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‘வாடா, கழுதை’ என்று மாமா உற்சாகமாக வரவேற்றார். வீட்டின் உள்ளேயிருந்து ஏலக்காய், பச்சைக் கற்பூரத் தூவல் களுடன் கேசரி கிளறும் வாசனை கும்மென்று தவழ்ந்து வந்தது. காரத்துக்கு என்ன என்று தெரியவில்லை. ஒம்பப்பொடியாக இருக்கும் அல்லது முள்ளுத் தேன்குழல். மாமி ஒரு பட்சண திலகம். அவர்கள் வீட்டில் தினம் பட்சணத் திருவிழா.

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‘ஏற்பாடு உன்னோட மாமிக்குத்தாண்டா, வயசானாலும் அவளுக்கு நாலு இடத்துக்குப் போயிட்டு வர ஆசை, தளர்ந்து போயிடலே. கற்பகம்பாள் தரிசனம், பிலாத்தோப்பிலே பஜனை மண்டலி, அப்பர் சாமி கோவில் தெருவிலே இருக்கிற களின் பாடகி நீயா. சாந்தோம் பீச், ரசிக ரஞ்சனி சபாந்னு அவ அங்கேயும், இங்கேயும் போயிட்டு வர ரிக்ஷா ரொம்ப செளகர்யம்’.

மாமாவிடம் ஒரு சைக்கிள் இருக்கிறது. அருமையான ராலே வண்டி. கிண்ணு மெயின்டன் பண்ணி, ஆயில் போட்டு, குருவி போல் குயிக் குயிக் சத்தமெல்லாம் போடாமல் தார் ரோடில் வெண்ணையாகப் போகும் முன் பின் சக்கரங்கள். ஹப்புகளுக்குக் கலர் கலராக புலு புலு வளையங்கள், பாதுசாரிகளை எச்சரிக்கத் தொடர்ந்து மணி அடிக்க ஹாண்டில்பாரில் ஒரு விசை. பின் சக்கரத் தேய்வினால் இரவில் வழிகாட்டி ஒளியைப் பாய்ச்ச டைனமோ. ஒரு தாட்டியான ஆள் தாராளமாக உட்கார் சீட்டுக்குப் பின்னால் கேரியர் இருந்தாலும் மாமி உள்பட யாரையும் டபுள்ஸ் ஏற்ற மாட்டார். போலீஸை டன் மல்லாவதில் அவருக்கு விருப்பம் இல்லை. ஆகவே ரிக்ஷா ஏற்பாடாக இருக்கும்.



பெரிய கிராமம் என்று கேலி செய்யப் படுகின்ற பூந்தமல்லியில் கூட ஹாட்ஸ் பவரில் சாலையில் களக் களக் சத்தத்தோடு இயங்கும் ஜட்காக்கள் இருந்தன. ‘ஷூர்’ என்று பீற்றிக் கொள்ளப்படும் மெட்ராஸில் மனிதனை மனிதன் இழுக்கும் வாசனம் பழங்குவது என்னை சங்கடப்படுத்தியது.

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‘ஐயா, நீங்க பூந்தமல்லியா? சாமி சொல்லிச்சு, சவுக்கியங்களா?’ இறங்கிய உடனே சூடான கேசரியும், நாடா தேன்குழலும் சாப்பிடக் கொடுத்து வைத்தவனோட செளக்கியத்துக்கு என்ன குறைச்சல்? தலையை உற்சாகமாக ஆட்டினேன்.

‘நான் பாபுங்க, சாமிக்கு வண்டி ஓட்டறேன். ஆனா சாமிக்கு இல்லை.’ எனக்குப் புரியவில்லை.

‘அவரு நம்ம வண்டியிலே ஏறிக் குந்த மாட்டாருங்க. அதென்ன மனுஷனே மனுஷனை இழுக்கிறதன்னு கேப்பாரு. ஆனா பொம்பளைங்க, சீக்காளிங்க ஏறினா தப்பில்லேன்னுவாரு, நாங்க பொளைக்கத் தாவலையா? அம்மாவோட அவரும் போகணும்னா வண்டிலே அவங்க உக்காந்து வர, பின்னாடியே சைக்கிளை சன்னமா மிதிச்சுண்டு வருவாரு. நீங்க வந்து குந்தாங்களா, ஒரு ரெளண்டு அளைச்சிக்கிட்டுப் போறேன்.’

ஒரு ஸ்டெப் பின்னால் போனேன். வண்டி குடை சாஞ்சா என்னோட முகரையும் பிளந்திடும், போட்டுக் கொண்டு இருக்கும் முக்குக் கண்ணாடியும் உடைஞ்சுடுமே. சிரித்துத் தலையை ஆட்டி மறுத்தேன்.

‘சாமி மாநிரிதான் நீங்களுமா? இருக்கட்டும், இதை நீங்க கேட்டாகணும். அன்னிக்கு என்ன ஆச்சு தெரியுமா? சாயந்திரம் இருட்டிப் போச்சு. தெரு விளக்குங்க எரியலே. அம்மாவை ஏத்திண்டு கென்னடித் தெரு வழியா போறேன், லேசா தூரல், சைக்கிள் ரிப்பெருங்கிறதாலே சாமி பின்னாலேயே நடந்து வராரு. திடீர்னு ஒரு பள்ளத்திலே சக்கரம் இறங்கி என் காலு மடங்கிடுச்சு. மொளக்குனு சத்தம் வேற கேட்டுது. இன்னா வலி தெரியுமா? ஆனா பல்லைக் கடிச்சுண்டு ரிக்ஷா சாயாம பிடிச்சுண்டுட்டேன். அம்மாக்கு ஒண்ணும் ஆகலே. என்னாலே ஒரு அடி எடுத்து வெச்சு நகர முடியலே. சரசரன்னு மழை வேற புடிச்சிண்டு ரோடிலே ஆள் அரவமே இல்லை. நானோ வலியால் துடிக்கிறேன். அப்போ சாமி என்ன செஞ்சார் தெரியுமா? எவ்வளவோ சொல்லியும் கேக்காம, என்னை அவாக்கா தூக்கி ரிக்ஷாவிலே உக்கார வெச்சாரு. பட்டாளத்திலே இருந்தவராச்சே. சாமி, சாமி, என்ன இதுன்னு தடுக்கிறேன், ‘அட சும்மா இருப்பா’ன்னு என்னை அடக்கிட்டு என்ன செஞ்சார் தெரியுமா? நம்ப மாட்டீங்க. பின்னாலே அம்மா நனைஞ்சுண்டு நடந்து வர, அடுத்த தெருவிலே இருக்கிற டாக்டர் பாலசுந்தரம் கிளிணிக்குக்கு ரிக்ஷாவை இழுத்துண்டு போனாரு. நான் ஆடிப் போயிட்டேங்க. ‘அட! கை ரிக்ஷாலே ஏறத்தானே மாட்டேன், அதை இழுக்க மாட்டேன்னு சொன்னேனான்னு என்னை அடக்கிட்டு’.

‘எல்லா வேலையையும் தானே இழுத்துப் போட்டுண்டு உங்க மாமா செஞ்சுடுவார்’னு மாமி அடிக்கடி சொல்வார். அதில் ரிக்ஷா இழுப்பதையும் விட்டு வைக்கவில்லை போலிருக்கு! jsraghavan@yahoo.com

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### Woman delivers baby in Central Station

Uchap Bai (35) (native of Rajasthan) delivered a girl baby on platform 10 of Central Railway Station, Poonamallee High Road, last week.

According to Government Railway Police, the woman developed labour pain before getting into an express train stationed at the platform. Police swung into action and alerted the medical team of SRM Institute of Medical Science (SIMS) camped in the station. The team assisted her in the delivery. Later, the mother and baby were safely transported to Institute of Child Health, Egmore, for further treatment.

### Camels from Rajasthan arrive in Chennai for Bakrid

By Our Staff Reporter

A first batch of 15 camels arrived in the city, to be slaughtered for Bakrid on Monday, Oct. 6.

The camels which were purchased at a cost of Rs. 5500 each from Rajasthan, were transported to the city. They have been housed on Lalakonda Street in Old Washermenpet.

As per the legal provisions, the camels should not be transported from Rajasthan to other parts of the State for slaughtering.

### Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'

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.

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## Lane near Ranganathan Street misused by miscreants

By Our Staff Reporter

The small lane between Ranganathan Street and Natesan Street (T. Nagar) which links Usman Road with Rameswaram Road (on the Mambalam Railway Station side) is a hub for nefarious activities, especially during night.

As there is no proper lighting in the street, miscreants utilise the lane for consuming liquor and pursuing illegal activities.

After the recent opening of a branch by a prominent hotel chain, the civic authorities removed unauthorised vendors and re-laid a portion of the road with concrete.

Though the portion of lane



close to the hotel is kept clean, the remaining stretch continues to be misused and is in a bad condition.

## 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 Aksharamanamalai.

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).

## Canal walls reconstructed



By Our Staff Reporter

The damaged walls on both sides of Mambalam Canal between CIT Nagar and South Usman Road and the parapet walls on North Boug Road were demolished and reconstructed recently. The encroachments abutting the canal were also removed and the canal cleaned and de-silted.

## Cleaning drains without protection



By Our Staff Reporter

Chennai Corporation workers were seen cleaning the storm water drain on Natesan Street (T. Nagar) on Oct. 2 without using any cleaning kits mandatory for their safety.

A worker told Mambalam Times that they are contract labourers and the contractor

did not provide them any safety kits like gloves, gum boots or masks.

He said that they often come across broken glass pieces and sharp metal pieces while removing silt from drains. The stench from the silt is overpowering, but they have no choice, he added.

## Talks on 'How to age gracefully'

By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. Sridhar Vaiydeeswaran (Neurologist) and Dr. R. Mani will give talks on 'How to age gracefully' on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m in Corporation Playground (Indira Colony, Ashok Nagar) as part of 'World Elders Day' celebration.

It will be followed by a question and answer session.

All are welcome.

More details can be had by calling 2489 5279.

## Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala

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## Industrialist sponsors college fee for tribal girl



By Our Staff Reporter

R. P. Krishnamachari (Chairman, Textan Chemicals, Textan House, 75, 4th Avenue, Ashok Nagar) gave an educational scholarship of Rs. 60,000 to Pavithra, a tribal girl from the Irular community, to cover her 1st year course fee for a 4-year nursing course in a private institution, on Sept. 29.

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## TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY  
G. RAMANATHAN - 15

In 1953, the success curve of the Tamil Movie music charmer G. Ramanathan began to show a more upward swing. One such film which helped him to stabilize his innings of success was 'Thirumbi Paar'. In this film Sivaji Ganesan, basking in the sunshine after the phenomenal victory of 'Parasakthi' (1952), played the anti-hero as he did also later in movies like 'Rangoon Radha' and 'Andha Naal'.

The film had Sivaji Ganesan, Pandari Bai, Krishnakumari, P. V. Narasimha Bharathi, T. S. Durairaj, K. A. Thangavelu, and T. P. Muthulakshmi in the main roles.

(Years later, Sivaji Ganesan told this writer that his performance in this film was one of his career best.). A Modern Theatres production, 'Thirumbi Paar', directed by T. R. Sundaram, was an interesting film in which Sivaji Ganesan played a role with negative shades. The character dabbles in avenues such as journalism and politics.

Written by Mu. Karunanidhi, it drew inspiration from the folk myth tale of Saint Arunagirinathar and his sister, and the sage's wife Ahalya episode. Karunanidhi's dialogues were brilliant, filled with innuendoes and political satire.

During that period, as the DMK was beginning to make its presence felt, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Prime Minister, condemned the movement as "Nonsense!" In a brilliant satirical stroke, Karunanidhi had Sivaji Ganesan utter these words several times, wearing dark glasses (a la Pandit Nehru!). So much for Pandit Nehru's political foresight!

A sequence, inspired by the Ahalya episode, was shot for the film. According to the Hindu epic, Lord Indra is attracted to Ahalya, a sage's wife. He transforms himself into a rooster and crows much before dawn to lure the sage away from his hermitage to the riverside to begin his early morning prayers. He then visits Ahalya in the guise of the sage and seduces her.

The sage at the riverside, through gnana drishti (mind's eye), realises what had happened and curses Indra inflicting his body with one thousand orifices and turns Ahalya into a stone.

In the film, T. P. Muthulakshmi plays the dumb wife of an elderly husband (K. A. Thangavelu) who goes to work early. Sivaji Ganesan, the seducer, who sneaks into the dumb woman's house, alters the clock to send the husband away well before the usual time. This sequence was mercilessly scissored by the Censors and what was left lost its touch of satire and innuendo!

Sivaji Ganesan was brilliant playing the fraud to the hilt. Pandari Bai was his sister who, in the climax, offers herself to him with the view to reform him.

Others in the cast included Krishnakumari (Sowcar Janaki's sister), seduced and abandoned by the anti-hero, Girija, P. V. Narasimha Bharathi, Thangavelu, and T. S. Durairaj as Sivaji Ganesan's sidekick. T. R. Sundaram racy narrated 'Thirumbi Paar' on screen in the characteristic Modern Theatres style.

There were many melodious songs including 'Avanna duvanna aadu' (filmed on Pandari Bai teaching Tamil to a class of young boys and girls), and Kavingnar Bharathidasan's famed composition 'Pandian en sollai'. This famous song was composed by Ramanathan as a raagamaalika, rendered by P. Leela and was filmed as a song and dance number.

'Kannaley pan paadam', a duet with Tiruchi Loganathan and P. Leela filmed on Narasimha Bharathi and Telugu actress Girija who did many Tamil films. The song was about the domestic felicity between a married couple shot inside a home and was quite popular with the newlyweds in those days.

'En kannalla thoongamma' was a lullaby filmed on Girija singing to her baby, intercut with shots of her husband (Bharathi) wandering the wilderness looking for solace in life. This excellent melody became popular with young mothers during those days.

One particular song, a satire on society, "Kalappadam... kalappadam... engum edhilum kalappadam" sung by S. C. Krishnan was another hit.

Thus the contribution of G. Ramanathan with his music to this film was considerable and important which in its own way was responsible for the success of the film besides of course the dialogues by Mu. Karunanidhi and the brilliant performances of Sivaji Ganesan, T. S. Durairaj, Narasimha Bharathi, Pandari Bai, Girija and others.

'Thirumbi Paar' fared well at the box office and acquired the status of a mini cult film because it had political and social innuendoes.

(To be continued)

## Arthritis check-up and awareness camp next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

To mark World Arthritis Day, Sai Orthocare Hospitals (55, Sadullah Street, T. Nagar, Ph: 95000 16172) will conduct an arthritis check-up cum awareness camp on Sunday, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m to 2 p.m in its premises. Consultation is free.

Dr. C. Subramanian (Orthopedic surgeon) along with his team of doctors will examine the patients.

Doctors will also advise the patients in non-surgical management of the ailment.

The registration fee is Rs.500 which includes blood tests and X-ray.

## Brisk ticket sales at SETC counter for holiday season



By Our Staff Reporter

There was brisk sale of tickets for mofussil buses of State Express Transport Corporation (SETC) owing to the State government holidays from Oct. 2 to 6.

Richard (counter in-charge) said that most of the seats of all the major routes were sold out.

## Sai bhajans on 3 days a week

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sathya Sai Samiti, T. Nagar conducts Sai bhajans every week in the following venues in T. Nagar:

Sai Keshav Hall, 157, G. N. Chetty Road (near Panagal Park, Vijaya Bank building): Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Ayurvedasramam, 155, G. N. Chetty Road (near Panagal Park), Mondays, 6 p.m.

50/38, Motilal Street (opposite Ranganathan Street), Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

All are welcome.

More details can be had from D. Srinivasa Rao (98400 50875) or C. Ramamurthy (94440 54819).

## Railway staff, volunteers clean Mambalam Station

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a 'mass cleaning-cum-awareness' campaign was conducted in Mambalam Railway Station on Oct. 2 to coincide with Gandhi Jayanthi Day.

Staff of Railways along with volunteers from Greater Chennai Exnora, NSS students from RKM Saradha Vidyalaya (T. Nagar) and Shasun Jain College for Women (T. Nagar) assembled at 8.30 a.m at Mambalam Station.

Ravichandran (Senior Divisional Operational Manager) headed the campaign.

The students marched along the platform holding placards and banners. The volunteers



and the staff cleaned the platforms, office rooms, toilets, bridges and stairways.

They also removed posters. Looking at the dedication of

the volunteers and the Railway staff, a few commuters also lent a helping hand in the cleaning.

Ravichandran said that the

commuters were apprised about prohibition of littering at the Railway premises through announcements via loudspeakers.

## Damaged post box repaired after report in Mambalam Times



Before

By Our Staff Reporter

The damaged post box on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar, was repaired by Postal Dept. after it was reported in *Mambalam Times* in its issue dated Sept. 7-13.



After

## Ayudha pooja treat for bullock pulling cart

By Our Staff Reporter

This bullock had a treat of munching on a large supply of plantain leaves used by shop owners for Ayudha pooja on Oct. 3.

Selvi, the owner of the bullock, supplies water to the shops daily through a tank fitted to her bullock cart.

The owners, instead of throwing away the leaves after the pooja, chose to feed them to the bullock when it stopped by their shop.

The picture was taken outside a shop on Ashok Pillar Road (Ashok Nagar).



## Kolu doll vendors affected by poor sales

By Our Staff Reporter

According to a number of shop and pavement vendors, there was a poor sale of kolu dolls for the second consecutive year.

After the poor response last year, the number of vendors had also gone down this year. A roadside vendor said that they invest upfront to buy the dolls which they can sell only during Navarathri. Even after he dropped prices by almost 60% just to cover his costs, there



also suffered from poor sales.

Giri Trading Agency (a Mumbai-headquartered retailer of puja items and accessories) had even introduced an EMI scheme to buy dolls last year. An official at Khadi Gramudyog which had put up kolu doll exhibitions in a number of places in the city including T. Nagar also said that the response was very poor and sales took a dip by almost 25% from the previous year.

He said that his brother who sells in the busy Mylapore area

# Appeal for funds to complete renovation of Venugopal Swamy temple

By Our Staff Reporter

The 150-year-old Sri Venugopal Swamy temple (Ellamiamman Koil Street, West Mambalam) which was in a bad condition is being renovated at a cost of Rs. 15 lakhs.

P. Velayudham, who is in charge of the work, said that in the first phase, the sanctum sanctorum (moolasthanam) which housed the main deity was demolished as it had developed several deep cracks and was likely to crumble at anytime. The foundation has been laid for housing the new structure for the moolasthanam, he said.



nam, he said.

The front portion which is not in too bad a shape will be replastered and repainted, he added.

Velayudham said that the temple is one of the oldest in West Mambalam.

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## Security to be beefed up for Diwali



By Our Staff Reporter

Security will be beefed up in the commercial areas in T. Nagar and Mambalam in view of Diwali. According to a senior police official, overhead police assistance booths will be erected on Ranganathan Street and Usman Road (T.

Nagar) to monitor crowds. CCTV cameras will be installed in sensitive locations to monitor traffic and crowds. More than two hundred policemen, traffic personnel and home guards will be deployed to monitor busy junctions and assist shoppers.

## Brahma Gana Sabha offers advanced course in Carnatic music

Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha (Vani Mahal, G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) invites applications for its 'Advanced Course in Carnatic Music'.

The course will start from Sunday, Oct. 12.

Nirmala Sundararajan (a reputed musicologist and teacher) is the senior faculty member. She said that the students will be trained to become concert musicians.

Students learning music and with basic knowledge of varnams are eligible to apply. The selection test and evaluation will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11.

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## Madley Road service lane misused for dumping garbage



By Our Staff Reporter

The portion opposite Manohar Apartments on Madley Road service lane, adjacent to the railway track, is being misused for dumping garbage and other waste.

When our reporter visited the spot on receiving a com-

plaint from a resident, he found a huge mound of garbage and construction debris dumped at the spot. The resident said that the garbage has been lying there for the past several weeks and has still not been removed in spite of several complaints to the civic authorities.

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**Improperly filled trench causes traffic congestion on Anna Main Road**

Sir, A wide trench, occupying half the road width was dug by Metrowater at the junction of K. K. Salai and Anna Main Road to carry out some repair work.

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By M. A. SADANAND Athithi Devo Bhava

Prime Minister Modi has bowled over his hosts where refuelling facilities were provided for him that coincided with his ritual fast to propitiate the Navarathri deities, of which fact the Indian Ambassador had not forewarned the host.

Anyway a good feed is always welcome and the other VIP invitees at the dinner had, I suppose, a great feed while our man, in whose honour the feast was organised, sipped just good old hot water. That makes two of us for I would not have wolfed the repast of flesh and fowl either on holy or unholy days, being a strict vegetarian though a Nair and thus secretly earned, deservedly, the apostasy from Nairism. That makes two of us - Modi and I, who I think can boldly say "Bo to a goose".

Modi's Madison Square Garden performance must have been super stuff to the thousands of our countrymen and women who perhaps have seen their Prime Minister speaking their own language in such a public gathering in New York for the first time. The other Indian big wigs who, if at all, have spoken there earlier must have done so in English. Modi gets another mark from his countrymen for this camaraderie, making the audience feel at home thousands of miles away from home. That is the power of the mother tongue! Is there anything higher than mother or the word 'amma'?

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Silt dumped on roadside poses health hazard**

Sir, De-silting of manholes and storm water drains serves no purpose. The silt that is removed is rarely taken away but dumped on the roadside and many a times in front of houses.

It not only blocks the road but also gives out a foul smell and is a potential health hazard and also serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Over a period of time, the silt either spreads on the road or if it rains in the meantime it mixes with the water and flows back into the drain.

Such is the case on Natesan Street (T. Nagar) which was cleaned on Oct. 2. The workers have dumped the silt on the roadside.

I hope the concerned authorities take action to remove the silt - N. Ramanathan, 18, Veerasamy Street, West Mambalam



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WEST MAMBALAM, No. 12, Rajaji Street, double bedrooms (A/cs), big hall, kitchen, Indian / Western bathrooms, balcony, 2-wheeler parking, Brahmins only, no brokers. Immediate occupation. Ph: 97911 26822, 94441 83104.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 10/22, Raghavan Colony, near Govindan Road, single bedroom, 1st floor, tiles flooring, good water, rent Rs. 7500, Brahmins only, no brokers. Ph: 98405 13200.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 57/28, Kamakoti Colony, Kuppiah Street, 2 bedrooms, 2 hall, kitchen, 1st floor, rent Rs. 16000, Brahmins only, 24 hours water, no brokers. Ph: 95512 98019, 95512 86878.

K. K. NAGAR, No. AP-1043, 11th Sector, 18th Street, near School and Market, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 880 sq.ft, 1st floor, woodwork, 24 hours metro and bore water, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 13000, vegetarian family only. Ph: 98410 82580.

T. NAGAR, No. 13, Griffith Road, near Gandhi Street, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, ground floor, attached bathroom, tiles flooring, rent Rs. 12500, advance Rs. 70000. Ph: 2433 3477, 98411 93685.

WEST MAMBALAM, M22/4, Muthalamman Koil Street Extension, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 656 sq.ft, ground floor, car park, vegetarians only, lease Rs. 10 lakhs, no brokers. Ph: 94442 28874, 94444 29405.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 12/30, Patel Street, room, kitchen, attached bath, western and Indian toilet, 24 hours bore & metro water, no bachelors & brokers, rent Rs. 6500. Contact: B. Sivakumar. Ph: 98408 59867, 98842 96692, 2474 3175.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 190, Lake View Road, near Railway Station and Panagal Park, 720 sq.ft, 2 bedrooms, 1st floor flat, for vegetarians only, rent Rs. 15000. Ph: 098361 24567.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 49/24, Subramani Street, single bedroom, 450 sq.ft, 1st floor, western toilet, rent Rs. 9500 (negotiable), Brahmins only, no brokers. Ph: 94445 77491.

WEST CIT Nagar, No. 3, West Road, double bedrooms, 800 sq.ft, independent, 1st floor apartment, vegetarians only. Ph: 2435 7314, 93450 34000.

T. NAGAR, No. 12/41, Ramaniyam's, Venkatesan Street, newly constructed, 750 sq.ft, 1st floor, 2 bedrooms flat, hall, kitchen, complete facilities, Brahmins only, lift, semi furnished, no brokers. Ph: 2434 5140, 92831 05659.

T. NAGAR, No. 135/8, Mambalam High Road, near Muppathamman Temple, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 855 sq.ft, 1st floor, 2-wheeler parking only, immediate occupation, family/bachelors. Contact: K.R. Sivaraman, Ph: 98400 15908.

ASHOK NAGAR, No. 47/41, 12th Avenue, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, well furnished, 1st floor, 850 sq.ft, 24 hours water, no brokers. Ph: 99403 47709, 98849 47709.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 22/38, Lakshmi Narayanan Street, near Baroda Street, 3 bedrooms, independent, ground floor, no car park, vegetarians only, rent Rs. 16000. Ph: 93813 40961.

T. NAGAR, No. 49, Mambalam High Road, near Kodambakkam Railway Station, Meenakshi College & Over bridge, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, ground floor, car park, 24 hours water & security with CC camera. Ph: 95662 06307.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 15/8, Burma Kanakammal Street, ground floor, 500 sq.ft, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, pooja room, 2-wheeler park, vegetarians only, 24 hours water supply, rent Rs. 8500. Ph: 2489 7589.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 1, Jyothi Ramalingam Street, near Srinivasa Theatre, 2400 sq.ft, open hall, ground floor. Ph: 96001 09365.

**FLATS FOR RENT IN T. NAGAR**  
77-A, Habibullah Road, near Railway Station, deluxe, 500 sq.ft, 1 BHK, 3rd floor, lift, 1 A/c, rent Rs. 11000  
76-A, Muthurangan Salai, 750 sq.ft, spacious, 1 BHK, 2 bathrooms, 2nd floor, rent Rs. 11000  
Gentleman G. Velmurugan  
**98406 05716**

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 10, Subba Reddy Street, 1 bedroom, hall, kitchen, 600 sq.ft, ground floor, 2-wheeler parking, vegetarians only. Ph: 90032 31561.

ASHOK NAGAR, No. 5/8, 11th Avenue, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1004 sq.ft, 2nd floor, lift, open car park, vegetarians only, no brokers. Ph: 97908 72062.

T. NAGAR, No. 12, Burkit Road, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 950 sq.ft, 1st floor, 3 balconies, open car park, rent Rs. 18000, vegetarians only. Contact: VMS Sekar. Ph: 99628 75098.

**T. NAGAR, New No. 12, Old No. 21-C, Chari Street, North Usman Road, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1000 sq.ft, car parking, rent Rs. 20000. Ph: 2814 3032.**

SAIDAPET, No. 61, Madhava Flat, Flat F, Abidh Colony, Alandur Road, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 650 sq.ft, 1st floor, 2-wheeler parking, Brahmins / vegetarians only, no brokers. Ph: 98407 29071.

ASHOK NAGAR, No. 51, 100 Feet Road, near Pillar, 3 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, pooja room, 1200 sq.ft, 2nd floor, lift, open car park, 24 hours water, vegetarians only, immediate occupation. Ph: 099679 66611.

WEST MAMBALAM, New No. 30-5/2, Old No. 26-5/2, Chakrapani Street Extension, single bedroom, ground floor flat, rent Rs. 6000, Brahmins only, available only for 6 months. Ph: 78108 14441.

WEST MAMBALAM, Old No. 11, New No. 2, Lake View Road 2nd Lane, double bedrooms, 1st floor, 2-wheeler parking, Brahmins only, no brokers. Ph: 99413 40876, 95662 17433.

T. NAGAR, No. 45, Min Apartment, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 1000 sq.ft, 3rd floor, no lift, 2-wheeler parking, separate 3 phase EB, rent Rs. 12000, immediate occupation. Contact: Raman (Owner). Ph: 99444 00688.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 16, B.R.P. 2nd Street, near Mambalam Railway Station, 3 bedrooms, new construction, 100% vastu, woodwork, marble flooring, covered car park, rent Rs. 24000, including maintenance, Brahmins / vegetarians only. Ph: 4204 2881, 98846 92576.

T. NAGAR, No. 54, Silverpark Apartment, Flat No. A-3, Thanikachalam Road, 2 bedrooms, 860 sq.ft, 1st floor, lift, North facing, common car park. Ph: 94441 16418.

T. NAGAR, No. 59, Senthil Flat, Burkit Road, 2 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, 770 sq.ft, 1st floor, 24 hours water, 2-wheeler parking, rent Rs. 16500, immediate occupation, visit by appointment from 10.30 a.m to 7 p.m. Ph: 81481 33959.

T. NAGAR, No. 57/22, Sumathi Apartment, Flat No. 13, New Boag Road, next to M.T.S. Showroom, 1st floor, semi furnished, cot, A/c, T.V, rent Rs. 11500. Ph: 80561 07538.

WEST MAMBALAM, No. 8, Balakrishna Street, 1 bedroom, kitchen, 200 sq.ft, ground floor flat, rent Rs. 5000, no brokers, visit from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Ph: 2471 2318.

WEST MAMBALAM No. 26, Janakiraman Street, 3 bedrooms, ground floor, rent Rs. 20000 (negotiable), advance Rs. 1 lakh, vegetarians only. Contact: Ramesh. Ph: 98417 81122.

**Talk on 'Thiru Arutpa' on Tuesday**

By Our Staff Reporter  
Under the auspicious of Vallalar Sanmargasangam (V.O.C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), Professor Aranga Ramalingam will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa' on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P.T. Rajan Salai, K.K. Nagar). All are welcome.

**6000 food packets for runners of cancelled marathon delivered to needy**

By Our Staff Reporter  
Over 6,000 food packets, meant for the runners of the 'Dusk to Dawn' marathon that was to be held on the night of Sept. 27, were distributed to the needy, after the organizers spread the news via mobile messaging service 'Whatsapp'.

The event had been cancelled in view of possible unrest following the conviction of J. Jayalalithaa in the disproportionate wealth case filed against her.

Responses to the mobile 'Whatsapp' poured in from several volunteers who distributed the food packets to the needy through heads of several non-governmental organizations across the city.

The 'Dusk to Dawn' marathon was to be kicked off at 9.30 p.m on the day.

The packs, each comprising of a banana, muffin, sandwich and juice, were to be the breakfast for the runners after they completed the marathon, the next day morning.

**Major leakage in water pipeline at K.K. Salai - Shanmugam Salai junction**



By Our Staff Reporter  
Water leaking from a damaged underground Metrowater pipe has been overflowing onto the road at the junction of K. K. Salai and R. K. Shanmugam Salai (K. K. Nagar) for the past several days. Nearby show owners have cut a channel on the road to divert the water into the nearby stormwater drain.

**OBITUARY**

**C. PONAMMAL**

C. Ponammal (resident of Old No. 16/5, New No. 5/2, Rajaji Street, West Mambalam, Ph: 98400 13698) passed away on Sept. 25. She was 85 and had been a resident of West Mambalam since 1966. She was the wife of late P. Choodamani. She is survived by four sons, one daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



**நாலு முலை**

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

'நீங்கள் மிகவும் சந்தோஷமாக எழுதிய சிறுகதை அல்லது கட்டுரை அல்லது நாவல் எது?' என்று சில பேர் என்னைக் கேட்பதுண்டு. இப்போதும் கூட நான் அமெரிக்க - வேண்டாம், முறைக்காதீர்கள். அப்படி யாராவது கேட்கும்போது 'ஆனந்த விகடன்' கல்வியிலும், துணைக்கலியும் வினோத் என்ற பெயரில் நான் எழுதிய டி.வி விமரிசனங்கள்தான் என்று பதில் சொல்வேன். அவர்கள் நம்ப மாட்டார்கள். எல்லாவற்றையும் விட்டுவிட்டு இதைப் போய் சொல்கிறேன் என்று ஆச்சரியப்படுவார்கள். ஆனால் அதுதான் உண்மை.

இஷ்டப்பட்ட நேரத்தில் இஷ்டப்பட்ட சேனலைத் திருகி எந்த நிகழ்ச்சி நடக்கிறதோ அதைப் பார்ப்பதிலும்; நெஞ்சாரப் பாராட்டும் படி என்ன இருக்கிறது என்று கவனிப்பதிலும்; கின்டல் செய்வதற்கு விஷயம் கிடைத்தால் ஒரு அசுர சந்தோஷம் அடைவதிலும்; சந்தேகம் நேரும்போது சம்பந்தப்பட்டவர்களையோ அல்லது அந்தத் துறையில் வல்லவர்களையோ போனில் கேட்டு வினக்கம் பெறுவதிலும்; எழுதும் போது நடையை வளைத்து அடித்துத் திருத்தி மாற்றுவதிலும்; பொருத்தமான ஆங்கில வாக்கியங்களைத் தேடிப் பிடித்துத் திணிப்பதிலும்; அச்சில் வந்த பிறகு யாரைத் குறை சொன்னேனோ அவர்களிடம் வாங்கிக் கட்டிக் கொள்வதிலும்; போனாக்கு மேல் போன் செய்து தங்களுடைய நிகழ்ச்சிகளைப் பார்ப்பதும் படிக்கெடுக்கிய வர்களைப் பற்றி எழுதிவிட்டு அவர்களிடமிருந்து நன்றி என்று ஒரு வார்த்தைகூடப் பெறாதிருப்பதிலும் - அடடா! அப்படி யொரு மகழ்ச்சி வேறு எதை எழுதிய போதும் எனக்குக் கிடைத்ததில்லை. டெல்லியிலிருந்து பெரியவர் கப்படு மகிழ்ந்து பாராட்டி இன்ஸ்டு கடிதம் எழுதுவார். என்னுடைய சந்தோஷம் நூறு மடங்குகள் அதிகரிக்கும்.

ஆனால் ஏனோ தெரியவில்லை. சிறிது சிறிதாக உடலிலும் உள்ளத்திலும் சோர்வு ஏற்படுகிறது. டிவி நிகழ்ச்சிகளைப் பார்ப்பதும் சற்றுக் குறைந்துவிட்டது. கிரிக்கெட் மேட்ச் நடக்கும்போது மட்டும்தான் டிவி பார்க்கிறேன். (அந்த ஆர்வம் கூட இந்த இந்தியப் பாவிகளால் செத்துவிடுமோ என்று பயமாயிருக்கிறது.)

இருந்தாலும் ஜெயா டிவியின் புண்ணியத்தில் ஒரு நாள் கொஞ்சம் டி.வி பார்க்கலானேன். குறிப்பாக 'மார்கழி மகா உற்சவம்' நிகழ்ச்சியில் சில நல்ல சங்கீதக் கச்சேரிகளை ஒரு மணி நேரம் (விளம்பர நேரங்களைக் கழித்தால் முக்கால் மணி நேரம்) கேட்டு ரசித்தேன்.

சஞ்சய் சுப்பிரமணியனுக்குத் தொடக்கத்தில் தொண்டை கட்டிய மாத்திரித் தோன்றிய போதிலும் போகப் போகப் பிய்த்து வாங்கிவிட்டார். டி.வி சங்கர நாராயணனின் பாட்டில் உற்சாகம் கொப்பளித்தது. நித்யமூர் மகாதேவனின் 'ஓம் சரவணபவ' கீர்த்தனையும் ஷண்முகப்பிரியாவின் முழு அழகையும் கொண்டு வந்த விரவல் நேர்த்தியும் ஸ்வரப் பந்தலும் நினைவில் நின்று விட்டன.

ஆனால் இந்த நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் சங்கீதத்தைக் காட்டிலும் சுவாரஸ்யமான விஷயம் ரசிகர்களின் கேள்விகளுக்குப் பாடக, பாடகிகள் பதிலளித்த விதம். எப்படி இத்தனை நேரத்தியாக நூரானத்தையும் அனுபவத்தையும் வெளிப்படுத்தும் விதத்தில் பதிலளித்தார்களோ ஆச்சரியம். (இரண்டொரு ரசிகர்கள் ஆங்கிலத்தில் கேள்வி கேட்டு எரிச்சல் ஏற்படுத்தினார்கள். தேவையில்லாத டாம்பிகேம தவிர விஷயம் அறிந்து கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்ற ஆர்வம் கிடையாது.)

கர்னாடக சங்கீதம், இந்துஸ்தானி சங்கீதம், மேலை நாட்டு சங்கீதம் ஆகிய மூன்றுக்கும் உள்ள ஒற்றுமை வேற்றுமைகளை ஆழத்துடன் விளக்கினார் சஞ்சய். குருநாதர் மதுரை மணி ஐயரிடம் கற்றுக் கொண்டது என்ன என்ற கேள்விக்கு 'அடக்கம்' என்று பதில் கூறிக் கைட்டல் பெற்றார் சங்கர நாராயணன். நித்யமூர் பளிச் பளிச்சென்று பதில் சொன்னதோடு, மத்யமாவதி, பிருந்தாவன சாரங்கா ராகங்களின் தனித் தன்மையைப் பாடியே காட்டினார். குழந்தைகளுக்கு எட்டு வயது வரும் வரை காத்திருந்து, சங்கீதம் பயில வேண்டும் என்ற ஆசை அவர்களுக்கே வந்த பிறகு தான் சொல்லிக் கொடுக்க வேண்டும் என்ற அவருடைய அபிப்பிராயம் மூன்று இலை விடுவதற்குள் மழலையை மேடையேற்ற வேண்டும் என்று துடிக்கிற பெற்றோர்களுக்கு நல்ல அறிவுரை. குறைந்த பட்சம் எட்டு வருட காலாமாவது சிட்சை பெற்ற பிறகே கச்சேரி செய்ய வேண்டும் என்ற சுதாரகுநாதன் சொன்னதும் கரெக்ட்.

மார்கழி மகா உற்சவம் நிகழ்ச்சிகளிலும் சரி, மற்ற சங்கீதக் கச்சேரிகளிலும் சரி ஒரு விஷயத்தை கவனித்தேன். பிரபலமான பாடகர்களும், பாடகிகளும் வருடத்துக்கு வருடம் குண்டாகக் காட்சி தருகிறார்கள். ஆறுதலுக்காக 'பூசினாற்போல் இருக்கிறார்கள்' என்று வேண்டுமானால் சொல்லலாம்.

வெற்றியினால் ஏற்படுகிற பூரிப்போ என்னவோ! சதை போடுகிறோம் என்று அவர்களுக்கே தெரியுமோ தெரியாதோ. ஒரு வேளை தெரிந்ததும் பரவாயில்லை என்று விட்டிருக்கலாம். சாரம் பருமனாக இருக்க இருக்க சாரம் பிரமாதமாக இருக்கும் என்று கணக்கிட்டிருக்கக் கூடும்.

எதுவும் மனசிலேதான் இருக்கிறது. ஒரு புத்தகத்தைப் படித்து முடிக்க வேண்டும் என்ற உணர்வு உண்மையாகவே இருக்கும் போது அதை நிச்சயமாகப் படித்து முடிக்கிறோம். ஒரு அறையை ஒழுங்குபடுத்த வேண்டும் என்ற உணர்வு உண்மையாகவே இருக்கும் போது நிச்சயமாக அந்த வேலையை செய்து முடிக்கிறோம். வெறுமே ஆசைப்பட்டால் போதாது. உள்ளூர் ஓர் உந்துதலும் உணர்வும் இருக்க வேண்டும்.

இளைக்க வேண்டும் என்று சிலர் கம்மா நினைப்பார்கள். ஆனால் மனப்பூர்வமான உணர்வு இருக்காது. அதனால் இரண்டு நாட்கள் முயற்சி செய்துவிட்டு மூன்றாம் நாள் விட்டுவிடுவார்கள். மன உறுதி இல்லாத போது என்ன செய்ய முடியும்?

'என்னவேல்லாமோ பண்ணிப் பார்க்கிறேன். ஊசும், முடியலையே?' என்பார்கள்.

ஒரு குண்டுப் பாடகர் உடம்பு இளைத்தால் நன்றாக இருக்கும் என்று நினைத்தார். டாக்டரிடம் போனார். சிசிச்சை கேட்டார். டாக்டர் மூன்று மாத்திரைகளைக் கொடுத்தார். ஒவ்வொன்றும் ஒவ்வொரு நிறம். ஒன்று வெள்ளை, ஒன்று சிவப்பு, ஒன்று கறுப்பு.

'வெள்ளை மாத்திரை சாப்பாட்டுக்கு முன்பு. சிவப்பு மாத்திரை சாப்பாட்டுக்குப் பின்பு' என்றார் டாக்டர். 'கறுப்பு மாத்திரை?' 'அதுதான் சாப்பாடு'.

### Appeal for puja samagris for Varuna japam on Oct. 19

Under the auspices of Srimath Ramanujas, Varuna japam and homam will be conducted for world peace on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m to 9 p.m in Pandian Hall (Station Road, West Mambalam).

The japam will be performed by a group of eminent priests headed by Pulikundram U.Ve. Sthala Sayanacharyar.

'Virata Parva' slokas will be recited to invoke Varuna (the rain god).

Devotees can donate puja samagris like flowers, ghee, honey, coconuts, fruits, rice, cereals, betel leaves and areca nuts (vetrilai pakku).

For more details, please contact Muralidhar Swamiji in 96770 41480 / 98415 02313.

All are welcome.

### AIADMK workers resort to road block near T. Nagar bus terminus

By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of AIADMK party workers and supporters resorted to a road block at Burkit Road - Usman Road junction, near T. Nagar bus terminus at 12.15 p.m on Oct. 3 in support of their party leader J. Jayalalithaa who was recently convicted in a disproportionate assets case and sent to jail by a special court in Bangalore.

The protestors shouted slogans demanding release of their leader and also burnt an effigy of Subramanian Swamy (Janata Party leader).

There was traffic congestion for more than half an hour before the police could pacify and disperse the protestors.



### 'Bhagavad Gita' discourse in Telugu next Saturday

Swamini Satyavratana Saraswati will give a discourse in Telugu on 'Bhagavad Gita' on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m to noon in Sankaralayam (66, Mayor Ramanathan Salai, Spur Tank Road, Chetpet).

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More details can be had by calling Vani in 2615 3529.

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### 5-year-old beats Guinness record

By Our Staff Reporter

5-year old K.L.Dheeraj (resident of Old No.79, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar) got his name into the 'India Book of Records' by identifying 110 National flags in one minute on Sept. 27 in an event conducted by Lions International District 324 A8 in Green Park Hotel (Vadapalani). An adjudicator from 'India Book of Records' certified his record.

In achieving the record, he also beat the Guinness World Record held by Luca Matta of UK who had identified 77 flags. His new record has been submitted to Guinness for certification.

This is Dheeraj's 4<sup>th</sup> entry into the 'India Book of Records'.

At the age of 3, he identified 215 national flags in 2 minutes



and 18 seconds and entered the record books as the 'Youngest to identify most number of flags'.

When he was close to 4, he again entered the record books for being the youngest to recall

names of 83 inventors in one minute by looking at their inventions and also for solving a world map puzzle in the shortest time.

He is a UKG student of PSBB School, K.K. Nagar.

### Radha Kalyanam in Meenakshi Mandapam tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Bhaktha Swara Bhajan Mandali (South Mada Street, Saidapet. Ph: 98416 67059) is conducting its 29<sup>th</sup> annual 'Radha Kalyana Mahotsavam' since Oct. 3 in Sri Meenakshi Kalyana Mandapam (South Boag Road, T. Nagar).

Radha Kalyanam will be performed at 9 a.m on Sunday, Oct. 5.

The following are the program details:

Saturday, Oct. 4: 8 a.m: Thodayamangalam, Gurukeerthanam, Ashtapathy & Tharangini Bhajans by Eroda Rajamani Bhagavathar & party; 4 p.m: Nadhaswaram concert by Ravi & party; 5 p.m: Vishnu Sahasranama paarayanam; 6 p.m: Group bharatanatyam concert by Nrithya Bhava troupe. 6.30 p.m: Janavasam from Sri Padma Mandapam (T. Nagar); 9 p.m: Divyanaama sankeerthanam by Erode Rajamani Bhagavathar & party.

Sunday, Oct. 5: 7.30 a.m: Unchavriti; 9 a.m: Radha Kalyanam; 4 p.m: Upanyasam by U.Ve. Damal Ramakrishnan & Perundevi Seshadri; 6 p.m: Anjaneya Utsavam by Bhaktha Swaraa Bhajan Mandali.

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### College student helps orphanages in his spare time



By Our Staff Reporter

R. Arun Kumar (resident of 2/30 Thiruvengadam Street, West Mambalam) works as a volunteer in his spare time to help orphanages.

He has appealed to readers of Mambalam Times to donate clothes, sweets and crackers for Diwali to help children living in orphanages.

He is a second year B. Com student of Vivekananda College and is a member of its Rotaract Club. Under the Club's 'Pasi Theerpom' project, he sourced more than 500 kg. of rice for three orphanages through his friends, relatives and well wishers.

In recognition of his work, he was recently honored by Rotary Club.

His contact number is 80561 28030.

### Blood donation drive tomorrow

Sri Ayyappa Jyothi Baktha Jana Sabha has organised a blood donation drive to be held on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 9.30 a.m to 1.30 p.m in Ayyappan Temple, CPWD Quarters, K.K. Nagar.

Paramedical staff from Tamilnadu Blood Transfusion Council will collect blood from the donors. Any healthy individual in the age group of 18 to 60 can donate blood.

The collected blood units will be given to Kilpauk Medical College Hospital.

For any clarifications, please contact the organisers in 93806 98999/98846 24351.

### Sahasranaama paarayanam in Venkatesa Perumal Temple next Saturday

Day-long Akanda Vishnu Sahasranaama Paarayanam will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 6.30 a.m to 6 p.m in Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Temple (Govindan Road, Mettupalayam, West Mambalam) for world peace

and good monsoon. The paarayanam has been organised by the temple's sahasranaama mandali.

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