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சில சின்ன சின்ன சுவாரஸ்யங்களும் பூவுலகில் இருக்கின்றன என்பதை ஞாபகப்படுத்துகிறது What is What என்ற புத்தகம். அதிலிருந்து -

'கா'தலர் தினம்' என்ற பெயரில் விதம் விதமான கடிதங்கள் பரிமாறிக் கொள்ளப்படுகின்றன இப்போது. முதன் முதல் ஒரு காதல் கடிதத்தை எழுதி அனுப்பியவர் மார்கரி ப்ரூஸ் என்ற இங்கிலாந்து நாட்டு மங்கை. நார்ஃபோக் என்ற ஊரிலிருந்து தன் காதலன் ஜான் பாஸ்டன் என்பவனுக்கு ஒரு காதல் கடிதத்தை எழுதினாள் அவள். 'என் அன்புள்ள வாலன்ட்டினுக்கு' என்பதே அதன் முதல் வாக்கியம். 1477ம் ஆண்டு எழுதப்பட்ட இந்தக் காதல் கடிதம் பல நூற்றாண்டுகள் காலம் வெளியுலகிற்குத் தெரியாமலே இருந்தது. 1999ம் ஆண்டு பிரிட்டிஷ் நூலகம் இதைக் கண்டுபிடித்துப் பொதுமக்களுக்குக் காட்டியது.

ரோஜா மணம் வீசும் தபால் தலையை 2002ம் ஆண்டு காதலர் தினத்தன்று வெளியிட்டது தாய்லாந்து அரசு.

லெக்ஸிகோ நாட்டுக்கு மட்டும் காதலர் தினத்தின் மீது ஏனோ வெறுப்பு. பிப்ரவரி 14ம் தேதியை 'தேசிய துக்க தினம்' என்று அறிவித்திருக்கிறார்கள்.

அமெரிக்காவின் எட்டாவது ஜனாதிபதியான மார்ட்டின் வான் புரென் என்பவர்தான் அந்த நாட்டின் முதல் அமெரிக்கப் பிரஜை. முதல் ஏழு ஜனாதிபதிகளும் பிரிட்டிஷ் குடிமக்கள்.

அமெரிக்க ஜனாதிபதிகளில் மிகவும் உயரமானவர் ஆபிரகாம் லிங்கன். ஆறு அடி நான்கு அங்குலம் இவருடைய உயரம்.

அமெரிக்க ஜனாதிபதிகளில் மிக குண்டுப் பேர்வழி வில்லியம் டாஃப்ட். முன்னூற்றைம்பது பவுண்டு எடை கொண்டிருந்தவர். ஒரு முறை வெள்ளை மாளிகையின் குளியல் தொட்டியில் உட்கார்ந்த அவரால் எழுந்திருக்க முடியவில்லை. ஆறு பேர்கள் வந்து அவரைத் தூக்கி வெளிக் கொணர்ந்தார்கள். குளியல் தொட்டியைப் பெரிதாக அமைக்கும்படி உத்தரவிட்டார்.

டி.ரெளசரில் எந்தக் காலை முதலில் நுழைப்பது என்பது நெடுங்காலமாக விவாதிக்கப்பட்டு வரும் 'பிரசினை'. ஸாக்கலையும் டி.ரெளசரையும் வலது காலில் முதலில் நுழைத்துக் கொண்டால் பல் வலி வராது என்பது சிலருடைய நம்பிக்கை. ஆனால் வலது காலை முதலில் நுழைத்தால் அன்று கெடுதி ஏற்படும் என்றும் சிலர் கூறுகிறார்கள்.

தாய்லாந்தின் தலை நகரமான பாங்காக்கின் அதிகாரப் பூர்வமான முழுப்பெயர்: 'க்ரங்தெப் மகா நகன் அமன் ரத்தனகோசின் மகீந்தாரா யுத்தயா மகாதிலோக்பாப் நொப்பஹார்ட் ரத்ததானி புரிரோம் உடோம் ரட்சனிவேட் மகா சதான் அபன் பிமான் அவதான் சத்தஹித் சச்சகாதத்தியா வித்கனகம் ப்ராஸித்' என்பதாகும். இதை 'க்ரங்தெப்' என்று சுருக்கிப் பெயரிட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். இந்த நீளமான பெயரின் மொழிபெயர்ப்பு: தேவதைகளின் நகரம், மகா நகரம், எமரால்டு புத்தரின் இருப்பிடம், நவரத்தினங்களின் தலைநகரம், பிரம்மாண்டமான ராஜ மாளிகைகள் நிறைந்த சந்தோஷ நகரம், அவதார தெய்வங்களின் வாசஸ்தலம்'.

இரண்டாயிரம் குழந்தைகளில் ஒன்று பிறக்கும்போதே பல்லுடன் பிறக்கிறது. நெப்போலியன், ஜூலியஸ் சீசர், பதினான்காம் லூயி முதலியோர் இந்த வகையை சேர்ந்தவர்கள்.

அமெரிக்க ஜனாதிபதி ஜார்ஜ் வாஷிங்டன் தன் செயற்கைப் பற்களை தினந்தோறும் இரவில் மது ரசத்தில் ஊற வைத்தார்.

மறுநாள் காலை உணவு இனிப்பாக இருக்க வேண்டும் என்பதற்காக. இறக்கும்போது அவருக்கு அசல் பற்கள் இரண்டே இரண்டுதான் இருந்தன. ஸ்டாலினுக்கு மூன்று அசல் பற்கள் மட்டுமே இருந்தன.

ஆஸ்திரேலியாவில் க்வீன்லாந்து மாகாணத்தில் இப்ஸ்விச் என்ற ஊரில் பேரிச்சம் பழ மழை பெய்தது. வருடம் 1989.

உலகத்திலேயே அதிகமாகக் காப்பி குடிப்பவர்கள் ஸ்வீடன் நாட்டினர்தான். தக்காளித் தொக்கு அதிகம் தின்பவர்களும் ஸ்வீடன்காரர்கள்தான்.

ஆப்பிரிக்காவின் மொழி 'ஸ்வாஹிலி' என்பதாகும். 'கடற் கரைகள்' என்பது இதன் பொருள்.

வயதில் சிறியவர்கள் பெரியவர்களை வணங்கும்போது சொல்லும் ஸ்வாஹிலி வார்த்தை. 'ஷிகாமோல' ('தங்கள் பாதங்களை வணங்குகிறேன்').

ஹார்வெஸ்ட்மேன் என்ற இனத்தை சேர்ந்த எட்டுக் கால் பூச்சி, 'எதிரி' வருவதைக் கண்டால் தன் கால்களில் ஒன்றைத் தானே ஒடித்துப் போட்டுவிடும். எதிரி அந்தக் காலை ருசித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும்போது, ஏழு கால்களுடன் இது ஒடிவிடும்.

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Radios in 2 more parks in T. Nagar

By Our Staff Reporter
Chennai Corporation has decided to install radios in a few more parks in the city to treat visitors to FM music in the morning and evening.

This was announced by M. Subramanian (Mayor) at the end of the marathon debate on the civic body's budget in the Council on Feb. 17.

The parks will include Natesan Park on Venkatanarayana Road and Jeeva Park on G. N. Chetty Road in T. Nagar. Panagal Park already has a radio.

Sewage water flowing into Panagal Park

By Our Staff Reporter
Sewage water from the Corporation shopping complex on Usman Road in T. Nagar is flowing into Panagal Park which is just behind the complex.

A foul smell emanates from the water which is stagnating in a portion of the park. It is also a health hazard for visitors.

Regular visitors and walkers told *Mambalam Times* that garbage is also thrown into the park from the complex.



Men on bike fool car driver, steal Rs. 75000

Two men on a motorcycle stole Rs. 75,000, two mobile phones and a laptop from the car of Balasubramanian, a businessman, in Pondy Bazaar on Feb. 16 after picking up a quarrel with the driver.

According to police, Balasubramanian, who runs an electrical insulation manufacturing company in the city, had come to Pondy Bazaar for shop-

ping. He asked his driver to remain in the car.

The driver was searching for a place to park on the busy road when the two men came in front of the vehicle. They got off their motorcycle and began abusing the driver for allegedly banging their vehicle. The driver insisted that he had not hit their vehicle. After a while, the two men took off in the

direction of the nearby police station. It was only after they had left that the driver noticed that the leather bag containing the cash, mobile phones and laptop were missing from the back seat of the car. He had not noted down the registration number of the motorcycle. He then informed Balasubramanian who lodged a complaint.

Bhakula Panchami Concert on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter
Sadguru Gana Nilayam (Janaki Apartments, 180, Lake View Road, West Mambalam) has organized Bhakula Panchami Concert on the occasion of the birthday celebrations of Sangeetha Vidwans B. V. Raman and B. V. Lakshmanan at 6.30 p.m on Tuesday, Feb. 22 in SMR Matriculation School, Jothi Ramalingam Street, West Mambalam.

The vocalists are Kalakadu brothers R. Thyagarajan and R. Srinivasan. They will be accompanied by S. Chandran (violin), Neyveli K. V. Ramkumar (mridangam) and Nergunam Sankar (ganjira).

K. S. Rangachari (Ganjir Vidwan) will be present. All are welcome.

Display of Siva Lingams in temple on March 2

Arulmigu Kasi Viswanathar Iraipani Kazhagam, Uzhavar Pani and Dharma Sastha Ayyappa Seva Sangam have arranged for the display of 25 Siva Lingams at 6 p.m on Wednesday, March 2 in Arulmigu Kasi Viswanathar Temple, Kuppaiah Road, West Mambalam.

M. Babu (Co-ordinator) told *Mambalam Times* that they will include ice Lingam, silver Lingam, gold Lingam and a lingam containing 1008 small lingams.

He appealed to devotees to bring any lingams they may have for display in the exhibition. All are welcome.

More details can be had in phones 98414 75566, 94444 46661, 98412 92835 or 98405 13908.

Sai bhajans on 3 days a week

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, 5.10 p.m.

Ayurvedhaasramam, 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.

Traffic signals not functioning



By Our Staff Reporter

The automatic traffic signals at Brindavan Street-Arya Gowda Road junction in West Mambalam activated a few months back have not been functioning for a few weeks.

Exhibition-cum-sale sale of products of SHGs

By Our Staff Reporter
Apoorva Women's Association (27/8, Arulambal Street,

T. Nagar) has organized an exhibition-cum-sale of household items manufactured by self help groups from 10 a.m to 7 p.m on Feb. 26 in Venkateswara Vivaha Mandir, G. N. Chetty Road, near Panagal Park, T. Nagar as part of its 16th anniversary celebrations.

Sarojini Varadappan (President, Women's Indian Association), Salma (Chairperson, Tamilnadu Social Welfare Board) and Janaki Rajaram (Special Police Officer, South West Delhi) will be present.

Radha Mukundan (Secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that artificial jewellery, gift articles, dress material and home-made chocolates will be on sale.

She said that there will be a free eye screening camp for visitors. All are welcome.

More details can be had in 98840 23799.

Athma Vichara Yoga course from Monday

By Our Staff Reporter
Athma Vicharam, Madras will conduct a 10-day course on Athma Vichara Yoga comprising Pranaayama, art of living and meditation (samadhi) from 6.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m from Feb. 21 to March 2 in SMR Matriculation School, 35/1, Jothi Ramalingam Street, West Mambalam.

The classes will be conducted by L. Ramadoss.

According to Ramadoss, regular practise of Athma Vichara Yoga will help one to get rid of chronic ailments such as high blood pressure, asthma, diabetes, ulcer and spondylitis. Memory power will improve.

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'Swathi Thirumanjana pooja'

By Our Staff Reporter
Sri Swathi Nrusimha Maha Yagna Trust will conduct 'Swathi Thirumanjana pooja' for Sri Yagnamurthy at 11.30 a.m on Wednesday, Feb. 23 in Sri Mukkur Lakshmi Nrusimhachariar Sannidhi, 34/24, Venkatesan Street, T. Nagar.

There will be Sri Lakshmi Nrusimhar 'moolamantra japam' at 7 a.m. All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 2435 3704.

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பழக் கடைக்கார அம்மாளுக்கு அப்படி என்ன சந்தேகம் (அதாவது டௌட்டு) வந்துவிடப் போகிறது என்று நினைத்து நான் பிரேக் போட்டுத் திரும்பினேன். 'என்ன டௌட்டு?' என்று கேட்டேன்.

'டிவியிலே பொழுது விடிஞ்சா பொழுது போனா அதே வேலையா சொல்லிக்கினை இருக்காங்களே ஆயிரம் கோடி ஊழல், லட்சம் கோடி ஊழல்னு. லட்சத்துக்கு எவ்வளவு சைபர், கோடிக்கு எவ்வளவு சைபர் லாரர்?'

திடீரென்று மார்ஃபிங்கில் பழக்காரம்மாள் ரொளத்திரம் பழகிவந்த என்னுடைய எலி மென்டரிப் பள்ளிக் கணக்கு வாத்தியார் காது முடி சிவராமய்யராக மாறி மனக் கணக்கைப் போட்டது போல உடம்பை ஒரு குலுக்குக் குலுக்கியது. மனக் கணக்கில் சரியான விடை சொல்லும் விரல் விட்டு எண்ணக் கூடிய மாணவர்களில் நான் ஒருவனாக இருந்ததில்லை.

'அதெல்லாம் ராஜா வீட்டுக் கன்னுக் குட்டிக்குக் கூடத் தெரிய வேண்டிய சமாச்சாரம் உனக்கு எதுக்கு?' என்று கொக்கி போட்டு நழுவுப் பார்த்தேன்.

'இதானே வேண்டாங்கிறது' என்ற பாவத்தில் என்னை ஒரு பார்வை பார்த்தாள். 'அட சொல்லு லாரர். தெரிஞ்சிக்கறேன்' என்றாள்.

'பத்துக்கு ஒண்ணு. நூறுக்கு ரெண்டு. ஆயிரத்துக்கு மூன்று. லட்சத்திற்கு அஞ்சு. கோடிக்கு ஏழு சைபர்' என்றேன் சம்பூர்ணமாக.

'அப்போ ஒரு லட்சம் கோடிக்கு எவ்வளவு? என்று கேட்டு சவற்றில் இருந்த சவிட்சைப் போட்டாள். என் மண்டையிலும் பளிச்சென்று பல்பு எரிந்தது.

'ஒரு டஜன் ஆரஞ்சை எடும்மா' என்று கேட்டு வாங்கி அதைக் கடை மேடையின் முற்பகுதியில் கார்த்திகை தீபத்தன்று வரிசையாக சுடர் விடும் அகல் விளக்குகளை வைப்பது போல வைத்தேன். பின்னர், பிய்த்து வைக்கப்பட்டிருந்த ஒரு ரஸ்தாளிப் பழத்தை எடுத்து அதன் முன்னால் வைத்தேன். நீண்ட அந்த வரிசையைப் பழக்காரம்மாள் இடமிருந்து வலமாக ஒரு சினிமா போஸ்டரைப் படிப்பது போலப் பார்த்தாள்.

'இதாம்மா ஒரு லட்சம் கோடி, பாத்துக்கோ' என்றேன்.

பழக்காரம்மாள் வாயை நாக்பூர் ஆரஞ்சாகப் பிளந்தாள். 'இம்மாம் பணமா? இதை எப்படி ராப்பகலா என்னுடையாங்க? எங்கே வெச்சுப் பூட்டுவாங்க?'

நல்ல, நியாயமான கேள்வி. அதற்கு உண்டான பதிலைத் தெரிந்திராத என் தலையின் பின் பகுதியை சொறிந்து கொண்டேன். அது என்ன செய்யும்? அதனுடைய சக்திக்கு மீறிய கேள்விக் கணை.

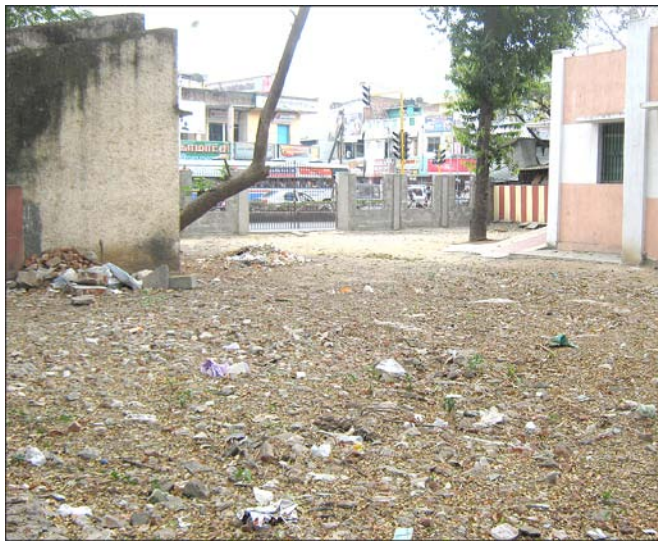
'ஊழல், கீழ்நாங்களை. அப்படி சம்பாதிச்சது நெலச்சு நிக் குமா லாரர்? ஏதோ அலை வரிசைன்னு வேற சொல்றாங்க. அலை வரிசை சனாமியா அடிச்சா கோடிங்க காணாமப் பூடுமா?'

'அதெல்லாம் அப்படியே ஜாக்கிரதையா இருக்கும். இங்கே அடிக்கிற சனாமி அலை எல்லாம் வெளிநாடு வரைக்கும் எட்டாது.'

'வெளி நாடா? வெளிநாடுன்னா எந்த ஊரு லாரர்? எனக்கு துபாய்தான் தெரியும். நம்முடைய பையன் அங்கேதான் இருக்கான். கட்டடத்திலே தச்சு வேலை. அட புரியலே? அதான் கார்ப்பென்டரு. நல்ல துட்டு.'

'துபாய் இல்லேம்மா. சவிட்சர்லாந்து' என்று சொல்லி விட்டு நடைபயைக் கட்டினேன். jsraghavan@yahoo.com

Play equipment still not reinstalled on playground



The Corporation removed all play equipment when it constructed a health center on its playground in Lalithapuram, T. Nagar last year.

Though construction of the health center has been completed and it has started func-

tioning, the Corporation is still to re-install the play equipment.

Residents told *Mambalam Times* that there is no other play area nearby and appealed to officials to install new equipment for the benefit of children.

Stormwater drains in 2 streets being rebuilt



By Our Staff Reporter

Reconstruction of stormwater drains in Ramanujam Street and Dhandapani Street in T. Nagar began last week. The job has been given to a

contractor.

A Corporation supervisor told *Mambalam Times* that the new drains will be 3 ft wide and 3 ft deep. The work will be completed in 3 months, he added.

Siblings win medals in karate tourney



By Our Staff Reporter

G. Sanchi (Std. 3 student of Chettinad Vidhyasram School and resident of Ethiraj Nagar) won a gold medal in individual kata event and a bronze medal in nunchakku kata event in the karate tournament conducted by World Unified Martial Arts Federation in JJ In-

door Stadium, Kilpauk on Jan. 30.

Her brother G. Jatin (Std. 5 student of the same school) won a bronze medal in individual kata event.

Their coach is A. S. Krishnamurthy (Founder, Shrinryu Kyokai Shinbukan Karate School).

TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK

By RANDOR GUY

THE AVM STORY - 55

During the early 1950s the Moral Re-Armament Movement was very much in the news in India. Led by its founding father Dr. Frank Buchman, MRA toured India with its activists and members drawn from many nations, races and colours.

MRA received a warm welcome in this country from the government, the press and also certain sections of the public. Dr. Buchman and others addressed meetings, visited colleges and other educational institutions, and interacted with people and also enacted plays expounding the basic MRA philosophy. One of its tenets was opposition to Communism.

MRA was founded by an American Jew Dr. Buchman as a counter movement to the tragedies and devastation of the Second World War like the Anti-Semitic policies of Adolf Hitler, his merciless inhuman massacre of millions of Jews, the explosion of the Atom Bomb by the United States of America and the starkly real threat of nuclear weaponry. Such Swords of Damocles hanging over humanity and world drove many around the globe to generate a new movement to re-see the lost moral values and work for amity and world peace.

Frank Buchman led the movement which found many supporters in many nations, and he named it 'Moral Re-Armament'. In India great thinkers like Chakravarthi Rajagopalachari (Rajaji, in short) welcomed it. His grandson and also the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Raj Mohan Gandhi, noted writer, biographer and journalist, joined it and was put in charge of its Indian wing with headquarters at the popular holiday resort in Maharashtra, Panchgani near Pune.

MRA was active for some years but later it began to lose its importance. The main reasons were the Cold War between the world Power Blocks and such constant threats to world peace.

While in Madras, MRA staged a play 'The Forgotten Factor' at the Museum Theater and Meiyappan was one of the invitees to the inaugural show. Watching the play he felt impressed by its theme and content. It stressed the point that Capital and Labour should work together without any ideological clashes, and produce more and spread sunshine and joy and peace in the world. Ever on the look-out for new ideas, he saw the distinct possibility of an interesting movie in the play. The factory boss's son falls in love with a lowly worker's daughter. One does not know the social identity of the other! The worker meets him one day at home and he realises who his daughter's boy friend is, but the lover does not know that the father is his factory worker! First class ingredients for an Indian movie, especially in the 1950s! Later, conflicts develop and it all ends happily with capital and labour joining hands and hearts to forge a rare new world.

To drive home the message among film-land workers, the Vijaya-Vauhini Studio boss Nagi Reddi arranged for a show of the play for the city studio workers.

The idea of making the movie was sown deeply in Meiyappan's fertile mind where it waited to blossom one day!

And the play would also play a different kind of role in his private life. It enabled him to see a certain event in his life in a new light. Also, to look into himself.

While he watched the MRA-play 'The Forgotten Factor', a kaleidoscope of certain past events in his life flashed in his memory-bank like a flashback in movies. He had parted company with his former business partner of Saraswathi Stores and connected film production ventures, K.S. Narayana Iyengar, about fifteen years earlier. The parting was not merely sad but also somewhat bitter. Like in any business partnership, matters of money and other related issues were involved leading to much rancour. The two were not even on speaking terms, though both were engaged in the same business of producing movies and lived in neighboring areas of the city. Even if they found themselves present together at some meeting or function, they would not even look at each other! Such was the bitterness. Sad and unfortunate perhaps, but such was the mindset of Meiyappan. And of Iyengar too.

(To be continued)

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Cultural program for visually challenged college students

By Our Staff Reporter

Blind Teachers Association (Dhandapani Street, T. Nagar) has organized a cultural program for visually challenged college students in Presidency College on March 6.

A. V. Vijayakumar (President), who is himself visually challenged and works as an English Professor in Presidency College, told *Mambalam Times* that this is the first time a cultural program is being conducted for visually challenged college students.

He said that the program will include Tamil debate, English elocution, quiz, current affairs, news analysis, Tamil songs.



He appealed for volunteers and donations to conduct the show. The visually challenged students are themselves raising funds but they are not sufficient, he added.

He initially supported visually challenged students with the help of friends but eventually had to seek help from organizations. He can be contacted in phone 94445 43158.

Vijayakumar said that the Association was started in 1993 with branches in Salem, Madurai and Villupuram. More than 400 school teachers and college lecturers/professors are

members. He said that members assist college students by arranging scribes for exams, extending financial assistance, providing study material and assuring moral support. Sai Samajam, Triplicane has helped to find scribes, he added. Counselling is given from 3 p.m to 5 p.m on Sundays in Presidency College. Vijaykumar conducts free spoken English classes in Government Girls High School, Usman Road, T. Nagar on Fridays.

He said that he joined Presidency College in 2001.

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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.

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Human chain to create awareness about cancer

By Our Staff Reporter

NSS students of Sarada Vidyalaya (Usman Road, T. Nagar) formed a human chain carrying placards to create awareness about 'Cancer' outside their school on Feb.14.

The placards carried anti-smoking messages.

C. M. Malarkodi (NSS Program Officer, School) was present.



'Hayagreevar yagam' for students

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Ayyappadasa Seva Sabha (Lake View Road, West Mambalam) has organized 'Hayagreevar yagam' from 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 20 in Kasi Viswanathar Temple, Kuppaiyah Road, West Mambalam for the benefit of students appearing for board exams.

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The exhibition will be inaugurated by K. Lakshmikanthan Barathi (Freedom Fighter). C. D. V. Raghavulu, (Chairman, Gandhian Integrated Forum Trust), V. K. Sthanunathan (Secretary, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya Samithi), B. Bhuvanewari (Asst. Manager, Bharat Petroleum) and B. Thulasiraman (Secretary, Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, Chennai) will be present.

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By M. A. SADANAND

That the hunters and snoopers of the Republic could, in spite of Article 18 of the Constitution, ferret out the rare ones for the grant of titles on the ground of their being the pearls of the purest ray serene borne by the dark unfathomed ocean of forensic life, is a welcome twist in the tail to the Southern peninsula of India which could not, till this year, project a worthy lawyer for the yearly grant of celebratory titles by the President of India.

President Pratibha Patil, herself a lawyer, must surely have heard of the former Attorney General of India K. Parasaran and wondered why he was not considered so far for the official recognition of merit that was not confined to the arena of performing arts! She must have sent her truth sleuths to unearth the mystery of his non-inclusion as a worthy grantee of the merit title. The report must have sung songs of praise regarding his erudition, political non-alliance, profound knowledge of the epics which are the foundational roadways of character that define a civilized human being who, as such, would be an adherent of law.

He was the Advocate General of Madras High Court before the Central Government coveted his services and made him the First Attorney General from the South. The centre seemed to have relished the experience that they wanted a repeat of the richness of the southern variety and later appointed my senior G. Ramaswami to that elevated office.

Padma Vibhushan K. Parasaran's son, Mohan Parasaran is Additional Solicitor General in the Supreme Court and may one day become the A.G. as his equipment is as good as his father's.

Our Padma Vibhushan is a simple man in spite of reaching the pinnacle of a lawyer's career. I used to tap his brain when I needed expert opinion, and the reply would always come pronto.

He has brought glory to our High Court where, nowadays, eggs and stones are very active. When comes the 'Bharat Ratna' for him?

Free upanayanam on Feb. 27

By Our Staff Reporter

Sringeri Bharath Vidyashram Seva Samithi (11, Venkatarayana Road, T. Nagar) will conduct samasti dharma upanayanam for poor Brahmin boys on Feb. 27.

Interested parents can obtain application forms from the above address between 4 p.m and 6 p.m on Saturday and 10 a.m and 12.30 p.m on Sunday.

More details can be had from K. S. Hariharaputran in 2811 2809, K. V. Lakshmiarahan (98400 57401), K. Veeramani (2499 7092) or P. Shankaran (98407 80809).

English translation of Kural to be released tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of All India Tamil Writers Association, Mu. Ilankannan (resident of 158, 9th Street, 15th Sector, K. K. Nagar and President, Tamilnadu Thiruvalluvar Kazhagam) will release his English translation of Thirukkural titled 'Thirukkural - The Science of Living' in a function at 4 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 20 in Anna Arangam, Connemara Library, Egmore.

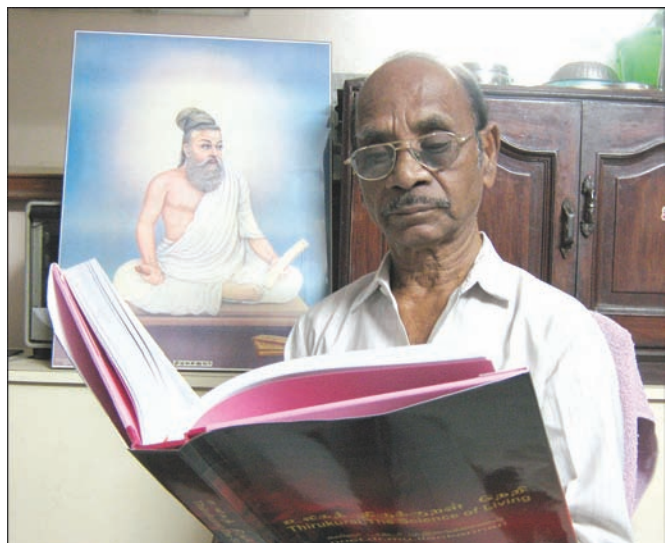
'Amudhasurabi' Vikraman (President, All India Tamil Writers Association) will present the first copy to Mambalam A. Chandrasekar (Secretary, Chemmozhi Tamizh Peravai).

Chemmozhi Tamizh Peravai (29, Chakrapani Street, West Mambalam) will present 'Kuralneri Chemmal Award' to Ilankannan on the occasion.

Avvai T. Natarajan (Tamil University Vice Chancellor) will be the chief guest.

Ilankannan (76) told *Mambalam Times* that his ambition to bring out the translation has been achieved after 2 years of research.

He has authored more than 10 books most of them connected with Thirukkural. He has received several awards for promoting Thiruk-kural. He has attended international conferences.



Ilakannan joined State Government service in 1958. He held several positions including that of Course Director, Tamil Nadu Institute of Labour Studies, Joint Director, Transport Department, and Additional Director, Municipal Administration.

He retired as Director, Economics and Statistics Department, in 1993.

He is now State Secretary of the Literature Division, MGR Kazhagam and Vice President, All India Tamil Writers Association.

Ilakannan can be contacted in phones 2483 1944 and 98417 50102.

Photo show, workshop on 'Independence'

By Our Staff Reporter

Pudhya Thalaimurai Arrakatalai has organized a 'Photo exhibition on India Independence' and workshop on 'How we get Independence' from 10 a.m to 7 p.m from

Aatma Gnaana Yoga course from Monday

A 10-day course on Aatma Gnaana Yoga comprising Pranaayama, food habits and meditation will be conducted from 10.30 p.m to 12.30 p.m and 4.30 p.m to 6.30 p.m from Monday, Feb. 21 at F-2, MIG 120 Flats, 11th Avenue, Ashok Nagar.

The classes will be conducted by Y. Venkataraman.

Regular practise of Aatma Gnaana Yoga will help one to get rid of chronic ailments such as high blood pressure, wheezing, diabetes, migraine and spondylitis.

The program is secular and has no religious overtones.

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Details can be had in phones 2489 8460/94442 14899.

OBITUARY
D. M. KALAWATHY



D. M. Kalawathy (resident of 7/2, Natesan Street, T. Nagar) passed away on Feb. 12. She was 60.

She had donated her body to Madras Medical College Anatomy Department. She is survived by her brother A. Rajasekaran.

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Resident representatives to meet police officials

By Our Staff Reporter
Members of Federation of T. Nagar Resident Associations (30, Rangan Street, T. Nagar) will meet top police officials in R1 Mambalam Police Station at 11.30 a.m on Sunday, Feb. 20.

V. S. Jayaraman (Joint Secretary) told *Mambalam Times* that the officials will be shown various court orders obtained by individual associations on removal of encroachments by hawkers and shops and on which no action has been taken.

M. M. Abdul Khader (Secretary) (98408 70829) and R. Mohan (Treasurer) (98401 38506) will also attend the meeting.

Jayaraman can be contacted in phone 94440 47817.

Message on Gita tomorrow evening

By Our Staff Reporter
Swami Namratananda will give a message on Srimad Bhagawad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 20 in Vivekananda Hall, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, 3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar. All are welcome.

Foot overbridges to have lifts

By Our Staff Reporter
Chennai Corporation will construct foot overbridges (FOBs) with lifts close to Ranganathan Street on Usman Road and near T. Nagar terminus, according to budget proposals presented on Feb. 15.

Residents welcomed the proposal but said that the Corporation should ensure that the overbridges are not occupied by hawkers. They wanted the residents to be consulted while fixing the location of the FOBs.

Ranganathan Street is considered one of the busiest shopping areas in the city.



'Avahanthi homam' on Friday

By Our Staff Reporter
Under the auspices of Sri Anusham.com (G-1, Kala Flats, 63rd Street, Ashok Nagar) there will be 'Avahanthi homam' at 10.30 a.m on Friday, Feb. 25 in Goh Samrakshana Sala, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam on the occasion of Sri Maha Periyaval Anusha Jayanthi.

Shymala Subramaniam

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

There will be 'annadhanam' at 12 noon.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 98842 90540.

Tennis ball cricket tourney next month

By Our Staff Reporter
Shiva Priya Enterprises (F 3, Shrirama Flats, 50/38, Subramaniya Street, West Mambalam) will organize a tennis ball cricket tournament for corporates and clubs on March 6, 13 and 20 on YMCA Ground, Nandanam.

Participation will be restricted to 32 teams. The entry fee is Rs. 3000. The last date for entries is Feb. 25.

The winner of the tournament will be presented trophies and Rs. 20000 in cash and the runner-up trophies and Rs. 15000 in cash. Sponsors are welcome.

Details can be had in phone 84284 32348 or os.ramprasath@yahoo.com

Vishnu Sahasranaamam chanting tomorrow

Members of Annamacharya Vamseekula Seva Mandali will chant Vishnu Sahasranaamam and render Annamacharya's Vishnu Sahasranaama keerthanas and Kalyana keerthanas from 8 a.m to 10 a.m on Sunday, Feb. 20 in Sri Krishna Gana Saba (20, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar).

All are welcome.

RKM School wins overall championship trophy in yoga contest



By Our Staff Reporter
Students of RKM Higher Secondary School (Main), T. Nagar won the overall championship trophy in the State-level yoga competition conducted by Vishnu Bharath Kalvi Arakkattalai in K. K. Nagar on Feb.13.

and Physical Trainer) told *Mambalam Times* that 53 students participated. They secured 8 1st and 2nd places and 7 3rd places in the competition.

He said that they will be participating in a national-level championship in a few months.

G. Chandran (Headmaster), A. Krishnamoorthy (Asst.

Headmaster) and M. Baskar (Physical Director) were present.

Jewels lost while shopping

By Our Staff Reporter
Meenakshi of Vadapalani lost a blue pouch containing a coral double string chain and a pair of ear-rings between 5.30 p.m and 7.30 p.m on Jan. 31 while shopping on South Usman Road and Ranganathan Street.

She realized that the pouch was missing while travelling in a 27M bus which she boarded at T. Nagar terminus at 7.30 p.m to proceed to Vadapalani.

Anyone who has found the jewels may contact Meenakshi in phone 95001 63696.

Workshop on 'Vedic Maths'

By Our Staff Reporter
Under the auspices of Varahas Gurucool (MG Apartments, 15, Thambiah Road, West Mambalam), Atmatattva Das will conduct a free introductory workshop on 'Vedic Maths' for those in the 6-18 age group at 6 p.m on Saturday, Feb. 26 in its premises. More details can be had in phone 99412 95549.

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