committee, Chennai) told *Mambalam Times* that the book will be given free to devotees. He said that the book, in Tamil and Telugu, contains details of poojas performed in Tirumala, Suprabatham and Namavallis.

Free classes on 'Srimad Bhagavatham'

Free classes on 'Srimad Bhagavatham' will be conducted at 11 a.m on Tuesdays at 26/12, Kripasankari Street, West Mambalam. All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 98406 03064.

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