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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

Tamil Cinema and Music - 9

N. C. VASANTHAKOKILAM

"Venuganam" had in its cast, besides Vasanthakokilam, noted artistes like K. Sarangapani, V. V. Satagopan (the well known Carnatic musician who enjoyed movie stardom for a brief while), Kulathumani, A. Sakunthala (later Mrs. P. U. Chinnappa), S. M. Subbaiah and M. V. Mani.

It was made at the Central Studios, Coimbatore, which had played a significant role in the history of Indian Cinema.

In this movie, Vasanthakokilam sang songs in ragas Manirangu, Hindustan Naattai, Senjurutti, Behag, Kaapi and Jonpuri. (The last song, its lyrics and tune were copied from the famous 'Eppo Varuvaaro', duly adapted to suit the film!)

With Sachi, her patron and life-guide, losing his hold on the movie world and not getting films to make, Vasanthakokilam realized that she would not get heroine roles any more. Besides, her career as a performing Carnatic musician had taken off, and Sachi concentrated in promoting her as a competitor to M. S. Subbulakshmi. Whatever MSS did, NCV also did. When MSS cut discs of Hindi songs, which was in fashion during the 1940's, NCV too followed suit! While the music was tunefully melodious, her accent and pronunciation of Hindi words were atrocious! However her discs of Carnatic music sold well and spread her fame.

She, however, did not give up movies altogether. By now she was well into her thirties. Generally Brahmin and other middle class women of that era did not bother to take care of their figure and form, and NCV was no exception! The familiar middle age-spread began to creep over her! Sachi realized that she could only play supporting roles thereafter.

One such role came to her in Haridas, the memorable movie of 1944 featuring M. K. Thyagaraja Bhagavathar, the first superstar of South Indian cinema, singing star, icon and a legend in his lifetime. The movie had the oomph girl of her day, T. R. Rajakumari, in the lead role.

NCV was cast as MKT's wife in the movie. Produced by the Madurai-based well known Rayal Talkie Distributors, the film was directed by the multi-lingual filmmaker Sundar Rao Nadkarni and was shot at Central Studios, Coimbatore. Others in the cast included N. S. Krishnan, T. A. Mathuram, 'Pulimootai' Ramasami, T. E. Krishnamachari and M. M. Radhabai.

A folk myth tale of sinner-turning-saint, "Haridas" was a musical extravaganza and became a super hit. Indeed, to this day, it holds the unbroken record for the longest run at a single theater by a non-Hindi, regional language film in India. It ran for 116 weeks at Broadway Cinema, Madras, and witnessed three consecutive Deepawali festivals, 1944, 1945 and 1946! The reason was its music. Its lyrics and music were by the legendary icon of Carnatic Music and cult figure, Papanasam Sivan, and the orchestration and background music score were by the noted film composer, G. Ramanathan assisted by S. M. Subbaiah Naidu.

Many songs of 'Haridas' became hits. NCV sang songs in Bilahari ('Kadhiravan Udayam Kandu...' was popular), Suddha Dhanyasi ('Kanna Vaa Manivannaa Vaa...', also a popular song), Hindi film-based tune ('Enadhu Manam Thulli...'), Mayamaalavagowla ('Enathuyir Naadhan...'), She also sang a duet with MKT Bhagavathar which fell rather flat!

In 1940, M. S. Subbulakshmi created a sensation when she played the male role of the musical sage Narada in Y. V. Rao's 'Savithri'. The popular Hindi and Marathi film star of her days, Shantha Apte, played the heroine and she spoke and sang in Tamil in her own voice with no play-back singer or dubbing - a fact which would stun many today when few stars speak or sing in their own voices!

After MSS set the ball rolling, Vasanthakokilam too donned the male garb of Narada in Jupiter Pictures' 'Valmiki' (1946).

Not many are aware that M. K. Thyagaraja Bhagavathar was the first choice to play the hero in this movie. But, regretfully, he was arrested in December 1944 for his alleged involvement in the sensational "Lakshmikantham Murder Case" which shook not only South India but also the rest of the nation and other lands during late 1944-early 1945. He was in prison for thirty months and came out only in April, 1947.

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By Our Staff Reporter

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The bricks, transported from Arani district, were to be unloaded at construction site on Velu Street nearby. The wheels were freed after a 2-hour struggle.

Later Corporation workers dumped debris in the pit.



Rama Navami celebrations from today

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Rama Navami will be celebrated in Sri Ram Samaj (Ayodhya Mandapam, 47, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam) on March 31.

The following is the program: 8.30 a.m: Panaka pooja, Sri Ramashadakshri homam, Sri Rama jananam, Srimad Valmiki Ramayana moola paarayanam and Pattabishekham.

4 p.m: Discourses on 'Srimad Valmiki Ramayanam' and Sri Rama pattabishekham.

10 p.m: Procession. More details can be had in 2489 3077 and 2371 8286.

Sri Srinivasamurthy Mandiram (1/56, Ellaiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam)

March 31: 7 p.m: Janaki Ganesh's bhathanatyam program.

April 1: 7 p.m: Bombay Sisters C. Saroja Srimathi and C. Lalitha (vocal), S. P. Ananthapadmanabhan (violin), Kumbakonam Swaminathan (mridangam), H. Sivaramakrishnan (ghatam).
Sudha Seshaiyan will give discourses on 'Alwargalin mahimaigal' at 7 p.m from April 2 to 6.

Sri Rama Anjaneyar Temple (Hanuman Koil Street, West Mambalam)

Special archana at 7 a.m and 5 p.m from March 31 to April 4.
April 5: 9 a.m: Homam; 11 a.m: Poornahuthi; 4 p.m: Sri Sita Kalyanam.

Sri Siva-Vishnu Temple, 172/90, Usman Road, T. Nagar.

April 1
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6 p.m: Sri Rama Nama sankeerthanam by Vembu Bhagavathar.

April 2
6 p.m: Kalyana utsavam.

More details can be had in phone 2434 6031.
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The following are the topics: April 1: Sri Rama jananam. April 2: Viswamithirar varugai.

April 3: Sita kalyanam. April 4: Ayodhya kandam. April 5: Sri Paduka pattabishekam.

April 6: Jadayu motcham. April 7: Sabari motcham. April 8: Sri Sundarakandam. April 9: Sri Ramar pattabishekam.

More details can be had in phone 2483 4472 and 2488 0105.

Sri Ayodhi Abhayastha Hanuman Temple (98, Naickamar Street, West Mambalam)

'Janana Utsavam' will be celebrated daily from 9 a.m to 10 a.m and 5.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m from March 31 to April 9.

Devotees are welcome to offer fruits and flowers for special alangaaram.

'Paanagam' and buttermilk will be distributed from 12 noon to 1 p.m on April 1.

More details can be had from R. M. Devanathadesikan in 94443 32435/98415 02313.

Special program in Sanjeevini Peetam tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sanjeevini Peetam (13/45, BRP 1st Street, West Mambalam) there will be chanting of Sri Rama raksha stotram, Rama namasankerthanam, Rama bhajans and Rama shabdha visishtatha discussions at 6 p.m on Sunday, April 1 (Rama Navami).

There will also be chanting of Sri Hanuman chalisa.

Mathaji (Founder) will talk to children from 5 p.m to 6 p.m

the same day.

Mathaji will put thulasi garlands on devotees at 8 a.m on Friday, April 6 before the start of the 40-day 'Sri Hanuman diksha' program.

More details can be had from K. S. Venugopal (Managing Trustee) in 98403 64567.

'Sundarakanda paarayanam' next Sunday

Under the auspices of Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Vishnu Sahasranamam Mandali (11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar), there will be 'Sundarakanda paarayanam' from 7 a.m on April 8 in Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Temple, Mettupalayam Road, West Mambalam.

Usha (President) told Mambalam Times that there will be special alangaaram for the presiding deity.

She appealed to amateur musicians to conduct bhajans and concerts in neighborhood temples. Usha can be contacted in phones 98412 94449 and 99411 44407.

Temple program can be seen online

Alangaara thirumanjanam and pattabishekam thirukolam to be performed for presiding deity of Sri Kothanda Ramar Temple, K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam on April 1 can be seen online by logging onto http://www.livestream.com/mambalam_srikothandaramartemple, according to D. Mohan Bhattar (Chief Purohit).

The following is the program: 9 a.m: Alangaara thirumanjanam.

6.30 p.m: Pattabisheka thirukolam.

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தாத்தாவுடன் குரோர்பதி

(கி.பி 2012லும் தேனடையாக ஓட்டிக் கொண்டிருக்கும் ஒரு அதிசயக் கூட்டுக் குடும்பத்தில் ஈவிச்சேரில் மடங்கியிருக்கும் 90 வயது பெரியவரை சுற்றிக் கொள்ளுப் பேரர்கள், பேத்திகள்).

ரகு: தாத்தா இன்னிக்குக் குரோர்பதி விளையாடலாமா? நான்தான் சூர்யா. நீங்க ஹாட் சீட்டிலே இருக்கீங்க.

தாத்தா: என்ன கேட்டா? உரக்கப் பேசுங்க. காது பொய்யுங்கறது.

ரகு: குரோர்பதி தாத்தா! கேமை ஆரம்பிக்கலாமா? உங்களுக்கு ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் பரிசுக்கான முதல் கேள்வி. 'மியாவ்' என்று கத்தும் மிருகம் எது? ஆப்ஷன் (A) பூனை; ஆப்ஷன் (B) யானை; ஆப்ஷன் (C) கரடி; ஆப்ஷன் (D) ஓட்டகம்.

தாத்தா: தெரியலே. யோசிக்கணும்.

ரகு: எவ்வளவு நேரம் வேணாலும் எடுத்துக்கலாம். தெரியலேன்னா ஆடியன்ஸ் போல், பிஃப்டி பிஃப்டி, ஃபோன் எ ஃபிரண்டுன்னு மூனு லைஃப் லைன்கள் இருக்கு.

தாத்தா: ம்? பளிச்சுன்னு தெரியலே. கரடின்னு நினைக்கிறேன். ஆனா 'ஷ்யூரா தெரியலே.'

ரகு: ஆடியன்ஸ் போல் போறீங்களா?

தாத்தா: அப்படின்னா என்ன? சரி போய்த்தான் பார்க்கலாம்.

ரகு: (சுற்றுமுற்றும் பார்த்து) ஹேமா, பூமா, சீனு, ரிஷி, பிரசன்னா, ரவி எல்லாரும் கேளுங்க. மியாவு கத்தும் மிருகம் எதுங்கிற கேள்விக்குத் தாத்தாவுக்கு உங்க உதவி தேவை. கமான், ஒவ்வொருத்தராவும் சொல்லுங்க பார்க்கலாம்.

எல்லாரும்: (கோரலாக) பூனை.

ரகு: தாத்தா! ஆடியன்ஸ்லே நூறு சதவிகிதம் பூனைன்னு சொல்லியிருக்காங்க. நீங்க அது சரியான பதிலு சொன்னாலாக பண்ணிடறேன். நன்னா யோசிச்சு பதில் சொல்லலாம். பரிசு ஆயிரம் ரூபாய். சந்தேகம் இருந்தா ஃபோன் எ ஃபிரண்டு இல்லாட்டி பிஃப்டி பிஃப்டிக்குப் போகலாம்.

தாத்தா: ஃபோனா? வேண்டாம். ஃபோன் பேச்சு காதுலே சரியா விழமாட்டேங்கிறது.

ரகு: அப்போ அடுத்த ஆப்ஷன் பிஃப்டி பிஃப்டிக்குப் போகலாமா? சரின்னு நீங்க தலையை ஆட்டினதாலே அதுக்குப் போறேன். பார்த்தீங்களா? இரண்டு தப்பான விடைகளான கரடியையும், ஓட்டகத்தையும் கம்ப்யூட்டர் எடுத்துடுத்து. இப்போ சொல்லுங்க. மியாவ்னு கத்தும் மிருகம் பூனையா? யானையா?

தாத்தா: அப்போ நான் நினைச்சு கரடி தப்பா? நல்ல வேளை.

ரகு: (தாத்தாவை சீரியலாகப் பார்த்து) நன்னா யோசிச்சு சொல்லுங்க. மியாவ்னு கத்தறது பூனை இல்லாட்டி யானைங்கிறதிலே ஒன்று தவறான விடை மற்றொன்று சரியான விடை. சரியான விடையை சொன்னால் உங்களுக்கு ஆயிரம் ரூபாய். தவறான விடையை சொன்னால் விளையாட்டிலிருந்து விலக வேண்டி வரும்.

தாத்தா: ம்? யானைதான் சரின்னு தோணுது. ஆனா அதான்னு சொல்றதுக்கு இல்லை? ம்?...

ரகு: யோசிங்க. டேய், ரவி, டொக்டொக், டொக்டொக் மூட் மியூசிக்கைக் கொடுடா. தாத்தா சொல்லுங்க. எதை லாக் பண்ணுது?

தாத்தா: (சந்தேகத்துடன்) பூனை. பூனையை லாக் பண்ணு.

ரகு: (எகிறி குதித்து) ரைட் ஆன்ஸர். தாத்தா உங்களுக்கு ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் கிடைச்சிருக்கு. ஆரம்பத்திலிருந்து பூனையைப் பத்தியே யோசிக்காம எப்படிக்க கடைசியிலே டக்குனு பூனைன்னு சரியான பதிலுக்குத் தாவினீங்க.

தாத்தா: முதல் கேள்விக்கே பூனையை மடியிலே கட்டிக்க வேணாமனு பார்த்தேன். எனக்குப் பூனைன்னாலே அலர்ஜி. சனியன். நேத்திக்கு எனக்கு வெச்சிருந்த பாலைக் கொட்டிடுச்சுன்னு உங்கம்மா லட்சுமி சொன்னாள்.

ரகு: உங்களுக்கு ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் கிடைச்சிருக்கு. பிரமாதமா விளையாடறீங்க தாத்தா. மேலே போகலாமா? ரெண்டாயிரம் ரூபாய் பரிசுக்கான இரண்டாவது கேள்வி. நம் முகத்திலே இல்லாத உறுப்பு எது? ஆப்ஷன் (A) காது; ஆப்ஷன் (B) முக்கு; ஆப்ஷன் (C) வாய்; ஆப்ஷன் (D) வயிறு

தாத்தா: அம்மாடியோவ். கஷ்டமான கேள்வியா இருக்கே. (தாத்தாவின் ருமுக்கு லட்சுமி திடீரென்று வருகிறாள்).

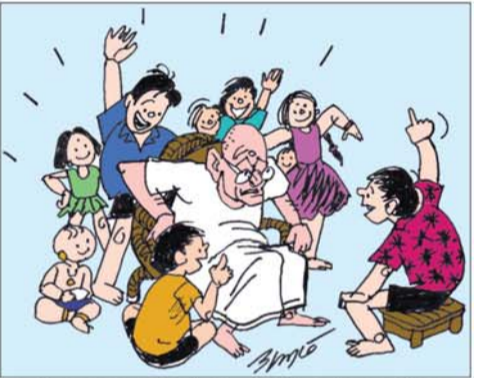
லட்சுமி: டேய் பசங்களா! எல்லாம் எழுந்து போங்க. மணி பத்தாகப் போறது. தாத்தா தூங்கணும். அவரை இப்படிக்கோட்டா பண்ணக் கூடாது. ம். போங்க போங்க.

தாத்தா: பாத்தியாம்மா. என் மறதி இந்தப் பசங்களுக்கு விளையாட்டாப் போச்சு. தூக்கத்திலே எழுப்பிக் கேட்டாலும் திவ்யப் பிரபந்தத்தையும், திருவாசகத்தையும் அட்சரம் பிசகாமல் சொன்னவனுக்குப் பூனை மியாவ்னு கத்தும்கிறது மறந்து போயிருமா? தமாஷ் பண்ணாங்க. எனக்கு மனுஷங்க பேர்தான் சன்னு மறந்து போயிடறது. அதுவும் அந்த ரவி இருக்கானே, அவனுக்கு உடம்பு பூரா குறும்பு.

லட்சுமி: அப்பா, உங்களைக் கேள்வி கேட்டவன் ரகு. ரவி இல்லை.

தாத்தா: பார்த்தியா? சரி, கையைப் பிடிச்சுப் படுக்கைக்குக் கொண்டு போ. எல்லாப் பேர்களும்னு இல்லை, நேத்துப் பிறந்த வங்களோட பேர்கள்தான் மறந்து போறது. சீதா. மறக்காமல் லைட்டை அணைச்சுடறயா?

லட்சுமி: சீதாவா? நான் லட்சுமிப்பா. சீதா உங்களுக்குப் போயிருக்கா.



New diversions on Anna Salai for Metro Rail work



The stretch of G. N. Chetty Road which has been made one-way.

The second phase of traffic diversion on Anna Salai to facilitate work on the Metro Rail project, which came into effect on Saturday, March 24, caused a great deal of confusion among motorists.

There was heavy traffic congestion on Theagaraya Road and North Boag Road during peak hours and pedestrians struggled to cross the road near Sunder Street -G. N Chetty Road junction with one-way on Sunder Street being reversed with entry from G. N. Chetty Road.

The stretch of G. N. Chetty Road, from its junction with North Boag Road to Gemini flyover, is one-way with no entry from Sunder Street.

The new changes include a dedicated lane for MTC buses from Eldams Road traffic sig-



Entry is barred into G. N. Chetty Road from its junction with Sunder Street. The one-way on Sunder Street has been reversed with entry from G. N. Chetty Road side.

nal to Gemini flyover, a distance of about 1 km., on a trial basis.

This, some MTC officials feel, could be a precursor to a bus rapid transit system (BRTS) in the city. "This is will defi-



The dedicated lane for MTC buses.

increased fares. This won't be the case this time, officials said.

There is no change in the movement of traffic from Gemini flyover towards Saidapet while vehicles coming from Nandanam are diverted at the Eldams Road junction in Teynampet via Thyagaraya Road, North Boag Road and G. N. Chetty Road to reach Anna Salai.

North Boag Road has been made one-way with entry from Theyagaraya Road and no entry from G. N. Chetty Road. The one-way on North Boag Road at Ma Po Si Junction has been reversed with entry from Theyagaraya Road-Ma Po Si junction and no entry from North Boag Road-Vijayaragava Road junction. Report courtesy The Times of India.

A mild form of 'road rage'

By Our Staff Reporter

There was confusion among motorists as expected when new traffic changes to facilitate Metro Rail project work came into force on Saturday, March 24.

While traffic officials and policemen stood at vantage points to guide motorists, the whole exercise was not without humorous moments and incidents of mild 'road rage' one of which was witnessed by this reporter.

This happened at the junction of North Boag Road and G. N. Chetty Road. North Boag Road has been made



one-way with no entry from G. N. Chetty Road. A man on a motorcycle with mother on the

tried to enter North Boag Road from G. N. Chetty Road. When policemen stopped him, he pleaded that he be allowed to enter from the wrong side just once as he was in a hurry. When the policemen said 'nothing doing' the man started arguing fiercely but the policemen were unmoved and told him to turn around. Seeing that he could not have his way the man angrily took too sharp a U-turn and lost his balance. The motorcycle fell down but he was not injured. Luckily his mother had not seated herself on the pillion but was waiting for him to turn.

"Do not play rummy for gain", High Court tells Mahalakshmi Association

The Madras High Court directed Mahalakshmi Cultural Association, T. Nagar on March 22 not to allow members or guests to play rummy with stakes and make a profit or gain. The police can take action if any illegal activity is carried on in the association premises, it said.

A Division Bench comprising Justices D. Murugesan and P. P. S. Janarthana Raja passed the judgment on an appeal by police against a single judge's order on Nov. 4 last year.

Originally, the Association filed a writ petition seeking an order to forbear the police from interfering in any manner in the association's activities,

including playing rummy with or without stakes and also from harassing its members and guests. As rummy is a game of skill and not gambling, the association sought directions in the writ petition.

The single judge having found that rummy is a game of skill and that police could not treat it as an illegal activity, disposed of the petition with directions which included that the association should not indulge in any illegal activity other than playing rummy (13 cards) with stakes by its members and guests.

Challenging this, the Director-General of Police and other police authorities filed the present appeal.

Tamil panchangam release on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

Thamiznadu Brahmin Association, K. K. Nagar (west) will release 'Sri Nandhana' Tamil New Year panchangam at 10 a.m on Friday, April 6 in Saranam Hall, Sri Ayappan Temple, Ponnambalam Salai, K. K. Nagar.

Vedic V. Ravi (President) told Mambalam Times that the panchangam will be released by N. Narayanan (State President, Thambass) and the 1st copy will be received by V. R. Lakshminarayanan (former Director General of Police).

The following is the program: 8 a.m: Sri Lalitha sahasra-naama archanai.

11 a.m: Bhajans.

3 p.m: General body meeting.

4.30 p.m: Thirupugazh bhajans.

6.30 p.m: Bhrathanatyam by Ramya Venkataraman (disciple of Padma Subramanian).

All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 98407 87957.

ISKCON program in Mambalam

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

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

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

Rotary award for Tarachand Galada Jain School Headmistress

By Our Staff Reporter

Sita Ranjith (Headmistress, Sri Tarachand Galada Jain School, T. Nagar and resident of Pinjala Subramaniam Street, T. Nagar) was presented 'Vocational Excellence Award for Education' by Rotary Club of Chennai Towers on March 29 for serving the field of education for more than 25 years.

The award was presented by Abirami Ramanathan. N. K. Ranganath (CEO, Grundfos India), Sanjay Dallari (Club President), Sathish Kandimalla (Vocational Service Director) and M. Srikumar (Secretary) were present.

Sita holds an M.Sc (Analytical Chemistry) degree and a doctorate. Her thesis was on 'Life skills program for underprivileged adolescent girls'.

Sita has been Headmistress since 1996 and was instru-



mental in the then primary school becoming a 'recognized matriculation school'. She is involved in vocational

ages and needy organizations.

Sita introduced games for the teachers as a stress reliever. Bhajans are also conducted. She has published a series of books titled 'Just -4-U' for students.

Sita started FOWERD (Foundation for Women Rehabilitation and Development) in 2005 which conducts vocational training programs for women, publishes a monthly magazine 'Penin Kural' and organizes street plays under the auspices of 'Bhavan Theater Workshop' to create an awareness about social and health issues.

She has directed 2 short films, 'Nirangal', which highlights the suppressed emotions of women, and 'Guruve Namaha', which opposes corporal punishment in school.

Sita can be contacted in phone 98400 3337.

Rotary award for geriatric specialist

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Kamalie Sripal (resident of 13, Kanadasan Street, T. Nagar) was recently presented 'Excellence Service Award' by Rotary International.

She is a geriatric specialist and has conducted a number of health camps for senior citizens and needy persons in urban and rural areas.

Dr. Kamalie told *Mambalam Times* that she is creating an awareness about the family doctor concept which provides better treatment.

She offers counselling for women, senior citizens and students.

She holds B.Sc (Chemistry) and M.B.B.S degrees, and Ph.D and diploma in Cosme-



tology. She has been Editor of *Gokulam Kathir* magazine since 1996. She is President of Council of Medical Science and Practice, Patron of Women's Indian Association and Vice

President of Red Cross (Tamilnadu). She is the medical consultant for various research institutions and educational trusts.

Dr. Kamalie presented research papers on 'Geriatric nutrition' and 'Holistic approach to treatment' at conferences and has conducted research programs on nutrition.

She has been presenting programs on radio and TV for 2 decades.

She has authored 'Manidha Neyam', 'Poonthottam', 'Ellam Inbamayam' and 'Kakai Kurvi Engal Jadhhi'.

Dr. Kamalie can be contacted in drkamalie@gmail.com.

Abinaya's dance program on Friday



By Our Staff Reporter

B. Abinaya (resident of 17-A, Gopalan Street, West Mambalam) will present a bhathanatyam program at 6.30 p.m on Friday, April 6 in VDS Arts Academy, MOP Vaishnav College, Nungambakkam.

She is a disciple of J. Suryanarayanamurthy and Brigha Bessell (Abinaya exponent). All are welcome.

Abinaya is a Std. 12 student of DAV Girls School, Gopalapuram.

Free Veda classes

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. More details can be had in phone 98406 40705.

Students bring plastic waste to school

By Our Staff Reporter

Students of Chennai Primary School (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) are bringing used plastic covers from their houses on Wednesdays and putting them in bins kept in the school premises, Padmini Sundaram (Councillor, Ward 135) told *Mambalam Times* on March 28.

G. Hemalatha (Headmistress) said that teachers are educating students on the need for segregation of plastic waste.

Conservancy workers are also collecting plastic waste from houses on Wednesdays.



Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

By Our Staff Reporter

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

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

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

Temple tank to be filled for festival

By Our Staff Reporter

The cement lined tank of Arulmigu Kasi Visalakshi Udanurai Arulmigu Kasi Viswanathanar Temple (Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam) Water will be filled with water to a depth of 4 ft for conducting the 'Thirthavari' festival slated to take place at 11 a.m on Thursday, April 5 as part of brahmotsavam celebrations.



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Bag with pirated DVDs found on station platform

By Our Staff Reporter

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Rama Navami music festival in Ayodhya Mandapam

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Rama Navami music festival will be celebrated from April 1 to 16 in Sri Ram Samaj (Ayodhya Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

The following is the schedule:
April 1: 5 p.m: Pallavi Prasanna Matyastha (vocal), M. Rajeev (violin), S. J. Arjun Ganesh (mridangam); 7 p.m: S. Sowmya (vocal), Dr. M. Narmada (violin), Poongulam Subramaniam (mridangam), K. V. Gopalakrishnan (ganjira).
April 2: 5 p.m: Trichy Pradeep Kumar (vocal), B. Ananthakrishnan (violin), Kumbakonam Swaminathan (mridangam); 7 p.m: Madurai T. N. Seshagopalan (vocal), V. V. Ravi (violin), Trichur C. Narendran (mridangam), Madipakkam A. Murali (ghatam), A. S. Krishnan (morsing).

April 3: 5 p.m: Srividya Ramnath (vocal), Anayampatti G. Venkatasubramanian (violin), Bangalore R. Ramesh (mridangam); 7 p.m: Gayathri Venkatraghavan (vocal), Charumathi Raghuraman (violin), Neyveli Narayanan (mridangam), Trichy Murali (ghatam).

April 4: 5 p.m: Pradosha pooja; 7 p.m: T. M. Krishna (vocal), Dr. R. Hemalatha (violin), K. Arun Prakash (mridangam), B. S. Purushothaman (ganjira).

April 5: 5 p.m: Niranjana Srinivasan (vocal), M. Vijay (violin), N. C. Bharadwaj (mridangam); 7 p.m: Mambalam Sisters Vijayalakshmi & Chitra (vocal), Usha Rajagopalan (violin), Nellai A. Balaji (mridangam), Chandrasekar Sarma (ghatam), K. S. Rangachari (ganjira).

April 6: 5 p.m: Sathur Sisters Lalitha & Bhuvana (vocal), Neela Jayakumar (violin), V. R. Jayakumar (mridangam); 7 p.m: N. Vijay Siva (vocal), Amritha Murali (violin), Manoj Siva (mridangam), Aniruth Athreya (ganjira).

April 7: 5 p.m: S. Malavika (vocal), K. P. Nandhini (violin), M. S. Venkatasubramanian (mridangam); 7 p.m: Sangeetha upanyasam by Visaka Hari & party; 9.30 p.m: Sri Sita vivaha nitchyartham.

April 8: 8.30 a.m: Poorvagam; 10 a.m: Sita vivaham; 5 p.m: Jayashree Jayarama Krishnan (vocal), Karaikal Venkatasubramanian (violin), B. Guru Raghavendra (mridangam); 7 p.m: Priya Sisters Haripriya & Shamugapriya (vocal), M. A. Krishnaswami (violin), Neyveli S. Skandasubramanian (mridangam), Alathur T. Raja Ganesh (ganjira).

April 9: 5 p.m: J. B. Sruthi Sagar (flute), K. J. Dileep (violin), Thillaisthanam Suryanarayanan (mridangam); 7 p.m: Abishek Raghuraman (vocal), B. U. Ganesh Prasanna (ganjira).

April 10: 5 p.m: Vasudha Ravi (vocal), Srilakshmi Venkatramani (violin), Sumesh Narayanan (mridangam); 7 p.m: S. Saketha Raman (vocal), S. Varadarajan (violin), Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman (mridangam), Aniruth Athreya (ganjira).

April 11: 5 p.m: B. Suchitra (Harikatha), Villivakkam Raghuraman (violin), M. S. Varadhan (mridangam); 7 p.m: B. V. Balasai (flute), M. A. Krishnaswami (violin), R. Ramesh (mridangam), H. Prasanna (ghatam).

April 12: 5 p.m: Prasanna Venkataraman (vocal), R. Raghul (violin), A. V. Manikandan (mridangam); 7 p.m: Sikkil C. Gurucharan (vocal), M. A. Sundareswaran (violin), Thiruvarur Bhakthavatsalam (mridangam), Vaikkam Gopalakrishnan (ghatam).

April 13: 3 p.m: Tamil New Year Day 'Nandhana' panchanga patanam by Nannilam V. Rajagopala Ganapadigal; 5 p.m: N. Jayakrishnan (vocal), Melakaveri Thiagarajan (violin), Trivandrum Hariharan (mridangam); 7 p.m: Sudha Raghunathan (vocal), V. V. Srinivasa Rao (violin), Palladam Ravi (Mridangam), R. Raman (morsing).

April 14: 8 a.m: Bhajans and Sita kalyanam by Sethalathi Soundaraja Bhagavathar & party; 5.15 p.m: Panthula Rama (vocal), M. S. N. Murthy (violin), Melakaveri Balaji (mridangam), Papanasam Sethuraman (ganjira); 7.30 p.m: Pooja, dhivyanamam, dolotsavam. All are welcome.

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