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## Recording of biometric data for Aadhar cards in Corporation Wards



**By Our Staff Reporter**

There was heavy crowd on April 23 in the National Population Register Biometric Enrolment camp being conducted in all wards of Corporation Zone 10.

The updates and biometric enrolment for issue of Aadhaar cards (identity cards) is going on for persons who applied during the camp conducted in 2010.

An official told *Mambalam*

Times that new application forms are being distributed at Corporation Zone 10 office (NSK Salai, Kodambakkam near Dr. Ambedkar statue).

The recording of biometric data is being done at the following venues from 10 a.m to 6 p.m on all days:

Chennai High School, Kanniyappa Nagar, Ashok Nagar. Corporation Division Office, 10<sup>th</sup> Sector, K. K. Nagar, Thai Sathya School, Rajamannar

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Corporation Division Office, Aalaiyamman Koil Street, Kodambakkam.

Corporation Division Office, Rangarajapuram, Kodambakkam.

Corporation Division Office, Ram Colony, West Mambalam.

Chennai Middle School, Eswaran Koil Street, West Mambalam.

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garaya Road, T. Nagar.

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Chennai Middle School, Prakasam Road, Pangal Park, T. Nagar.

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**Uma Sankar's vocal concert on Tuesday**  
**By Our Staff Reporter**  
 Under the auspices of Sadguru Gana Nilayam (Janakam Apartments, 180, Lake View Road, West Mambalam), B. Uma San-kar will present a vocal concert on Tuesday, April 30, at 6.30 p.m in Thya-garaja Hall (SMR Matriculation School, Jothi Rama-lingam Street, West Mambalam). He will be accompanied by M. Vijay on the violin and Sriram on the mridangam. All are welcome.

## Metro Rail pillar at Ashok Pillar junction poses risk to motorists at night



**By Our Staff Reporter**

There are no reflectors on the Metro Rail pillar at the poorly illuminated junction of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Ashok Pillar (near Udhayam Theater complex). It is not clearly visible at night and poses a danger to motorists.





## NO HOLDS BARRED

By M.A. SADANAND

From the one-rupee idly-saambar, the 20-rupee a kilo unrationed rice at the Amutham Stores is Amma's latest gift to the Tamilnadu, making the less endowed political bosses wonder, "Why didn't I think of this simple stomachy thing!"

Well, Mr.Thinker, that is the reason why she hits the jackpot and continues to repeat the pattern at the quinquennial haul when the grateful makkal show their gratitude for the proven performance rather than the imagined glory of centuries-old literary ramblings.

When the stomach is riced well the ricer rises above petty things like politics which, according to a friend of mine whose name I forget, is the last resort of the scoundrel which is now overcrowded.

Do I hear anyone promising ten-rupees-a kilo rice? Well, that is good! Let there be competition for love of makkal rather than for love of lucre!

## 3-week yoga course for adults

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, April 28, in Bala Vidya Higher Secondary School (30, Vasudevapuram, 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 (con-

centration), meditation, manna, value education, food habits and shat kriyas (internal pathways cleaning for managing diseases) are taught.

Doctors will give lectures on alternative medicines.

Classes on stress management for corporate executives are also conducted.

Those interested can register their names by calling 94442 40383/94450 51015.

Krishnayogam also offers free counseling to his students.

## TTD closed to devotees during lunar eclipse



By Our Staff Reporter

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar) remained closed to devotees from noon on April 25 due to lunar eclipse and was reopened the next day at 7 a.m.

## Direction board for temples in T. Nagar and Mambalam

By Our Staff Reporter

The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department has installed signboards showing directions to nearby temples in T. Nagar and Mambalam.

The photo shows a signboard installed at the junction of Srinivasa Street and Arya Gowda Road showing the direction to Satya Narayana Perumal Temple.



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

## Open manhole closed after report in Mambalam Times



Before



After

By our Staff Reporter

Following a report published in *Mambalam Times* last week about an open manhole chamber posing a danger to motorists on Postal Colony 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, West Mambalam, the same was repaired and closed on April 23.

## Sai Seva Chakra conducts free Veda classes

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sai Seva Chakra (15, Bharathi Street, West Mambalam) conducts free Veda, bhajans and sloka classes on Sundays in its premises from 3.30 p.m to 4.30 p.m.

It also conducts these classes in the following venues.

On Saturdays and Sundays from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m in Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Tuesdays from 5 p.m to 6 p.m in Sarva Priya Ganapathi Temple (Moorthy Street Extension, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar).

On Mondays and Thursdays from 8 p.m to 9 p.m in No 15, Bharathi Street, West Mambalam.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 98843 05676.

## Few takers for Corporation Gym in Natesan Park



By Our Staff Reporter

There are no regular visitors to the small Chennai Corporation Gym in Natesan Park, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar due to lack of space and proper exercising equipment.

There is no signboard outside the gym and many regular joggers are not even aware of its existence.

## Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

By Our Staff Reporter

Sevas (Plot No. 103, 10th Main Road, Vijaya Nagar, Velachery) sends volunteers for week-long service to pilgrims in Tirumala starting on Mondays and ending on Sundays.

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 P. Sundaram (Ph: 98417 26695).

## Basketball coaching program for school students

By Our Staff Reporter

Madras Youth Basketball Club (MYBC) (K. K. Nagar), in association with SBI and Chennai LHO and Playgrounds Department, will conduct a basketball coaching program for students (both boys and girls) in the age group of 9 to 19 years from May 2 to 30 at Corporation Playground, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar.

Interested students may register at the venue between 5 p.m and 6.30 p.m or call K. Kathiresan (Secretary, MYBC) in 97899 15740/94443 55211.

## Light fittings missing from the high mast post at Anna Main Road junction



By Our Staff Reporter

The light fittings are missing from the 3-lamp high mast post at the busy junction of Anna Main Road and P. T. Rajan Salai (K. K. Nagar).

An EB official said that the fittings were removed as they had got damaged and will soon be replaced with new ones.

**Discourse on 'Rama Samarajya Pattabhisekam' today**

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Ramana Baktha Samajam (BVS Murthy School, 27/12A, Thambiah Street, West Mambalam), Dr. M.K. Srinivasan (President, Public Health Center) will give a discourse on 'Sri Rama Samarajya Pattabhisekam' on Sunday, April 28, at 5.30 p.m in its premises.

This will be preceded by Vedaparayanam at 4.20 p.m followed by Aksharamanamalai.

All are welcome.

**Runaway boy rescued by Railway Police**



By Our Staff Reporter  
Personnel of Mambalam Railway Protection Force rescued 12-year-old P. Ganesh

who was found wandering in Mambalam Railway Station at 4 p.m on April 25 and handed him over to Child Helpline.

S. Maharajan (Sub Inspector) told *Mambalam Times* that a policeman noticed Ganesh loitering in the station and got suspicious of his behavior.

When he approached him and enquired, Ganesh told him that he was a resident of Ponneri and had run away from home a few days ago after a quarrel with his parents.

He said that he was a Std. 6 student of Government Boys School (Ponneri).

He further said that he had managed the past few days by begging for money.

Volunteers of Child Line are in the process of reuniting Ganesh with his parents.

**Open EB junction box poses danger**



By Our Staff Reporter  
The doors to the EB junction box adjacent to Door No. 7, KanchiNatarajan Street (Jaffekhanpet) have been kept open as a live overhead connection has been taken directly from the box to feed electricity to a nearby house whose underground cable has got damaged.

It poses a grave danger to passers-by. A nearby resident said that this was done more than 2 weeks ago and no action has been taken so far to rectify the problem.

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**200 undergo free cataract surgery**



By Our Staff Reporter  
A team of doctors from Sankara Hospital (Pammal)

performed free cataract surgery on more than 200 persons during the free eye check-

up and cataract surgery program conducted by Ungalukhaga Charitable Trust (1,

Vijayragava Manor, Vijayraghava Road, T. Nagar, Ph: 95512 96999/ 95513 45999) on April 21 at Kesari School, T. Nagar.

981 persons attended the program and underwent tests.

Dr. Suneel (Founder, Ungalukhaga Trust) told *Mambalam Times* that free spectacles were also given to 512 persons who needed vision correction.

Free transport, accommodation and food were provided to persons who underwent surgery.

**Sai bhajans on Saturdays**

Sai bhajans are conducted at 6.15 p.m on Saturdays in Sri Sathya Sai Organization, Ashok Nagar Samithi (143, 101<sup>st</sup> Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Sector, K. K. Nagar).

All are welcome.

More details can be had from T.S. Mani (Convenor) in phones 2489 7017 and 98843 92244.

**In Bharathidasan Colony**

Bharathidasan Colony Bhajan Mandali (18-D, Bharathidasan Colony, K. K. Nagar) conducts Sri Sathya Sai bhajans from 6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m on Saturdays in its premises.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 94448 25183.

**Free yoga, spoken English and tailoring classes for schoolgirls**

By Our Staff Reporter  
Government Girls High School (152/97, Usman Road, T. Nagar) has been conducting free yoga, spoken English and tailoring classes for schoolgirls from Std. 6 to 10.

P. Padma (Head Mistress) told *Mambalam Times* that classes are being conducted from 9 a.m to 4 p.m till May 18 except on Sundays.

Apart from asanas, students are also taught pranayama, mediation and memory improvement techniques.

Spoken English classes are



taken by volunteers from 'Cognizant Technologies'.

One can join on any day.

Girls willing to join the classes can call 2434 6070/98408 18732.

**Devotees take out milk pot procession for Chitra Pournami**

By Our Staff Reporter  
More than 300 women devotees of Ellaiamman Temple (Ellaiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam) took out a milk pot (paal kudam) procession for Chitra Pournami on April 25.

A similar procession was taken out by the devotees of Muthumariamman Temple, Parthasarathy Puram, T. Nagar on the same day.

The milk was used to perform abhishekam to the presiding deities.



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## நாலு மூலை

(ரா.கி.ரங்கராஜனின் பழைய 'நாலு மூலை' கட்டுரைகளிலிருந்து தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட சிலவற்றைப் பெருமையுடன் மறுபடியும் பிரசுரிக்கிறோம் - ஆசிரியர்) ரா.கி. ரங்கராஜன்

### ஒரு மனிதன், ஒரு திருடன்

ஆங்கில நாவல்களும் சிறுகதைகளும் படிக்கும் வழக்கமுள்ளவர்களுக்கு ஒ ஹென்றியைப் பற்றித் தெரிந்திருக்கும். நியூயார்க் நகரத்தின் மூலை முடுக்குகள் அவருக்கு மனப்பாடம். நடுத்தர மக்களும் கீழ்த்தட்டில் உள்ளவர்களும் அவருடைய பாத்திரங்கள்.

அவருடைய சிறுகதை ஒன்று: நியூயார்க் நகரில் ஒரு திருடன். எப்படிப்பட்ட பூட்டையும் திறந்து கொள்ளையடிக்க அறிந்தவன். கள்ளச் சாவிக்களையும் உபகரணங்களையும் கைவசம் வைத்திருப்பவன்.

அவனுக்கு ஒரு காதலி கிடைக்கிறாள். கௌரவமான குடும்பத்தை சேர்ந்தவள். இவன் திருடன் என்பது தெரியாமல் மனசைப் பறி கொடுக்கிறாள். அவளுடைய குடும்பத்தாரும் அப்படியே.

நாளாக நாளாக அவனுக்குத் தன் வாழ்க்கையைத் திருத்தி அமைத்துக் கொள்ளும் எண்ணம் எழுகிறது. இனிமேல் யோக்கியமாக வாழ வேண்டும் என்று தீர்மானிக்கிறான். தன்னுடைய கள்ளச் சாவிக்களையும் ஆயுதங்களையும் ஒரு பையில் போட்டு எடுத்துக் கொள்கிறான். ஆற்றிலே கொண்டு போய் எறிந்துவிட வேண்டுமென்று புறப்படுகிறான்.

போகும் வழியில் காதலியின் வீட்டுக்கு செல்கிறான். அங்கே குடியோ முறையோ என்று ஒரே கூக்குரல்! காரணம் அவர்களுடைய வீட்டுக் குழந்தை இரும்பு பீரோவுக்குள் புகுந்து கொண்டு விட்டது. உள்புறம் பூட்டிக் கொண்டதால் வெளியே வர முடியவில்லை. நிமிடத்துக்கு நிமிடம் மூச்சுத் திணறல் அதிகமாகி அது அலறுகிறது.

ஒரே வினாடியில் அந்த பீரோவைத் திறக்க இவனுக்குத் தெரியும். இவனால் முடியும். அதற்கான கள்ளச்சாவிக்களும் உபகரணங்களும் கையிலேயே இருக்கின்றன. ஆனால் அவைகளை வெளியே எடுத்தால் இவனுடைய உண்மை சொரூபம் எல்லோருக்கும் தெரிந்து விடும். பிறகு காதலுக்கு முற்றுப்புள்ளிதான். திறக்காமல் இருந்தாலோ குழந்தை இறந்துவிடும்.

மனசுக்குள் ஒரு போராட்டம். இறுதியில் அவனுக்குள் உள்ள மனிதாபிமானம் வெல்கிறது. பையைப் பிரித்துக் கருவிகளைப் பயன்படுத்தி பீரோவைத் திறந்து குழந்தையை விடுவிக்கிறான். கருவிகளைப் பையில் திரும்ப அடைத்துக் கொண்டு மௌனமாக வெளியேறுகிறான்.

மேற்கண்ட கதையைப் படித்தபின் அம்பத்தூர் பாடியில் தொழிற்சாலை நடத்தும் என் நண்பர் மன்னன் என்பவரின் அனுபவத்தையும் கேளுங்கள்.

பத்து நாட்களுக்கு முன் மன்னன் தன் அலுவலகத்தில் வேலை பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருந்த போது டெலிபோன் மணி அடித்தது. அப்போது காலை ஒன்பதரை மணி இருக்கும்.

'நாங்கள் போலீஸ் இலாகாவிலிருந்து பேசுகிறோம். உங்களுக்கு சுந்தர்ராஜ் என்று ஒரு நண்பர் இருக்கிறார். அவருக்கு ஒரு ஆக்ஸிடென்ட், என்றார்கள். போனால்:

சுந்தர்ராஜ் என்ற அந்த சினேகிதர் ஒரு லாரி சர்வீஸ் நடத்தி வருபவர். முப்பத்துநாலு வயதாகிறது. 'என்ன ஆக்ஸிடென்ட்? எங்கே நடந்தது? எப்போது?' என்று மன்னன் பதைத்தார்.

'வில்லிவாக்கம் கோடியில் நூறடி ரோடும் எம்.டி.எஸ். ரோடும் சந்திக்கும் இடத்தில் ஒரு சின்ன ரயில்வே கேட் இருக்கிறதல்லவா? அங்கே ஒரு வாட்டர் டாங்க் வண்டி இவருடைய ஸ்கூட்டரில் மோதிவிட்டது. கொஞ்சம் சீரியஸான விபத்து. அவருடைய சட்டைப் பையில் உங்களுடைய விசிட்டிங் கார்டு இருந்தது. அதில் உங்கள் டெலிபோன் நம்பர் இருந்ததால் கூப்பிட்டோம். உடனே வாருங்கள்' என்றார் போலீஸ் அதிகாரி.

போலீஸார் சொன்ன இடத்துக்கு ஓடினார் மன்னன். அங்கே ரத்த வெள்ளத்தையும் போலீஸ் அதிகாரிகளையும் தான் பார்க்க முடிந்தது.

'காயமடைந்தவர்களைக் கீழ்ப்பாக்கம் ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்கு அனுப்பியிருக்கிறோம். உங்கள் சினேகிதருக்குத் தெரிந்த ஒருவர் சட்டென்று அவரை ஆட்டோவில் அழைத்துப் போயிருக்கிறார்' என்று கூறிய இன்ஸ்பெக்டர், 'நங்கள் முதலில் போங்கள். இங்கே விசாரணையை முடித்துக் கொண்டு நான் வருகிறேன்' என்றார்.

மன்னன் கீழ்ப்பாக்கம் ஆஸ்பத்திரியை அடைந்த போது பல ஆட்டோக்களில் பல நோயாளிகள் இருந்தார்கள். உள்ளே ஓடினார். 'அப்படி யாரும் பேஷன்ட் இங்கே வரவில்லை' என்றார்கள். வெளியே ஓடி வந்து மறுபடியும் ஆட்டோக்களில் தேடினார்.

ஒரு ஆட்டோவில் அவருடைய நண்பர் சுந்தர்ராஜ் கிடந்தார் பிணமாக. விபத்து நடந்த இடத்திலேயே இறந்திருக்கிறார்.

போஸ்ட்மார்ட்டம் அது இது என்று பல கண்ணராவிகள் பாக்கி இருந்தன. அதற்குள் அந்தப் போலீஸ் இன்ஸ்பெக்டரும் அங்கே வந்து சேர்ந்தார். 'யார் சுந்தர்ராஜை இங்கே அழைத்து வந்தது?' என்று அவரிடம் கேட்டார் மன்னன்.

'தெரிந்தவர் என்று சொல்லி உடனே ஆட்டோவில் ஏற்றிக் கொண்டு போனார். யாரென்று தெரியாது. அந்த சமயத்தில் அதையெல்லாம் விசாரிக்க முடியவில்லை' என்றார் போலீஸ் அதிகாரி. ஆட்டோக்காரரைக் கேட்ட போது 'இவரோட சொந்தக்காரர் டாக்டரைப் பார்த்துவிட்டு வருகிறேன் என்று ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்குள்ளே போனார். இன்னும் வரவில்லை' என்றார். மன்னன் ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் தேடிப் பார்த்தார். அந்த 'சொந்தக்காரர்' எங்கும் தென்படவில்லை. சந்தேகம் ஏற்படவே இறந்து கிடந்த சுந்தர்ராஜை கவனித்தார். அவர் வழக்கமாக அணியும் மோதிரம், செயின், கைக்கடியாரம் முதலியவற்றைக் காணோம்! களவாடப் பட்டு விட்டன! 'இவரை அழைத்து வந்தவன் எவனோ திருடன் ஸார்!' என்று இன்ஸ்பெக்டரிடம் அதிர்ச்சியுடன் சொன்னதற்கு அந்த அதிகாரி, 'சே! சிட்டியில் இந்த மாதிரி ஒரு கும்பல வேலை செய்கிறது. விபத்து நடந்தால் உடனே தெரிந்தவர் என்று சொல்லி ஆட்டோவில் அழைத்துப் போகிறார்கள். கிடைத்ததை கருட்டிக் கொண்டு நழுவிவிடுகிறார்கள்' என்றார்.

போலீஸைக் குற்றம் சொல்ல முடியாதுதான். உயிருக்குப் போராடிக் கொண்டிருப்பவரை உடனே ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்கு அனுப்பாமல் அவருக்குத் தெரிந்தவர் என்று சொல்பவரிடம் விவரங்களை யா கேட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்க முடியும்?

ஓஹென்றியின் சிறுகதையையும் என் நண்பரின் அனுபவத்தையும் பார்க்கும்போது தோன்றுகிறது

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Residents suffer due to improper execution of stormwater drain work



Sir, Digging for constructing stormwater drain was started on our road a month ago. During the initial stage itself the residents objected to the work but the local officials informed us that it was a pilot project executed by Tamilnadu Govt. across the city for the benefit of its residents.

The digging was carried out with JCB machines without proper coordination with Metrowater and EB departments.

This resulted in damage to EB cables, drainage and Metrowater pipes.

There were no Corporation officials supervising the work which was invariably carried out at night. In spite of the visible damages caused to the pipes, the workers continued their work using the JCB machines and did not inform their supervisors about the damages.

The aggrieved residents then met the Assistant Engineer, Corporation Ward 125. He advised us to meet the Zonal Officer in Ripon Building as it was a centralized project.

Since April 10, the work has been abruptly suspended and has stopped right in front of my house. I am now facing the following hardships:

Since the water pipe has got damaged my house is not getting Metrowater for more than 10 days. Sewage-mixed water is stagnating in the pit emanating a foul smell and becoming a health hazard. Sewage water is systematically leaking into the

Metrowater line contaminating drinking water. Access to road has been cut off from my house resulting in immobility of access to children and aged persons.

Accumulation of mud dug from the trench which was dumped on the road is causing severe dust pollution.

I request the Corporation officials to address the above problems immediately and finish the work without any further delay.

- R. Sai Subramanian, Old.No.28/1, New No. 36, Ramakrishna Puram 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, West Mambalam

### Service lanes of Usman Road flyover encroached upon by hawkers

Sir, The 2-lane Usman Road flyover is not serving its purpose to regulate traffic as its service lanes are encroached upon by hawkers, thereby inhibiting free flow of traffic.

Adding to the problems, shoppers park their vehicles on the side lanes, thereby reducing its width and causing congestion.

I request Chennai Corporation officials to take immediate steps to evict the hawkers from the service lanes and strictly enforce 'No Parking' rule on the side roads. -R. Narasimhan, 9 Unnamalai Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 2814 1680

Plant more trees

## RPF rescues stranded girl who missed train

By Our Staff Reporter

12-year-old Anjali Balu Patel (native of Maharashtra) was reunited with her family within 45 minutes by Mambalam Railway Protection Force after she got left behind in Park Station while boarding a train to Velachery at 4 p.m on April 24. According to the police, Anjali, along with her uncle and cousin, had arrived by train at

Central Station from Bangalore and had walked from there to Park Station to catch a suburban train to Velachery.

There was heavy crowd in the platform and while Anjali's relatives boarded the train, she got left behind.

She panicked and took the next train which was going towards Tambaram but got down at Mambalam Station.

RPF officials found Anjali crying on the platform.

When they enquired, she informed them about her plight.

A message was immediately sent to all the suburban stations which reached Anjali's uncle who had in the meantime gone back to Park Station in search of her.

He then came to Mambalam Station to pick her up.



By Our Staff Reporter

'Nungu' has started to arrive in the city. A. Murugaesan of Achirapakkam was seen selling the fruit on the pavement of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, near its junction with 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Ashok Nagar).

He told Mambalam Times that he charges Rs. 10 for 3 pieces.

He buys them from Achirapakkam and nearby villages.

He said that he has regular

customers and during off-season months he works as a construction labourer.

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## New lawn for Sivan Park



By Our Staff Reporter

Corporation workers were digging up the soil in Sivan Park (P. T. Rajan Salai) for laying a new lawn on April 25.

## Dharma Trust donates artificial limbs to 2 needy persons



By Our Staff Reporter

Dharma Vikas Charitable Trust (Trustee), Dharma Trust conducts regular blood donation camps, arranges for free cataract operations, helps the physically challenged, promotes eye donations, runs a free ambulance service for the needy and helps the poor in education.

The Trust has 300 individuals in its list who are in need of artificial limbs and calipers, the cost of which has been estimated at Rs. 3 lakhs, he said.

He has appealed to readers to contribute to fund the purchase. K. R. Ravi (Advocate), who was the chief guest, gave a talk on Swami Vivekananda and his contributions to society.

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