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TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

As expected, music dominated 'Tukaram' which had as many as thirty songs.

That was the period when another Tamil movie had as many as fifty songs and this fact was advertised with pride and pomp! A 1930s film, 'Sangeetha Lava Kusa' had 63 songs! The famous Tamil writer and cult figure of his day, Kalki (Ra. Krishnamurthy), a master of Tamil prose and punning, described such films as 'Paatties' and not 'Talkies'!

Out of the thirty songs in 'Tukaram', Musiri sang sixteen. The ragas used were Bilahari, Devagandhari, Hamsanaadam, Yadukulakambhodhi, Harikambhodhi. Kunthalavarali, Neelambari. Naadhanaamakriya, Simhendramadhyamam. Reethigowla, Mayamalavagowla. Khamas and Kambhodhi. The composer was the living legend and 'Thamizh Thyagaiah', Papanasam Sivan, and Musiri assisted him in the composing of his own songs. Some songs were based on Musiri's own kraits like 'Thiruvadi Charanam...' A few Tukaram Marathi bhajans were also used.

'Tukaram', advertised as 'Musiri Tukaram', did reasonably well at the box office, though it was not a big hit. But Musiri's songs became popular. Critics commented caustically on Musiri's acting and hinted that he should leave films alone and stick to his music! He did get offers to act later, but he chose to forget all about movies and forged ahead to grow as a towering giant of Carnatic music. However the movie did help to boost his singing career.

No print of this rare film is known to exist today. Only the gramophone discs, still photos, song books, and lingering memories remain. A pity indeed!

Sadly Musiri did not enjoy good health, suffering from pleurisy which, to some extent, hampered his professional growth. He had to restrict his concerts and travels in the country and neighbouring lands.

But many honours sought him. He was appointed as Principal of Central College of Music, Madras where he distinguished himself for many years. Other honours he received were 'Sangeetha Kalanidhi' by Madras Music Academy, Asthana Vidwan of Travancore, Sangeetha Natak Akademi Award, 'Isai Peraringnar' by Thamizh Isai Sangam, 'Sangeetha Kala Sikhmani'. And finally, 'Padma Bhushan' from Central Government.

After a spectacular life and career full of fame, honours and all, Musiri Subramania Iyer passed away on March, 24, 1975 at the age of 76.

The giant is gone but his music lives forever. Oliver Road in Mylapore, where he lived for many years, has been named after him as Musiri Subramania Iyer Road.

M. M. DHANDAPANI DESIKAR

Certain Classical Carnatic music songs many of which are eternal favorites have been associated with one and only one classical musician. Indeed the songs and the musician are so synonymous that other musicians invariably avoid them. Such is the popularity of this musician.

Some such popular songs include 'Thaamarai pootha thadhakamadee', 'Thoothu nee solli vaaraay', 'Jagadjanani sukha vaani Kalyani', 'Inba kanaa ondru kanden', 'Varugalaamo', 'Piravaa varam thaarum', 'Sivaloka naathanai kandu', 'Ennappan allavaa', 'Iyey metha kadinam'. Some of these popular songs are from the movie 'Nandanaar'.

The outstanding musician who rendered the songs and who still lives in the souls, hearts and minds of music lovers of South India is M. M. Dhandapani Desikar.

A staunch votary of the Tamizh Isai movement which gathered strength in the early 1940s, Desikar was also one of the beneficiaries of the movement because it helped to zoom his career ahead.

The Thamizh Isai movement was indeed an off-shoot of the Non-Brahmin Movement, which reared its head sometime in the early decades of the 20th century. At that time and even today, most of the top musicians hailed from the Brahmin community and the Non-Brahmin Movement was set up mainly against them. The Movement advocated that, in Carnatic music concerts in the Tamil areas of the old Madras Presidency, songs should be sung only in Tamil and not in Telugu in which Saint Thyagaraja Swamigal and some others had composed their songs. The Movement gathered strength because some of the Brahmins deeply involved in music were its staunch supporters. They were, among others, Papanasam Sivan, Kalki (Ra. Krishnamurthy), Rajaji and M. S. Subbulakshmi. Except MS, the others were Brahmins by birth and MS was married to T. Sathasivam who was a Brahmin. Among the musicians, M. K. Thyagaraja Bhagavathar and Dhandapani Desikar were also strong supporters of this Movement. Desikar, especially, had a passion to sing only Tamil songs and not songs in any other language unless the situation and circumstances were compelling.

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Plea to remove urinals



By Our Staff Reporter

Residents of Ramakrishnapuram 3rd Street and Lake View Road have appealed to the Corporation to remove urinals built on nearby Lakshmi Street Lane a few months back as they are not being maintained properly.

They told *Mambalam Times* that a stench emanates from the urinals and passersby are not using them.

Following protests, school sticks to old timings

By Our Staff Reporter

Following the protest by parents of students of Jawahar Vidyalaya (4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) against the decision of the management to revise the school timings from the coming academic year, the management announced that the old timings will be adhered to in the coming year.

The announcement was made even before the scheduled meeting with parents on May 1.

Many of the students are from West Mambalam.

Parents told *Mambalam Times* that they met the school authorities on May 1 and thanked them for reverting to the old timings. But they appealed to the management to improve the infrastructure, they added.

The management had issued a circular on April 19, the last working day, according to which the revised timings for Stds. 6

to 10 were to be 7.15 a.m to 12.15 p.m and for Stds. 1 to 5 from 12.45 p.m to 5.45 p.m. The earlier timings were 8.30 a.m to 3.30 p.m for all classes.

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Hamsavinodhini's music concerts from tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Hamsavinodhini (22/2, R. K. Puram 3rd Street, West Mambalam) has organized music concerts from May 6 to 13 in Vasantha Mandapam, Arulmigu Kasi Viswanathar Temple, Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam.

The following is the schedule:

May 5: 5 p.m: Saint Thyagaraja Ganaragha Pancharathana Kritis by Tambaram V. Sunderesan and Senthanguji Jayaraman; 7 p.m: Nisha Rajagopalan (vocal), M. Rajeev (violin), Sherthalai R. Ananthakrishnan (mridangam).

May 7: 5 p.m: Jayakrishnan (vocal), R. Kailasam (violin), G. V. Guru Bharadwaj (mridangam); 7 p.m: Tambaram V. Sundaresan (vocal), Neela Jayakumar (violin), V. R. Jayakumar (mridangam).

May 8: K. J. Dileep (violin), B. Guru Raghavendhra (mridangam), V. Sai Subramaniam (morsing); 7 p.m: K. V. Ramasubramanian (violin), B. Guru Raghavendra (mridangam).

May 9: 5 p.m: Srirangam Vijay Kannan (flute), K. J. Dileep (violin), Tanjore R. Kumar (mridangam); 7 p.m: Namasankeerthanam by O. S. Sundar Bhagavathar.

May 10: 5 p.m: Dr. Madhu Mohan (vocal), V. L. Sudharsan (violin), S. J. Arjun Ganesh (mridangam); 7 p.m: S. Mahathi (vocal), B. Ananthakrishnan (violin), M. S. Varadhan (mridangam).

May 11: 5 p.m: S. Malavika (vocal), K. S. Dileep (violin), V. S. Ragahavan (mridangam); 7 p.m: Jayalakshmi Sekar (veena), Tanjore R. Kumar (mridangam).

May 12: 5 p.m: Saashwathi Prabhu (vocal), Akkarai Swaranalatha (violin), Delhi S. Sairam (mridangam); 7 p.m: Madurai S. Balasubramanian (violin), Kumbakonam K. Swaminathan (mridangam), S. Harihara Subramanian (ghatam).

May 13: 5 p.m: Bharathi Ramasubban (vocal), R. Raghul (violin), B. Gururaghavendra (mridangam); 7 p.m: Sathur Sisters Lalitha Santhanam and Bhuvana Rajagopalan (vocal), Srilakshmi Venkataramani (violin), S. J. Arjun Ganesh (mridangam).

All are welcome. More details can be had in telephone number 98408 45507.

Sai bhajans this evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Sai bhajans will be conducted from 6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m on Saturday, May 5 in All India Naidu Sangam (1, Sarangapani Street, T. Nagar). All are welcome.

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தம்பையாவின் ஆராய்ச்சிகள்

கொஞ்ச நாட்களாகவே தலையைக் காட்டாமல் இருந்த தம்பையா தாடி மீசையுடன் வந்து சேர்ந்தார். 'எங்கேய்யா இத்தனை நாளா ஆளைக் காணும்?' என்கிற கேள்வியை நான் தவிர்ந்தும் அவ்வாறு கேட்டதாக எடுத்துக் கொண்டு லொட லொடவென்று பேச ஆரம்பித்தார்.

'சோறு தண்ணியில்லாமல் ஆராய்ச்சி பண்ணிண்டு இருந்தேன் லார், தெரியுமா? இதுவரை யாருக்கும் தெரியாத முக்கியமான விஷயங்கள். சொல்லட்டுமா?'

வேணாம் என்றால் விடவா போகிறார்? தலையை மையமாக ஆட்டி வைத்தேன்.

'இந்தப் பெண்களை எடுத்துக்குங்க லார். அதிலே எல்லாரும் ஒரே மாதிரியா தலையை வாரிக்கிறாங்களா? இல்லையே? சிலர் நேர் வகிடு எடுக்கிறாங்க. சிலர் கோணல் வகிடு எடுக்கிறாங்க. கவனித்தீங்களா?'

'கவனிக்கலே. ஆனால் சிலர் நேர் புத்தியோட இருக்காங்க. சிலர் கோணல் புத்தியோட இருக்காங்கன்னு மட்டும் மெகா தொடர்களைப் பார்த்தால் தெரியும்.'

தம்பையா தாடி மீசை வழியாகத் தன் புன்னகையை வடிக்கட்டி சிரித்தார்.

'பாயின்ட். அதிலே பார்த்தீங்கன்னா கோணல் வகிடு எடுக்கிற பெண்கள் நேர் வகிடு எடுக்கிற பெண்களை விட நாப்பத்தி அஞ்சு புள்ளி ஏழு ஒன்பது விழுக்காடு அதிகமா கணவனோட சண்டை போடறாங்க.'

'நெஜமாகவா? எப்படி லார் இதையெல்லாம் ஆராய்ச்சி பண்ணினீங்க?'

'அதுக்கெல்லாம் விவரமா எங்கிட்டே குறிப்புகள் இருக்கு. முன் அறிவுப்போடு வந்தால் பார்த்துக்கலாம்.'

'வேண்டாம் லார். நீங்க பொய்யா சொல்லப் போறீங்க? ஆண்கள் என்ன பாவம் பண்ணினாங்க? அவங்களைப் பத்தி ஆராய்ச்சி ஒண்ணும் செய்யலையா?'

'விடுவேனா?'

ஆண் களை

மீசை வைச்ச

கேட்கரி, மீசை

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வைக்காம தெய்வமென்னு

செய்யறாங்க.'

'தாடி? தாடி வெச்சுண்டவங்களை

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வித்தியாசம் இருக்கு. மீசையை

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என்னு சாய்ஸிலே விட்டுட்டீ

டேன்.'

'அப்படியா? அது சரி, உங்களோட

ஆராய்ச்சியிலே மனுஷங்க

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இடம் உண்டா?'

'உண்டு. கட்டாயம் உண்டு. இந்த

எலியை எடுத்துக்குங்க லார்...'

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சுண்டெலியா? வெள்ளை

எலியா?'

'சாதா வீட்டு எலி லார். அதை

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தெரியுமா?'

'ம்? பெண் எலிகள் ஆண்

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ஏதாவது சொல்லப் போறீங்களா?'

'இல்லை, இல்லை. என்

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ிறுதுன்னு தெரிஞ்சுண்டேன்

லார்.'

'உங்க ஆராய்ச்சி முடிவெல்லாம்

நம்பும்படியா இல்லையே

லார். ஏதோ காமெடி

பண்ணப் பார்க்கிறீங்கன்னு

நினைக்கிறேன். இன்னிக்கு

ஏப்ரல் ஒண்ணு கூட இல்லை.'

'பார்த்தீங்களா, இதையே

அமெரிக்கா இல்லாட்டி ஜேர்

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உங்களிடம் தமாஷ் பண்ண

லாம்னு சரடு விட்டேன்.'

'எனக்கும் தெரியும். நாணும்

கும்பகோணம் ஆச்சே. விட்டுப்

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கொண்டு வரச் சொல்லுங்க.'

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Caste census begins in city

By Our Staff Reporter

Teachers of Chennai Schools and college students are visiting houses in the neighbourhood to conduct socio-economic and caste census (SECC). Their work is being supervised by Corporation revenue officers.

According to a Corporation official the census will be completed in 40 days by 3,009 enumerators and 3,623 data entry operators provided with hand-held electronic devices.

Chennai Corporation has requested residents to cooperate with officials collecting the information.

The enumeration seeks to help arrive at a caste-wise break up of the city's population. The data will also include the number of hawkers, beggars, cobbler, artisans, security guards, daily wage labourers, plumbers, rag-pick-



Picture was taken on Mettupalayam Road in West Mambalam on May 3.

Under 3 years old, identifies 215 flags



By Our Staff Reporter

K. Dheeraj (2 years and 9 months old) (resident of 16/79, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) entered the 'India Book of Records' as the 'Youngest to identify the most number of flags' in an event organized by

Rotary Club of Royapettah on April 22.

P. Jyothimani (Judge, Madras High Court) was present. V. Kalyan Kumar (Dheeraj's father) told Mambalam Times that his son identified flags of 215 countries in 2 minutes and

19 seconds. His mother Leenavan-dini said that she began teaching Dheeraj words when he was 2 and he is now able to repeat 100 words in 1 minute. His parents can be contacted in phones 98867 95986 and 96771 60466.

Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

By Our Staff Reporter

Sevas (50, Dharga Road, Rajaji Nagar, Pallavaram) sends volunteers for week-long service to pilgrims in Tirumala starting on Sundays and ending on Saturdays.

Men and women who are physically fit and are willing to stay in Tirumala for a week are welcome to offer their services for 6 hours everyday. The work will be of supervisory nature.

Accommodation, lunch and dinner will be provided free of cost. They can have special darshan of Lord Venkateswara.

Travelling expense and the cost of breakfast must be borne by the volunteers.

Those interested can contact Nalini Ravikumar (18/43, Jubilee Road, West Mambalam) in 99621 53644, L. S. V. Mahadevan (98411 76386), P. Sundaram (98417 26695) or D. Gopinath (94442 09751).

Free classes on 'Srimad Bhagavatham'

By Our Staff Reporter

Free classes on 'Srimad Bhagavatham' are conducted at 11 a.m on Tuesdays at 26/12, Kripasankari Street, West Mambalam.

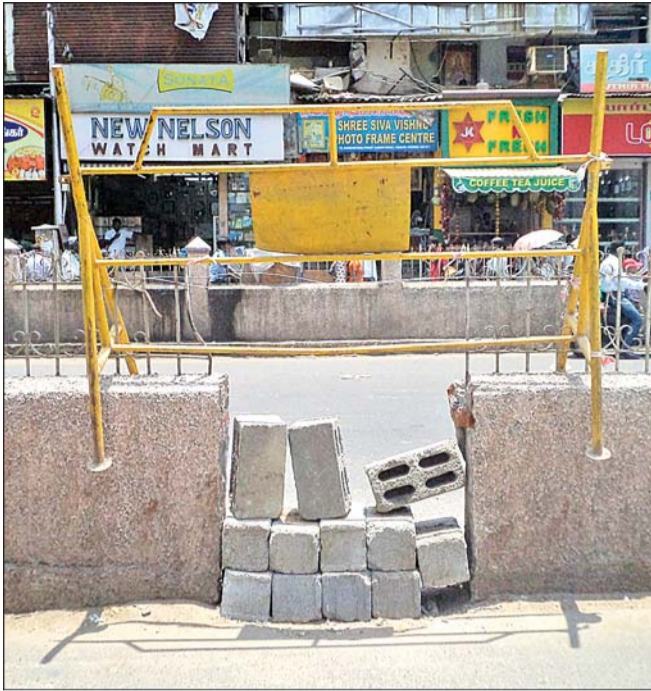
All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 98406 03064.

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Wall demolished to clean manhole



By Our Staff Reporter

A portion of the wall along the service lane along Usman Road flyover was demolished to clean a manhole underneath the wall. Cement blocks have been placed to prevent pedestrians from walking through the gap.

Discourses on 'Deiveega Thirukalyanangal'

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sankara Rama Dikshithar will give discourses on 'Deiveega Thirukalyanangal' at 7.30 p.m daily from May 7 to 11 on Krishnamoorthy Street, West Mambalam as part of 36th Sri Sita Kalyana Utsavam celebrations.

The following are the other programs:

May 7: 6 a.m: Ganapathy homam; 8 a.m: Kalsa sthanam; 6 p.m: Ashtapathi bhajans.

May 8 & 9: 6 p.m: Ashtapathi bhajans.

May 10: 5.30 p.m: Padhasri & Bhagyasri (vocal), R. Shratha (violin), Kowshik Rajagopal (mridangam).

May 11: 9 a.m: Kuthuvillaku pooja; 5.30 p.m: Sri Ayyappan songs by K. Ganamoorthy.

May 12: 8.30 a.m: Sri Rama laksharchanai; 6 p.m: Bhajans and Divyanaama Sankeerthanam by V. Narayana Bagavathar.

May 13: 8 a.m: Unjavrithi bhajans; 9.30 a.m: Sita Kalyanam by V. Narayana Baghavathar; 1 p.m: Pooja, Maha deeparathanai; 6 p.m: Procession; 9 p.m: Anjaneya utsavam.

All are welcome.

Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Shirdi 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.

All are welcome.

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

Felicitated for contribution to field of education



By Our Staff Reporter

R. P. Krishnammachari (Executive Secretary, Single Teacher School Project, Ramanujam Street, T. Nagar and Managing Director, Textan Bio Science Private Ltd, 75, 4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) was felicitated by



Bahai's Faith (an international religious movement) during celebration of 'The King of Festivals' on May 1 for rendering service in the field of education. Krishnammachari has been providing educational assistance for school and college students for several years.

Buttermilk provided for pedestrians

By Our Staff Reporter

Volunteers of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) started serving buttermilk to pedestrians from 9 a.m to 1 p.m on May 1.

A volunteer told *Mambalam Times* that the service will continue till May 30.

He said that 60 liters of milk is being used daily to prepare buttermilk. It will be increased to 200 liters. More than 2000 persons are being served buttermilk daily, he added.



Free yoga classes from tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Sannyasi Krishnayogam will conduct free yoga classes for adults for 3 weeks from 5.30 a.m to 7 a.m from Sunday, May 6 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, shat kriyas (internal pathways cleaning for managing diseases) etc. are taught.

Doctors give lectures on alternative medicines.

Classes on stress manage-

ment 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.

40 Duraisamy Trust students pass exam to fill civil judge posts

By Our Staff Reporter

40 students of Saidai Sa. Duraisamy Manidha Neyam Trust (28, 1st Main Road, T. Nagar) have passed the written exam conducted to fill 185 vacancies for the post of civil judge conducted on March 24 and 25. The results were released on May 3.

The candidates will have to attend an interview for which the Trust will provide coaching.

Those interested may register their names in phones 2435 8373 or 98401 06162.

Special archanas for Guru Peyarchi

By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Guru Peyarchi, special archanas will be performed from 6 a.m to 8.30 a.m daily from May 5 to 15 in Sri Abhya Hastna Hanuman Temple, 98, Nainckamar Street, West Mambalam.

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Program in Ramana Bhaktha Samajam on Sundays

By Our Staff Reporter

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

5 p.m: Veda paarayanam 5.30 p.m: Ramana Maharishi's Aksharamamalai.

6 p.m: Discourse.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 94441 72623.

Special pooja is conducted and prasadam distributed

among special children at 11.30 a.m on Ramana Maharishi's birth star day (Punarpoosam).

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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.

ISKCON program in Mambalam on Saturdays

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).

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By M. A. SADANAND

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It was from the terrace of our rented house in Triplicane that I saw, for the first time, enormous kites battling in the skies for supremacy of space. As permissible in all wars, a philosophy endorsed by Messrs Hitler, Stalin and finally blessed by Truman, the sky hawks with the deadliest 'maanja' always won the match. Many a time, the glass-powered cutting-threads cut not only the innocent rival's thread but his throat too.

Under Section 71(X14) of Madras City Police Act of 1888, enacted by the British, made kite flying an offence in the city with a fine liability of the then ransom amount of Rs. 250 (which today could be computed as equivalent to Rs. 2,00,000) or three months in the cooler. And our freedom fighters called the sovereign a 'Bad Fellow'!

Along with the growth of indigenous but super industries like arm-farms, money printing presses and RDX toys, many of our billion plus free people have a nagging respect for the "Oh! The good old days!" when kitology was confined to sky-wars with unlethal strings and the worst one could be punished with was a 250 fine or three months of free board under the government.

It is time for Amma to amend the City Police Act to totally ban kite flying in Tamilnadu with any violation being visited with the minimum of 10 years R.I. In the case of this aerial aggression by manjaa-missile resulting in death, life imprisonment must be mandatory.

May Rajkumar, last month's maanja victim in Naduvankarai, be the saviour of armourless bike-riders not only in this city but throughout India, for which our handsome Central Law Minister should also act fast and bring a law since, otherwise, Kejriwal would use this as a whip hand for a flog session.

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Asbestos gives way to metal



By Our Staff Reporter

The asbestos roof over the foot overbridge in Mambalam Railway Station has been removed and is being replaced with metal sheets.



Turkeys snapped on way to hotel



By Our Staff Reporter

This boy transporting 3 turkeys on the carrier of his bicycle was spotted on Inner Ring Parallel Road, Ashok Nagar on April 28. He told this reporter he was taking them to a hotel in MGR Nagar.

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Lorry kills student on bicycle



By Our Staff Reporter

K. Ajith Kumar (16) (resident of 157/57, Old Mambalam Road, West Mambalam and Std. 10 student of Chennai Boys High School, Manthope, Saidapet) was knocked off his bicycle and killed by a speeding lorry at 6.30 a.m on April 27.

Ajith, an NCC Air Wing cadet, was to attend a camp in Tambaram with other cadets. When they reported in the school, the master in-charge found that one student was absent. He gave a bicycle to Ajith and told him to bring the student from his house.

Ajith was on his way to the student's house when he was



knocked down by a lorry at the junction of Jairam Street and Perumal Koil Street in West Saidapet. He died on the spot.

Madhavan (47), the driver of the lorry, tried to run away from the spot but was cornered by those who had gathered there and handed over to police.

Ajith was the son of Kumar, an autorickshaw driver, and Shanthi. They have a daughter Sreeja, a Std. 12 student.

His classmates said that Ajith loved drawing and had learned yoga which he was teaching others.

'Avahanthi homam' on Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Anusham.com (G-1, Kala Flats, 63rd Street, Ashok Nagar), there will be 'Avahanthi homam' at 10.30 a.m on Monday, May 7 in Goh Samrakshana Sala, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam on the occasion of Sri Maha Periyaval Anusha Jayanthi.

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

There will be 'annadhanam' at 12 noon.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 98842 90540.

Balasubramaniam's veena concert on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Sadguru Gana Nilayam (Janakam Apartments, 180, Lake View Road, West Mambalam), V. Balasubramaniam will present a veena concert at 6.15 p.m on Thursday, May 10 in SMR School, Jothi Ramalingam Street, West Mambalam. He will be accompanied by Neyveli Skanda Subramaniam (mridangam).

All are welcome. More details can be had in phones 9840870446/95001 54773.

Bhajans tomorrow morning

By Our Staff Reporter

Mathaji (Founder, Sri Sanjeevini Peetam, 16/45, BRP 1st Street, West Mambalam) will conduct bhajans and counselling sessions from 9 a.m to 10 a.m on Sunday, May 6.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phones 98403 64567 and 90435 68941.

Free medical camp for women tomorrow

A free medical camp for women will be conducted by Dr. A. Shantha from 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m on Sunday, May 6 in Kumaran Eye Care Annexe, 126, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

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Hundreds pull temple chariot



By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees pulled the chariot of Arulmigu Kothandaramar Temple (K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam) during brahmotsavam celebrations on May 3.

The procession passed along K. R. Koil Street, Arangappan Street, Ellaiamman Koil Street, Gandhi Street and Easwaran Koil Street.

2-wheeler collides with van

By Our Staff Reporter

A two-wheeler (TN 04 AA 1257) rider collided with a tempo van (TN 01 Q 6048) while trying to overtake a vehicle in front of him in Madley Subway at 9.30 a.m on April 28.

The rider, who sustained bleeding injuries, was rushed to a private hospital in an autorickshaw. Traffic was held up for a while.

A traffic official told Mambalam Times that no case was registered.



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