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கும்மென்று வாசனை வீசும் கல்யாண ரிசப்ஷன் பையுடன் தம்பையா வந்தார். 'இன்றைக்கு ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை இல்லையா? அதனாலே மீனாட்சி மெஸ். நேற்றைக்கு சனிக்கிழமை அதனாலே காமாட்சி மெஸ். நாளைக்குத் திங்கள்கிழமை ஆச்சே அதனாலே கல்யாணி மெஸ். இப்படி டைம் டேபிள் போட்டுண்டு இப்போ எல்லாம் சாப்பாட்டை வாங்கிக்கிறோம். வீட்டிலே சமையல் பண்ணி ரொம்ப நாட்கள் ஆச்சு. சாதம் மாத்திரம் வடிச்சுக்க வேண்டியது. அதுகூட அவசியம் இல்லை. அதையும் வாங்கிக்கலாம். ஆனால் அப்படிச் செய்யறது இல்லை. ஏன்னா அடுப்புக்குக் கொஞ்சமாவது வேலை கொடுக்க வேண்டாமா? அப்பறம் அதிலே பூனை தூங்க ஆரம்பிச்சுடும்.'

பையிலிருந்து வந்த ரம்மியமான வாசனை உள்ளே வெங்காய சாம்பார் என்று கட்டியும் கூறியது. சின்ன வெங்காயமாக இருக்காது. யார் அவ்வளவு வெங்காயத்தை உரிக்கிறது? விரல்கள் விண்டு போயிடும். பெரிய வெங்காயமாகத்தான் இருக்கும்.

என்னுடைய எண்ண ஓட்டத்தைத் தம்பையா வாசனை பிடித்துவிட்டார். 'லார், நீங்க நினைக்கிறது கடுக்ட்டு. வெங்காய சாம்பார்தான். உருளைக்கிழங்கு கறி, ஊட்டி கோஸ் கூட்டு, சிம்பிளா முணு ஐட்டங்கள்தான். போறாதா? எழுபது வயதைத் தாண்டின இரண்டு பேர் மாத்திரம். இருக்கிற குருவிக்கூட்டுக்குடும்பத்துக்கு இது தலை வாழை இலை விருந்து. இன்னிக்கு சாதமும் வாங்கியாச்சு. அதனாலே அடுப்பை மூட்ட வேண்டாம். பாத்திரங்களைத் தேய்க்க வேண்டாம். பாக்குத் தட்டிலே சாப்பிடறதாலே அப்படியே தூக்கிக் கடாசிடலாம். சபீனா மிச்சம், தண்ணீர் மிச்சம். எல்லாத்துக்கும் மேலே நேரம் மிச்சம். என்னுடைய பெண்டாட்டி சங்கிலி கோத்த மாதிரி 'பட்டுக் குஞ்சலம்', 'பங்களா பருந்து', 'ஜில் ஜில் மகாமுனி', 'குந்தாணி ராணி' சிரியல்களை ஆணி அடிச்ச மாதிரி அன்னன்னை, இன்னன்னை நகராமல் பார்க்கலாம். சூப்பர் இல்லே?'

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பேரைத் தவிர



வேறு யாரும் இல்லாததாலே எங்களிலே ஒருத்தர்தான் போயிட்டு வரணும். யார் அந்த ஒருத்தர்னு கேள்வி வரும். நியாயமான கேள்விதான். வேலாலே சட்டுனு கிளம்பிப் போக முடியாது. ஜென்ட்ஸுக்கு அந்த பிராப்ளம் கிடையாது. சட்டுனு ஒரு சொக்காயையும், செருப்பையும் மாட்டிண்டு கிளம்பிடலாம். சரி அப்படி நான் பையை எடுத்துண்டு கிளம்பிப் போனால் அன்னிக்கு மெனு என்னங்கிறது அங்கு போனால்தான் தெரியும். ஞாயிற்றுக் கிழமைனா வெங்காய சாம்பார், உருளைக்கிழங்கு கறிங்கிறது மாறவே மாறாமல் இருப்பது. மத்த ஐட்டங்கள் வற்றல் குழம்பா, மோர்க் குழம்பா, அவியலா, பருப்புத் தொகையலா, தேங்காய்த் தொகையலானு நிறைய சாய்ஸ் இருக்கும். அதை நான் பாட்டு மனசிலே தோணினைதடி அடிச்ச வாங்கிண்டு வந்தால் 'இதையேன் வாங்கித்து?ன்னு ஒரு குடான கேள்விக்களை மேலே வந்து தாக்கும். அதுக்குத்தான் அங்கேயிருந்து ஃபோன் பண்ணு. லைன் கிடைத்தால் வீட்டிலேயிருந்து கனியரன்ஸ் கிடைத்த ஐட்டத்தை வாங்கிண்டு வரலாம். இல்லாட்டி வாங்கிண்டு வந்த ஐட்டத்தை விட்ட பெண்டாட்டி குடா ஆயிடுவா.'

தம்பையா கொஞ்சம் 'டைம் அவுட்' கொடுத்துத் தொடர்ந்தார். 'லார், இந்தப் பிராப்ளத்துக்கு நான் ஒரு தீர்வு கண்டுபிடித்திருக்கேன். சொல்லட்டுமா?' என்று கேட்டார்.

வேண்டாம்னு சொன்னாலும் அவர் விடப் போறதில்லை.

ஆகையினாலே மேலே போங்கள் என்று சைகை செய்தேன்.

'அதுக்கு ஒரு சிம்பிள் சொல்லுஷன். நாமே மெஸ்ஸுக்குப் போய் சாப்பாட்டை வாங்கிண்டு வருவதற்கு பதில் மெஸ்களை நடத்தும் ஆட்கள் சமைத்த ஐட்டங்களை ஒரு நடமாடும் வண்டியில் கொண்டு வந்தால் தீர்ந்தது. சோன்ப்ப்பிடி, குல்பி ஐஸ், 'டிங் டிங்'னு வாணலியைத் தட்டிண்டு 'சரக் சரக்'னு வாணலியிலே வறுத்துக்கொண்டு வர வேர்க்கடலை வண்டிக்காரர் மாதிரி வீட்டு வாசப்படிக்கு சாப்பாடு வந்தால் வேண்டியதை வாங்கிக்கலாம் இல்லையா?'

'என்ன மெனுங்கிறதை ஸ்பீக்கரிலே அனெளன்ஸ் பண்ணினால் சொளகரியமாக இருக்கும். வயசாளிகள் நீட்டி முழக்கி, முட்டியைத் தடவி, தட்டிக் கொடுத்து மெஸ்ஸுக்கு சாப்பிடப் போகவேண்டாம். காமாட்சி, மீனாட்சி, கல்யாணி மெஸ் எல்லாம் தங்களுக்குன்னு ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட மணி ஓசையை வெச்சிண்டா, வேண்டிய வண்டி வாசலுக்கு வரும்போது வெளியே வந்து நிற்க சொளகரியமாக இருக்கும். இதுதான் என்னுடைய ஐடியா. இதை இம்பர்லஸ் பண்ணி ஆரம்பிக்கலாமே.

'பசி வந்தால் வயத்திலே மணி அடிச்சுடுத்துன்னு சொல்றதுண்டு. நீங்க சொன்ன மாதிரி சாப்பாட்டு வண்டி மணி அடிச்சுண்டே வந்தால், வயத்திலே அடிக்கிற மணிக்கு உற்சாக பதில் மணியாக இருந்துடுமே'ன்னு சொன்னேன்.

பரவசத்துடன் எழுந்து நின்ற தம்பையா மறக்காமல் பையை யும், அரைத்துவிட்ட வெங்காய சாம்பார் வாசனையையும் உடன் எடுத்துக் கொண்டு கிளம்பினார். jsraghavan@yahoo.com

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Blood donation camp in K. K. Nagar today

Rotary Club of Chennai (K. K. Nagar), Rotary Club of Madras North West and Daasya have jointly organised a blood donation camp from 9 a.m to 12.30 p.m on Sunday, Aug.11 in Corporation Girls Higher Secondary School (9th Avenue, Ashok Nagar). A team of doctors from VHS Blood Bank will collect the blood units.

More details can be had in 99406 38972.

3-day discourses by Trichy Kalyanaraman from Monday

Trichy Kalyanaraman (Asthana Vidwan of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam) will give spiritual discourses from 6.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m on Aug.12, 13 and 14 in Sri Alamelu Manga Kalyana Mandapam (Radha-krishna Street, T. Nagar, near Agasthiyar Temple). All are welcome.

More details can be had in 93451 56632.

Job fair in Ramakrishna School today

By Our Staff Reporter

Rotary Club (District 3232) in association with Equitas Trust is conducting a job fair on Saturday, Aug.10 in from 8 a.m to 2 p.m Ramakrishna Higher Secondary School (Main, Bashyam Street, T.Nagar) in which 50 companies including from banking sector will participate.

8th passed to graduates in the age group of 18 to 35 years can seek job opportunity in the fair.

The candidates should bring their education certificates for verification. For more details, contact Jitendra in 90032 21111.

Talk on Thiru Arutpa on Tuesday

Under the auspices of Vallalar Sanmarga Sangam (V.O.C Street, MGR Nagar, Ph: 94453 43706), M. B. Babu will give a discourse on 'Thiru Arutpa' on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m, in Sakthi Vinayagar Temple (P. T. Rajan Salai, K. K. Nagar). All are welcome.

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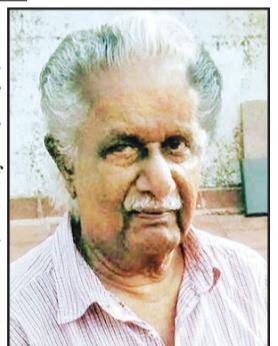
M. A. SADANAND

M. A. Sadanand (resident of Jayantha Sneham, W 424, 2nd Avenue, Anna Nagar Western Extension) passed away on August 6 at the age of 86.

He was well-known to the readers of Mambalam Times through his popular column 'No Holds Barred', over 1,200 of which were published in this newspaper from June, 1995 to June, 2018.

He was a well-known writer, and his articles, in impeccable English and laced with subtle humour, have been published in leading dailies and magazines, including the prestigious Shankar's Weekly. He was a leading Advocate, and had been Government Pleader in Madras High Court.

As a tribute to Sadanand, we are reprinting elsewhere in this issue his first article that appeared on June 8, 1995.



Mrs. YGP, doyen of education, passes away at 93



Acclaimed educationist, journalist and patron of the arts R. Rajalakshmi, popularly known as Mrs. YGP, passed away on Aug. 6. She was 93, and had been a long-time resident of T. Nagar.

The only girl in her batch of postgraduate diploma journalism class in the University of Madras, she was one of the first women in the field of journalism in Tamil Nadu. In 1948, she married Y. G. Parthasarathy, the doyen of Tamil theater and the founder of United Amateur Artistes, the theatre group that became the

launchpad for many film personalities. In 1958, she founded the Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Group of Schools driven by her desire to Indianise school education

The school also started Bharat Kalachar as its cultural wing in 1987, a unique initiative then to promote arts among students.

Her son Y. Gee. Mahendra is a well-known actor and theater personality. She was conferred Padma Shri in 2010.

Other awards include Achievement Medal for Leadership and Commitment to Excellence in Education by from the US-based Centre for Excellence in Education, the Union Government's 'Vayoshreshtha Samman' award, and the Rotary Club of Madras' Paul Harris Fellow Award. Hundreds of students, both past and present, their parents, and teachers, congregated in the Bharat Kalachar auditorium, where her body was placed, to pay their respects.

She is survived by her sons Y. Gee. Mahendra and Y. G. Rajendra.

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Woman cop suspended for badmouthing judiciary

A woman police head constable attached to Ashok Nagar police station was placed

under suspension for uploading an audio clip in which she can be heard badmouthing the judiciary. Taking exception to the suspension of a sub-inspector found riding a two-wheeler without a helmet, woman constable Bercial Anitha Jeevambal questioned the judges and asked whether lawyers would be punished for a similar offence. She can be heard using objectionable language, which attracted the suspension.

After the clip went viral on

police WhatsApp groups, a team of cybercrime wing personnel was assigned to probe the issue. It checked all WhatsApp groups and finally zeroed in on Anitha. During questioning, she admitted to having recorded and uploaded the audio clip.

Following this, the team sent a detailed report, including her statement, to senior police officers. Later, joint commissioner of police C. Magheshwari ordered Anitha's suspension for making inflammatory comments about judges, officers and lawyers, violating the code of conduct.

In the audio clip, Anitha said not wearing a helmet was an offence but suspending an officer was harsh.

Anitha was referring to sub-inspector S. Madhan Kumar of West Mambalam police station (law and order wing) who was suspended 'for dereliction of duty' for riding a motorcycle without a helmet on South Usman Road last month.

Madhan Kumar attended the roll call at the police station around 7 a.m and left for patrol duty on his official bike. Sources said the photograph of Madhan Kumar riding the bike without a helmet was sent by a judge who was travelling in his car, to police DGP J. K. Tripathy and commissioner A. K. Viswanathan.

'Smart' traffic signal proposed in T. Nagar

Twelve road junctions including one in T. Nagar have been identified under the draft Comprehensive Mobility Plan for installation of intelligent traffic control system.

According to the draft plan, these 'smart' traffic signals are optimized in real time based on the assessment of the traffic flow. Sensors in the system will identify approaching vehicles, calculate their speed and trajectory, and adjust a traffic signal's timing schedule as needed. The vehicle information is passed on to other nearby intersections, which can use the information, along with their own data, to adjust their own signals.

Sources said that these traffic systems are designed to effectively respond to rapid variations in dynamic traffic conditions.

Taxis at Rs.10 to metro stations

Chennai Metro, in collaboration with Bengaluru Megacabs Private Limited, launched feeder taxi service at a flat rate of Rs.10 on Aug. 5 that will operate within a radius of 8 km. of its stations.

The service, which was launched at Nandanam station by M. C. Sampath (Industries Minister), will be extended to all stations by the end of the month.

It will help commuters book a seat in a cab and pay using their Metro smart card.

The mobile app is designed with a minimum of five pickup points for every station. Commuters can choose the nearest pickup and the app will provide distance to the point and the arrival time of the cab.

According to Pankaj Kumar Bansal (MD, Chennai Metro), every station will have at least two cabs and the service will be extended to all stations in the next three months. The electric vehicle charging station, launched at Nandanam station in collaboration with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (A Govt. of India enterprise), will be extended to all the 26 stations.

Every station will have two ports that can be used for two, three and four-wheelers for a fee of Rs. 10.

2-way traffic on LIC-Thousand Lights stretch

After seven years, two-way traffic on LIC-Thousand Lights stretch of Anna Salai will resume on Saturday, Aug. 3.

Once the stretch becomes two-way, motorists may no longer have to take the circuitous route along General Patters Road and Whites Road to drive from Broadway to DMS.

Traffic changes made on several roads including General Patters Road, Whites Road, Woods Road and Pattulaos Road will be restored to their original pattern. The stretch from General Patters Road-Anna Salai junction to Whites Road-Anna Salai junction and several other bylanes between Periyar Salai and AG-DMS were made one-way in 2012 when CMRL began construction for the underground corridor.

LIC and Thousand Lights stations were part of the 10-km. stretch from Washermenpet and AG-DMS which was thrown open for public use on Feb. 10.

Proposal for flyovers at Teynampet, Nandanam junctions hits roadblocks

A year after the State Govt. sanctioned overbridges at Teynampet and Nandanam junctions, both are yet to take off.

The tender for the Rs.122.8-crore overbridge, proposed to connect Eldams Road and Anna Salai at Teynampet junction, found no takers. The other overbridge to link Venkatanarayana Road and Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Salai failed to secure an NOC from the metro rail as it has designed a corridor on the same stretch.

The CMRL will also construct subways there. Both the projects were announced under the Smart City Mission.

"We had called for tenders for the 1.2-km Teynampet junction overbridge but not many companies came forward. We will call for tenders again this week," said an engineer from the bridges department. The project cost, estimated at Rs. 98 crores last year, has now escalated to Rs. 122 crores.

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The first article by M. A. Sadanand in the issue dated June 8-14, 1995

If the 'Friendly Neighbourhood Spiderman' could perform physical miracles and rescue damsels in distress, our 'friendly neighbourhood paper' *Mambalam Times* wouldn't lag in heroics as was made clear by its Matrimonial Ad. service.

So, I sent one for my niece: "For fair-minded but not fair-skinned, pretty girl with a pretty pay packet, well placed Nair above 32 may apply. Horrorscope not essential".

A covering letter told the paper that the spelling was not a mistake. Three weeks of non-response did not bother me. A telephone call from Bahulayan Nair said that he had seen the ad and consulted his personal Godman camping in Darjeeling, and got his green signal for his son. "Oh! it's for your son? Good". I had to say something, and nobody would be offended if you say 'good'.

"His name is Karnan out of ten thousand names we picked the best, of course after getting the nod from our personal Godman. He said 'Karnan' was the noblest man ever"

"Then why did Krishna trick him into a suicidal disarmament?" Krishna may be a good Fellow, but this deceit wasn't my cup of tea and I have always, given a chance, tried to expose this perfidy. "That was Kaman's fate Let's not argue about dead Gods or warriors My son wants to know whether there was a spelling mistake in 'Horrscope'?"

"No mistake I put it deliberately as we don't believe in the efficacy of a piece of paper in soul-mating But if you believe in it, we wouldn't hold it against you", I said.

"We believe in it. So, please send your niece's horoscope and we will compare the two. After which I will contact you all right?"

"Perfect. You will of course need to get your Godman's nod, I suppose I understand. We can wait, unless he is crystal-balling Saddam's future and is away in Iraq".

So, the horoscope was sent. Two days later, Nair called to say that Godman has faxed the H. Scope and he had faxed back the green flag. G. Man had only stipulated that, if there is no black mole on the right elbow of Niece, the H. Scopes may not mix like milk and water.

Niece, unfortunately, does not have this particular birth mark, but has a brown mole on her little toe.

Faxed again, Godman ordained that this was not a good enough substitute.

So, unless the know-how of the Madras milk millionaires on the perfect mix of water with milk is tapped, or a black mole on Niece's right elbow is planted by plastic surgery, she has to re-advertise in MBT.

Any takers for the brown mole?

Bangle alangaaram for Amman in Sai Baba temple



By Our Staff Reporter

The newly installed Amman idol in Shirdi Sayee Baba Prayer Center (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) recently, was decorated with bangles as part of Adi Pooram celebrations on Aug. 3.

Free consultation on income tax for senior citizens today

By Our Staff Reporter

Manav Seva Trust (Sri Sankara Nilayam, 658/20, Sector 9, K. K. Nagar) will provide free consultation on income tax for persons above 55 years in its premises from 3 p.m to 5 p.m on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Tax experts will advise them on matters like filing returns, saving tax or claiming exemption.

For more details, call K. Jayaraman (Chartered Accountant) in 98406 28787, 97899 60556.

Open manhole poses danger



The open manhole at the junction of 94th Street and 101st Street in 15th Sector, K. K. Nagar poses a danger for motorists and pedestrians.

The slab covering the opening has caved in.

Casuarina poles with red cloth tied on the tops have been placed into the opening to caution road users.

Garbage woes in Lakshmikanthan Street



By Our Staff Reporter

Heaps of garbage are found dumped in Lakshmikanthan Street, near Sivaprakasam Street junction in T. Nagar.

According to the residents of

the adjoining apartment complex, garbage is being dumped by outsiders at the junction at night. They said that the foul smell caused by the putrefying garbage is

unbearable and is a health hazard to them. They have appealed to Chennai Corporation officials to remove the garbage and install a 'No Litter Zone' board at the junction.

A tribute to my mentor Mrs. YGP

S. Sruuthi

The passing away of Mrs. YGP came as a rude shock.

She had presided over the 4-hour program in which, as just a 5-year-old, I performed Bharathanatyam, gave a religious discourse, sang a carnatic song and also enacted a 30-minute skit to commemorate the 84th birth anniversary of my grandfather R. S. Manohar (a doyen of Tamil drama and cinema).

As a student of PSBB School from Std.1, Mrs. YGP was my greatest motivator and guide.

Today at the age of 16, the successes I have achieved in the field of fine arts could not have been possible without her guiding hand and encouragement over the 13-year association with her as a student in her school.

The best compliment I have received was from her son Y.G. Rajendran, who said that I had a striking resemblance to Mrs. YGP when she was in her 20s. It is possible that I was overawed by her persona and ended up copying many of her mannerisms.

In February this year, Mrs. YGP presented me the 'Kalai Ilamani' award for my acting skills and for starting my own drama troupe.

In short, she was an enviable, irreplaceable and towering personality and I will always cherish my years of interaction with her. May her soul rest in peace.

Shivprasadh honoured for contribution to Tamil drama

S. Shivprasadh (resident of 44/21, Bagirathi Ammal Street, T. Nagar) received the 'Roll of Honour' for his contribution to Tamil drama from Mylapore Academy on Aug. 7.

The award was presented by K. Pandiarajan (Minister for Tamil Official Language).

Shivprasadh is the nephew of thespian R. S. Manohar and runs the drama troupe 'R. S. Manohar Nxgs'.

He has produced several social, historical and religious plays under the banner of Nxgs.

They include 'Vydhayar Mappillai', 'Manasaatchi', 'Chankya Sabadhnam', 'Dhronar' and 'Ranaganathar Swami Mahima'.

He has received several awards for acting

National flag unfurled in Hindi Prachara Sabha



By Our Staff Reporter

The national flag, attached to a 100-ft tall post, was unfurled last week in Dakshina Bharathiya Hindi Prachara Sabha, T. Nagar.

'Yajur Veda' upakarma on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Bhuvanewari Vedic Center has organised 'Yajur Veda' upakarma at 9 a.m on Thursday, Aug. 15 in Sri Sardhambal Temple (Meenakshi College, Arcot Road, Kodambakkam).

More details can be had in 98407 87957.

Free spoken English, chess and carrom classes in Ashok Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter

MNMNarpaniIyakkam will celebrate the 100th day of its free spoken English classes along with Kamal Hassan's 60th year as an actor on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 8.30 a.m, in its premises in LIG Colony, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar, opposite Pudur High School.

The Iyakkam has been conducting free spoken English, chess and carrom classes.

All are welcome.

For more details, call 98840 48372.

Free 10-day spoken Sanskrit classes

By Our Staff Reporter

Sanskrita Bharathi will conduct free 10-day spoken Sanskrit classes from 3.30 p.m to 5.30 p.m from Wednesday, Aug. 14 and Friday, Aug. 23 at 47, 1st Avenue, Ashok Nagar and Muthalamman Koil Street, Ashok Nagar respectively.

No prior knowledge of Sanskrit is required and anyone above 12 years can join.

For registration, contact V. Radhakrishnan in 90940-27823, 94444 66254.

Sale of organic farm products today

Organic Farmers Market has organized an exhibition-cum-sale of produce of farmers on Sunday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m to 1 p.m in 32/44, Madhavan Nair Road, Mahalingapuram, near Ayyappan Temple.

On sale will be indigenous rice varieties including kichli samba handpounded boiled and raw rice, sona masuri handpounded raw rice, kullakar boiled rice and aromatic rice, thooyamalli, pulses, sweeteners, salt and cooking oil.

Anand (Organizer) told *Mambalam Times* that they have aggregated a number of small and marginal farmers who cultivate only food crops.

No middle men are involved and the sale proceeds go directly to the farmers to help them get the maximum benefit. He added that most of farmers participating in the sale own less than 2 acres of cultivable land and, in spite of failing monsoon, inadequate support from family members and lack of welfare schemes, are still passionate and rooted to the traditional method of farming.

For more details, call Anand in 98405 25516 or 99622 25225

Carnatic/cine concerts for Aadi in Somasundaram Street

Chennai 2000 Plus Trust has organised Carnatic, devotional and film music concerts for Aadi in the evenings till Sunday, Aug. 18 in Arusuvai Auditorium (Somasundaram Street, off North Usman Road, T. Nagar).

The following are the details:
 Saturday, Aug. 10
 6 p.m.: Sudha Rangunathan inaugurates the program
 6.15 p.m.: Sai Orchestra led by Thiru Vinayagamurthy presents film songs in Kalyani raagam
 Sunday, Aug. 11
 4.30 p.m.: Raghavan Manian speaks on 'Jazz impact on Tamil film music'
 6.15 p.m.: M.S. Viswanathan speaks on influence of cine music
 Monday, Aug. 12
 6 p.m.: Devaram concert by Simham Kumar
 6.45 p.m.: Concert of popular Ilayaraja songs by Embar Kannan (Violin) and Sathya (Keyboard)
 Tuesday, Aug. 13
 6 p.m.: Carnatic concert by V. Deepika
 6.45 p.m.: Nadaswaram con-

cert by Adyar Balasubramani
 Wednesday, Aug. 14
 6 p.m.: Devaram concert by Simham Kumar
 6.45 p.m.: Concert of songs composed by Kannadasan
 Thursday, Aug. 15
 4.30 p.m.: Concert of songs composed by Kannadasan and Ilayaraja
 6.15 p.m.: Carnatic concert by Sikkil Gurucharan
 Friday, Aug. 16
 6 p.m.: Devaram and Carnatic concert by Madhuvanti
 6.45 p.m.: Concert of songs sung by Yesudas
 Saturday, Aug. 17
 4.30 p.m.: Ilayaraja classics based on Carnatic ragas
 6.45 p.m.: Sangita Kalanidhi N. Ravikiran talks on 'Global impact of Indian music'
 Sunday, Aug. 18
 10 a.m.: Ilayaraja - Strings, Guitar, Rhythm, Interludes
 12 noon: Bharatanatyam concert
 For more details, call R. Rangaraj (President) in 98410 10821 or email to_rangaraaj2020@gmail.com.
 All are welcome.

Local resident provides breakfast for leprosy patients



By Our Staff Reporter

V. R. Lakshmi Priya (President of Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Presidency and a resident of 1st Sector, K. K. Nagar) sponsored breakfast for leprosy affected outpatients in Government Hospital, Poonamallee on Aug. 5 under a project conducted by Jaimaa Trust.

Those interested in supporting the project may contact Jaimaa Trust in 99400 30939.

Gayathri homam in Sankara Mutt on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

The monthly Samashti Gayathri homam will be performed from 6 a.m on Friday, Aug.16 in Sankara Mutt (West Mambalam).

For more details, contact R. Sridharan Sharma in 98410 97300.

All are welcome.

Free Veda classes

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sai Seva Chakra (15, Bharathi Street, West Mambalam) conducts free Veda, bhajans and sloka classes on Fridays from 5 p.m to 6 p.m and on Sundays from 3.30 p.m to 4.30 p.m in its premises.

It also conducts the classes at the following venues:

From Monday to Friday from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m in Sai Murugan Trust Temple (Vadhiyar Thottam, Rangarajapuram).

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Tuesdays from 4 p.m to 5 p.m in Sarva Priya Ganapathi Temple (Moorthy Street Extension, 7th Avenue, Ashok Nagar).

On Saturdays from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 a.m in Sri Krishna Gana Sabha (Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar) and from 8 a.m to 9 a.m in Guha Apartments (29, Vivekanandapuram 1st Street, West Mambalam). Sundara Kandan classes are held on Wednesdays from 3 p.m to 4 p.m at No. 1, Jawahar Street, T. Nagar. All are welcome.

More details can be had by calling 98403 2005 or 94443 02113.

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.

Shops gear up for Independence Day sales



By Our Staff Reporter

Shops selling novelties are gearing up for good business on the occasion of India's 68th Independence Day on Thursday, Aug. 15.

A shop owner told

Mambalam Times that a number of items, including hand bags, garlands, flags of all sizes, T-shirts, friendship bands, medals and mementos with slogans and messages on nationalism are on sale.

Celebration of Independence Day with flaghoisting and decoration is popular in banks, government offices, corporate houses, educational institutions, resident associations and social service organizations.

Corporation School girls conduct rally on blood donation



By Our Staff Reporter

Students of Corporation Girls Higher Secondary School (Ashok Nagar) conducted a rally to create awareness on blood donation on Aug. 7.

They rally passed along 9th Avenue, 10th Avenue, Ashok Pillar Road, Kamarajar Salai, P. T. Rajan Salai and nearby roads.

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No cash payment option under 'Dial for Water 2.0' scheme

Sir, The newly introduced 'Dial for Water 2.0' scheme launched by Metrowater as a solution to the long delays in getting water supply teems with problems. Under the scheme, payment has to be made online at the time of booking. This means that only those with on-line payment facility can benefit from the scheme, which in turn leaves out a number of poor persons and many senior citizens. Supply is assured in two/three days.

In respect of residential apartments, the system of on-line payment can become a deterrent as the water is shared by all the flat owners.

As per the guidelines for the new scheme, it was stated that the mobile number registered for the earlier scheme cannot be used for the new scheme. How can the Board expect a consumer to have more than one mobile phone just to make the booking?

The Board has also stated that cancellation or postponement of supply cannot be made in the new scheme. Is there a penalty on the Board if it does not deliver within the assured period?

Instead of simplifying, Metrowater has only complicated the issue under the new scheme.

Metrowater has also removed our views about the new scheme posted on its Facebook page.

Metrowater should accept cash payment under its new scheme so that it benefits all, irrespective of economic status. **T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, 30, Rangan Street, T. Nagar**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sewage let into storm water drain in Bazullah Road



Sir, Sewage and kitchen waste is being freely let into the storm water drain in Bazullah Road for several months.

I wonder why the Corporation and Metrowater have not taken any action to stop this illegal activity in spite of numerous complaints.

It is a severe health hazard to nearby residents. **R. Satyamurti, T. Nagar**

Eatery discharges waste on the road



Sir, A eatery opposite T. Nagar bus terminus (Usman Road), openly discharges its kitchen waste on the pavement outside its premises.

It is unhygienic and a hazard to pedestrians. **R. Krishnamurthy, 12/35, Velu Street, West Mambalam**

Vehicles parked on pavement

Sir, 2-wheelers are parked on the pavement of South Usman Road, near Hotel Aruna, opposite K a m a r a j a r Colony, T. Nagar.

They block the way for pedestrians, forcing them to walk on the road. Further, pavement slabs are missing or are broken in several places. The pavement is also uneven.

It makes walking difficult and risky for elderly persons.

I appeal to the officials concerned to repair the pavement and prevent parking of vehicles. **Darshan Jani, T. Nagar**

No awareness about bicycle hiring scheme

Sir, The smart bicycle hiring scheme launched by Chennai Corporation in T. Nagar and many other locations recently has evoked poor response. Chennai Smart City Limited has not created proper awareness to attract the public, especially students, to utilize the scheme.

The long and thin boards carrying 'Smart Bike' stickers are also blocking the pavement along with the bicycles parked in front of them. **Sooryan Bashree, Rameswaram Road, T. Nagar**

Duraisamy subway in battered condition

Sir, During heavy rains, Duraisamy subway including the pedestrian pathways are flooded due to improper planning of storm water drains.

Vehicles are forced to take a detour via Rangarajapuram flyover to reach T. Nagar.

The rest of the year, the road is invariably found battered, posing a risk to motorists, especially 2-wheeler riders and students on bicycles.

It has been years since the subway was re-laid, and most of the time only patchwork has been done, that too after monsoons.

The patchwork does not last long either and it is a common sight to encounter potholes.

I appeal to officers of Chennai Corporation to relay the road in the subway and also to prevent water stagnation by cleaning the drains. **N. Vijayaraghavan, 59/1, Muthalamman Koil Street, West Mambalam, Ph: 99626 64766**

Surface not milled before relaying roads

Sir, Most of the roads in the neighbourhood are relaid before milling the surface resulting in an increase in level of the roads over the years.

Many old houses are now below the road level, which causes water to enter the compound of these houses during heavy rains.

In the floods that occurred a few years back, water entered a number of such houses in West Mambalam and T. Nagar, mainly due to the increase in the road level and poor maintenance of the storm water drains.

The same problem occurred in Mothilal Street, T. Nagar, where I reside.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to strictly instruct all its contractors to mill the surface of roads before relaying. **V. S. Narayanaswamy, Motilal Street, T. Nagar**

Appeal to restart bus service on 49A route

Sir, MTC route number 49A was cancelled abruptly. It was the only bus route covering the inner areas of K. K. Nagar including Sivan Park, P.T. Rajan Salai and Lakshmanaswamy Salai.

Though a new route 12M has been launched, it does not cover the inner areas of K. K. Nagar.

The residents of the above streets now have to walk a long distance to board a bus.

I request MTC officials to immediately restore the 49A service for the benefit of the commuters. **N. Rupa, K. K. Nagar**



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Gajendra moksham in Kothandaramar Temple on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

As part of Aadi Pournami, 'Gajendra moksham' will be performed at 7.30 p.m on Thursday, Aug.15 in Kothandaramar Temple (114, K. R. Koil Street, West Mambalam) for the 17th consecutive year.

Sri Ranganatha Perumal on 'Gaurda vahanam' will be kept in the praharam in the temple tank and taken in procession around the temple in the evening.

All are welcome.

Gayathri homam in Sankara Mutt on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter

The monthly Samashti Gayathri homam will be performed from 6 a.m on Friday, Aug.16 in Sankara Mutt (West Mambalam).

For more details, contact R. Sridharan Sharma in 98410 97300. All are welcome.

Interact Club installed in Jain School

By Our Staff Reporter

The installation ceremony of the Interact Club 2019 was held on Aug. 5 in Shri Mangichand Bhandari Jain School (Madley Road, T. Nagar) as part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Balbir Singh Lota (President, Rotary Club Madras South West) was the Chief Guest He pinned the badges on the members of the elected council of the Club.

Rajiv Shah (Secretary, Rotary Club, Kilpauk) was also present.

CMDA seeks public opinion to reclassify 6-acre water body

By Our Staff Reporter

Even as Chennai is facing severe water crisis, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) has sought public opinion to reclassify a water body for residential purposes.

The planning authority has released a notification seeking to reclassify a six-acre plot at falling under the jurisdiction of the Corporation. As per the master plan of 2026, the land parcel has been earmarked for a water body.

A private developer has filed an application for changing the land use to residential use zone for constructing residential and school buildings.

The notification comes close on the heels of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB) knocking on the doors of CMDA to reclassify a 25-acre water body in Ambattur for residential purpose in June.

V. S. Jayaraman (Founder Member of T. Nagar Residents' Welfare Association) stated that the planning authority was encouraging such conversions in the water starved city.

He asked, "Why should the CMDA even consider an application regarding changing the nature of a water body?"

Since July, 2017, the CMDA has entertained five applications pertaining to water bodies for utilising the space for construction purposes. Alleging that there was lack of transparency in the reclassification process, he said locals were absolutely clueless about such applications being filed for properties in their neighbourhood.

"Apart from uploading the applications online and publishing in newspapers, a display board regarding the reclassification notification must be put up at the respective land site," he said.

Improperly filled trench hinders motorists on Vanniyar Street



By Our Staff Reporter

A 10-ft long, 6-ft wide trench dug by Metrowater workers to repair a pipe was not closed properly after the work was completed in East Vanniyar Street, West K. K. Nagar.

Barricades have been placed along the stretch to caution motorists. As the road width has been reduced by half on the stretch, it is causing hardship to motorists.

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Umbrella fixed to tricycle



An oversized umbrella attached to an iron road was seen fixed to a tricycle ridden by a physically challenged person to protect him from the rain on Burkit Road, T. Nagar on Aug. 3.

Free booklet on Aathi Vardhar released

By Our Staff Reporter

A free booklet on 'Lord Aathi Vardhar' compiled by Gurusamy Agri Kannan (resident of 3, Q Block, Prem Nagar Colony, South Boag Road, T. Nagar) was released on Aug. 5.

It provides a short note on the history of Aathi Vardhar and the reason his idol is worshipped only once in 40 years.

The Aathi Vardhar idol is kept immersed in the Ananta Sarovar, the temple pushkarani of Varadaraja Temple in Kanchipuram, and brought out for darshan for 48 days, once in 40 years.

Kannan has been conducting 'Sri Dharmasastha Thiru kalyanam' for 34 years.

His contact number is 98403 05141.

NSS students clean Mambalam police station



By Our Staff Reporter
NSS students of Shri Shankaralal Sundarbai Jain College for Women (Madley

Road, West Mambalam) cleaned the premises R1 Mambalam Police Station last week as part of their social

service project. They had earlier cleaned Goshala and Kasi Viswanathar Temple in West Mambalam.

M. A. Sadanand: A Man of Letters

By Devanand and Neethi

Our father M.A. Sadanand was born on June 23, 1933 in Nairobi (Kenya), then a part of the British Empire, where his father (our grandfather) T. A. Nayar was employed as PA to the Post Master General of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika.

Normally expectant parents decide the name of the child well in advance, but in the case of my father, it was just a day before the delivery. His mother saw a dream in which Adi Shankara appeared and said that the child she was carrying was his disciple Sadananda.

After the family moved back to their hometown Kannur in Kerala in 1939, he studied in a Malayalam-medium school and the one take away he shared with us from his school days was being often at the receiving end of the cane wielded by his strict Mathematics teacher.

Growing up in 'God's own country', he loved nature and also became a very good mimic, even imitating sounds of animals.

In 1945, the family shifted to Chennai and he joined Madras Christian College High School where the medium of instruction was English.

To cope with the change from Malayalam to English medium, he became a voracious reader, and found he had a natural flair for the new language. He became an ardent fan of P. G. Wodehouse, Mark Twain and Charles Dickens. Years later, one could see in his humorous writings the subtle influence of all these greats.

After B.A in Presidency College, he obtained his law degree from Madras Law College.

During this phase, he met his better half Lakshmi, who was studying Economics and History at Queen Mary's College. They were married on March 5, 1961.

He was then working in a law firm and Lakshmi was working in the Postal Dept.

I (Devanand) was born on October 22, 1963 and Neethi on March 22, 1965.

He would often joke stating he at least gets Neethi (justice in Tamil) at home if not in courts.

His first letter to The Hindu titled 'Non-Vegetarian Water' in 1958 about worms in the tap water was promptly published, and thus began his hobby of writing letters and articles in many publications.

Beyond the writings, he was a loving husband, a doting father, a cricketer, a good singer, photographer, artist and a good whistler of songs.

He was a leading Advocate, and was Government Pleader in Madras High Court. He was honest, intelligent and compassionate towards his juniors and fellow colleagues. When a young lady intern was criticized for wearing a salwar-kameez instead of a saree at work, he sprung in support of her, which silenced the dissenters. She now holds a high post in the government, and still remembers him with gratitude.

When ulterior motives by a some disgruntled colleagues resulted in his removal from the post of Government Pleader, he dissuaded a number of outraged lawyers from holding a protest march

Age-related issues and the death of his beloved spouse Lakshmi on Feb. 29, 2016, robbed him of his muse and the desire to write.

In the last year of his life, he gave up reading as well. Mentally, his bags were packed and he was ready to go. When he passed away on Aug. 7, he was at peace with the world.

His pen has been put away and the ink has gone dry.

Rains further damage Burkit Road



By Our Staff Reporter

Burkit Road, which was in bad condition, has been further damaged by the recent

spell of rains.

The bitumen surface has been washed away on several stretches leaving behind bat-

tered patches.

Motorists have a hard time riding over the uneven surface. The photo shows the condition of the road near Venkatanarayana Road junction.

Satsang in K. K. Nagar next Saturday

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Sarada Devi Seva Sangh (K. K. Nagar) has organized satsang by Srimath Swami Vimurtananda Maharaj (Manager, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai) at 6 p.m on Saturday, Aug. 17 in 106, Dr. Lakshmanasamy Salai, K. K. Nagar.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98407 07601.

Shop in Sarojini Street sells gift items

By Our Staff Reporter

TXBY H2T Trends (P) Limited (40 and 43, Sarojini Street, near BKR Hotel, T. Nagar) sells gift items for all occasions like weddings, birthday parties, family functions, school and college functions and corporate get-togethers.

The shop also sells board games for children and varieties of attractive stationery and school bags.

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Herbal based cosmetic items, herbal oils and health drinks are also available.

Other food items sold include Ooty Varuki, biscuits, pure mountain honey, eucalyptus oil and homemade chocolates.

Its contact numbers are 2433 0445, 2433 6245 and 2433 2533.

For more details, visit the website www.txby.in.

Prathishta Day celebrations in Sai Seva Samaj next Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

Prathishta Day will be celebrated in Shri Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam) from 6.30 a.m to 10.30 a.m on Sunday, Aug.18.

S. Dheenadhayalan (Member, Tamilnadu State Law Commission), S. Balaraman (Deputy Secretary, Government of Tamilnadu), K. V. Ramani (Founder President, Shirdi Sai Trust and Founder Chancellor, Sai University) and others.

The following is the program:

Aug.17: 7.30 a.m: Sundarakandam paarayanam; 4.30 p.m: Maha Ganapathy pooja, Kalasa pooja, Navagraha homam, Sri Sai Baba Prathishta homam; 7 p.m: Vishnu Sahasranama archana for Sundara Kanda kalasam; 7.30 p.m: Bhajans, Poornahuthi and prasadam distribution.

Aug.18: 6.30 a.m: Gho pooja; Maha Ganapathy homam; Navagraha homam; Sudharshana homam; Mrithunjaya homam; Mahalakshmi homam; Avahanthi homam; Sri Sai Baba Prathishta homam; 10.30 a.m: Maha Poornahuthi, Kalasa abhishekam, special deepa-aradhanai; 7 p.m: Music concert by Veeramani Raju and Abhishek Raju.

All are welcome.

Discourse on Gita today

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (5, Maharaja Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Satyaprabhananda will give a discourse on Bhagavad Gita in Tamil at 5.30 p.m, on Sunday, Aug. 11 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome.

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