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எனக்குத் தமிழ் தெரியாது

இரண்டு மூன்று வாரங்களுக்கு முன் 'ஹிந்து' நாளிதழிலிருந்து கீதா வெங்கடரமணன் என்ற பெண்மணி என்னை பேட்டி காண வந்திருந்தார். நான் எழுதிய சிறுகதைகளையும் நாவல்களையும் கட்டுரைகளையும் நிறையப் படித்திருக்கிறார். அதனால் சகஜமாகப் பல விஷயங்களைக் குறித்துப் பேசினார். இரண்டு மணி நேரத்துக்கு மேல் கலகலப்பாக உரையாடினாலும் அவர் தன்னைப் பற்றி அதிகம் சொல்லவில்லை. அடக்கமான சபாவம். வெள்ளிக்கிழமை தோறும் ஹிந்து இதழுடன் வெளிவரும் Friday Review என்ற இணைப்புக்கு அவர்தான் பொறுப்பாசிரியர் என்று மறுநாள் வந்த புகைப்படக்காரர் சொல்லித்தான் அறிந்தேன்.

சென்ற 11.3.11 Friday Reviewவில் பேட்டி வந்திருந்தது. முதல் பக்கத்தில் அவ்வளவு பெரிய புகைப்படத்துடன் அவ்வளவு விரிவான கட்டுரை வருமென்று நான் எதிர்பார்க்கவில்லை. அன்றைக்கும் அடுத்த இரண்டு மூன்று நாட்களுக்கும் நண்பர்களும் உறவினர்களும் முன்பின் அறிமுகமில்லாத பலரும் கூட ஃபோன் செய்து சந்தோஷம் தெரிவித்தார்கள்.

எனக்கும் மகிழ்ச்சிதான். ஆனால் கூடவே ஒரு கவலையும் பிறந்தது. தமிழ் மொழியில் எனக்கு நல்ல தேர்ச்சி உண்டு என்று எல்லாரும் தப்பாக நினைத்திருப்பார்களே என்ற கவலைதான். சங்க இலக்கியங்களில் எனக்குக் கொஞ்சம் கூடப் பரிச்சயம் கிடையாது என்பது மட்டுமல்ல. சாதாரண இலக்கணம் கூட ஓரளவு சற்றுக்கு மரந்தான்.

குழுத்தில் பணியாற்றிக் கொண்டிருந்த காலத்தில் இலக்கணத்தில் எனக்கு ஒரு சந்தேகம் ஏற்பட்டது. ஆசிரியர் எஸ்.ஏ.பி. அண்ணாமலையிடம் கேட்டேன். 'இந்த சாதாரண சமாசாரம் கூடவா உங்களுக்குத் தெரியவில்லை?' என்று ஆச்சரியப்பட்டார்.

'தெரியவில்லை' என்று ஒப்புக் கொண்டேன்.

'ஹை ஸ்கூல் படிப்பின் போதே தமிழாசிரியர் சொல்லிக் கொடுத்திருப்பாரே!' என்று கேட்டார்.

'ஹி..ஹி..' என்றேன்.

'என்ன ஹிஹி? சொல்லிக் கொடுத்தது உண்டா, இல்லையா?' என்று கோபப்பட்டார்.

'மன்னிக்கணும். நான் ஹை ஸ்கூலில் படித்த காலத்தில் விருப்ப மொழி என்று இரண்டு தான் உண்டு. ஒன்று சமஸ்கிருதம், இரண்டாவது தமிழ். என் அப்பா ஒரு பெரிய சமஸ்கிருத வித்வான் என்று உங்களுக்குத் தெரியும். அதனால் சமஸ்கிருதத்தான் படித்தேன். தமிழில் அடிப்படை இலக்கணம் கொஞ்சமும் தெரியாது' என்று விளக்கினேன். அதற்கப்புறமும் அவர் என்னை சந்தேகமாகத்தான் பார்த்தார்.

கதை கட்டுரைகள் எழுதுவதற்கு வேண்டுமானால் ஓரளவு அறிந்திருக்கிறோமே தவிர, லட்சக்கணக்கான தமிழ்ச் சொற்களுக்கு எனக்குப் பொருள் தெரியாது என்ற குற்ற உணர்ச்சி எனக்கு எப்போதுமே உண்டு. அதை சோதித்துக் கொள்ள ஒரு சந்தர்ப்பம் அண்மையில் கிடைத்தது.

சென்னை நர்மதா பதிப்பகம் ஒரு சிறப்பான தமிழ் அகராதியை வெளியிட்டிருக்கிறது. அழகான, கெட்டியான அட்டையுடன் பளிச்சென்ற அச்சில், 814 பக்கங்கள் கொண்டது. விலை ரூ. 450. தமிழ்ச் சொற்களுக்குப் பொருளை சொல்லி ஆங்கில அர்த்தமும் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். வடமொழிச் சொற்களும் நடுநடுவே இடம் பெற்றிருக்கின்றன.

இதன் பக்கங்களை மேலோடு புரட்டி, தடித்த எழுத்தில் இருந்த சில புதுமையான சொற்களை மட்டும் பார்த்துவிட்டுக் கண்களை மூடிக் கொண்டு அவற்றிற்குப் பொருள் என்னவாக இருக்கும் என்று யோசித்துப் பார்த்தேன். பிறகு கண்களைத் திறந்து கொண்டு பார்த்தால்.....!

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## Are you in financial distress due to credit card debts?

By Our Staff Reporter

If you are in financial distress because you had over-extended your liquidity through credit card purchases and subsequent defaults in repayment, here is professional help at hand.

Proventure Debt Solutions, an expert consultancy body promoted by two former senior executives of Citibank - Ranjit Punja and R. Sudarshan - offers to renegotiate your debt with your creditor bank with the view to reduce both your principal and interest liabilities, and also work out a realistic rescheduling of the balance debt in such a way that a larger proportion of such repayment goes towards the repayment of the principal and not of the interest.

A typical case in which such help was extended by Pro-

venture is narrated below:

Mohan Kumar (26) was a software professional in a large IT company with a good salary. He opened a salary account with a local bank and got two credit cards.

Out of the salary he sent some money to his parents, and used the balance to rent a good apartment in Chennai, and soon started enjoying a good life style.

In 2009, when the recession started sweeping, he was temporarily benched with a significant reduction in his salary. Without much savings and with a need to maintain the life style, he started drawing more on the credit card and was just paying the minimum due to keep the card active. He soon realized that the minimum amount he was paying was only enough to cover the interest charged, and the principal was not reducing.

The situation became worse and he started defaulting on his payments. Soon he had run up an overdue debt of Rs. 2 lakhs, and further interest was also mounting. Collection agents started calling at all times and following up for payment. He started receiving intimidating letters and notices.

He came under acute financial and mental distress.

By chance he came upon Proventure Debt Solutions (PDS). Its counsellors analysed his case and prepared a detailed action plan. They arranged with the bank not to call him thereafter but divert all future calls to Proventure. This provided him with a big mental relief, while Proventure could work on a solution to his problem.

Proventure observed that this was a short term crisis

and, if managed appropriately, would help him to rebuild his life. Proventure's negotiation with the lending bank resulted in a waiver of all overdue and penalty charges. His principal outstanding of Rs.1,60,000 could be converted into an installment loan at an EMI of Rs.7,500 per month.

With this affordable payment schedule and his salary situation improving, Mohan Kumar was able to come back to normal.

Proventure functions at 1A, 22/40, Murrays Gate Road, Chennai 8.

Its phone numbers are 2466 0800 (office); 95661 44944 (Ranjit Punja) and 98401 12169 (R. Sudarshan).

For detailed information on the services provided by this group, you can log on to www.proventuredebtsolutions.com.

Now the T. Nagar - Mambalam edition of Mambalam Times can be accessed in [www.mambalamtimes.in](http://www.mambalamtimes.in)

## Free blood test tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Jeeva Park Walkers and Joggers Association (G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) has organized a free camp for testing of blood for thyroid, lipid

profile and blood sugar from 6.30 a.m to 8.30 a.m on Sunday, March 20.

More details can be had in phones 94440 61166 and 98410 16555.

## 2 awards for ophthalmologist



By Our Staff Reporter

Dr. R. Praveen Krishna (Medical Director, Radhatri Nethralaya, 12, Hindi Prachara Sabha Street, T. Nagar) was presented 'Service to Society' award by Lions Club of Pammal and 'Deccan Dhanvanthiri' award by Sukar Markandeya Medical Research Foundation

last week.

He is a Paediatric Ophthalmologist.

Dr. Praveen has conducted a number of eye camps in villages and slums.

He has participated in number of conferences all over India. Dr. Praveen can be contacted in phone 2433 2229.

## Free seminar on aptitude test for architecture

By Our Staff Reporter

Edufusion (9, Second Floor, Mahadevan Street, West

Mambalam) has organized a free seminar on National Aptitude Test for Architecture (NATA 2011) at 10.30 a.m on Sunday, March 20 in its premises.

The topics include basics of drawing, principles of designing, history of architecture and study of world famous architectural works in the world.

The seminar will be suitable for students opting for a career in architecture.

More details can be had from S. Lakshminarayanan in phone 98410 17290.

## Nandhini's vocal concert tomorrow morning

Under the auspices of Ham-savinodhini (22, R.K. Puram 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, West Mambalam), N. J. Nandhini will present a vocal concert at 10 a.m on Sunday, March 20 in Sravanam Hall, TTD, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar.

She will be accompanied by M. Rajeev (violin) and G. Keerthivasan (mridangam).

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 98408 45507.

## Water tax payment

By Our Staff Reporter

The last date for payment of water and sewerage tax for the current half year is March 31.

Cash counters of Metro-water Area 8 (10, Muthukrishnan Street, T. Nagar) and depots will remain open on all days including Saturday and Sunday till March 31 for the benefit of consumers.

The area office cash counter will be open from 9.30 a.m to 3 p.m and depot counters from 8.30 a.m to 11.30 a.m.

More details can be had in phones 2815 3803 and 78450 61258.

## 'Avahanthi homam' on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Anusham.com (G-1, Kala Flats, 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ashok Nagar), 'Avahanthi homam' will be performed at 7 a.m on Thursday, March 24 in Goh Samrakshana Sala, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam on the occasion of Sri Maha Periyaval Anusham jayanthi.

Shyamala 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 'annadhana-nam'.

There will be 'annadhana-nam' after the homam.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in phone 98842 90540.

## Aatma Gnaana Yoga course from Monday

By Our Staff Reporter

A 10-day course on Aatma Gnaana Yoga comprising Pranaayama, food habits and meditation will be conducted from 6.30 p.m to 8 p.m from March 21 to 30 in the following venues:

1. Flat no. 6, Rams Flats, 12/13, Kamakshipuram 1<sup>st</sup> Street, West Mambalam. Conducted by Devaki Rajagopalan (2489 3109).

2. F2, MIG 120 Flats, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar. Conducted by Y. Venkataraman (2489 8460).

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.

Anyone above 15 can attend the course.

The course fee is Rs. 200.

## 'Thyagaraja Sangeetha Ramayanam' on Thursday

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Sadguru Gana Nilayam (Jannakam Apartments, 180, Lake View Road, West Mambalam), R.S. Ganesan will present 'Thyagaraja Sangeetha Ramayanam' at 6.30 p.m on Thursday, March 24 in SMR Matriculation School, Jothi Ramalingam Street, West

Mambalam.

He will be given vocal support by K. Kasiraman and Ishwarya Sankar, and be accompanied by Harini Srivatsav (violin) and Manikudi Chandrasekaran (mridangam).

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## 'Spiritual doubt clearing' meet

By Our Staff Reporter

Vaithika Sri (448, TTK Road, Alwarpet) will conduct its monthly 'Spiritual doubt clearing meeting' from 3 p.m to 5 p.m on Sunday, March 20 in Ayodhya Mandapam, Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam.

All are welcome.



## தமாஷா வரிகள்

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பூந்தமல்லி ராமுடு பிறந்த பொன்னாட்டுக்காக உயிரைத் தியாகம் செய்ய யோசித்தாலும் யோசிக்கலாம், மாவடுக்காக செய்ய யோசிக்க மாட்டார். கோடை ஆரம்பிக்கப் போகிறது என்று ஹாரன் அடித்து ராகவன் தண்ணீர் லாரிகள் ஓட ஆரம்பித்தவுடன் ராமுடுவுக்கு குஷி பிறந்துவிடும். ஏனென்றால் காம்புடன் மயக்கும் அம்சமான பேபி மாவடுகளின் வரவு இளம் பிஞ்சுகளுக்கே உண்டான பிரத்யேக மனத்துடன் தலை காட்ட ஆரம்பிக்கும்.

ராமுடு கட்டினம் பிரம்மச்சாரியாக இருந்தபோது அவருக்கு எல்லா விதங்களிலும் பொருத்தமாக அமைந்திருந்த மீனலோசன் என்கிற மீனுவைப் பெண் பார்க்கும் படலத்தில் சொஜ்ஜி, பஜ்ஜி காபி, சுருதிப்பெட்டி, பக்கல நீலபடி போன்றவை முடிந்த பின்னர் ஒதுக்கப்பட்ட கேள்வி நேரத்தில் பெண்ணை அவர் கேட்ட ஒரே ஒரு நட்சத்திரக் கேள்வி 'உனக்கு மாவடு பிடிக்குமா?' என்பது தான். அதைக் கேட்டவுடன் அதுவரை அந்நிய ஆடவனுடைய சமூகத்தில் புள்ளிமானாக மருண்டிருந்த அந்த மெல்லியடையார் இடியைக் கேட்ட நாகமாக நடுங்கி 'ஐய்யே! எனக்குப் பிடிக்கவே பிடிக்காது. மாகாளிக் கிழங்குன்னா தான் உயிர்' என்று சொன்னவுடன், ராமுடு திடீரென்று எழுந்து பிடித்த ஓட்டம் அவரது வீடு வரை மராத்தானாகத் தொடர்ந்தது. மாகாளி என்றாலே மூட்டைப்பூச்சி வாசனாதான் நினைவுக்கு வரும் என்று அந்த சத்தான இயற்கை மருத்துவ ஐட்டத்தை வெறியுடன் பழிக்கும் பழக்கத்தில் நன்கு ஊறியவர்களில் ராமுடு தலையானவர்.

அடுத்துப் பார்க்கப் போன ராஜராஜேஸ்வரி என்கிற ராஜியிடம் 'மாவடு ராமுடு' அதே கேள்விக் கணையைத் தொடுத்தபோது, 'பின்னே? மாவடு பிடிக்காதவங்களைல்லாம் மனுஷங்களில்லை! ஐடங்கள்' என்று ருமானி மாவடுவை வெடுக்கென்று கடிப்பது போல சொன்ன பதில் ராமுடுவைப் புளகாங்கிதம் அடையச் செய்தது. உடனே அவர் அந்தக் கால் வழக்கத்தில் இருந்த வரதட்சனையை விசேஷத் தள்ளுபடி செய்து, மேற்கூறிய ராஜராஜேஸ்வரி என்கிற ராஜிக்குக் காதுகள் மாவடு ஊறுகாய் ஜாடி போல் சற்றே துருத்தி இருந்திருந்தாலும் ரசனையில் குறை இல்லை என்று கைப்பிடிக்க ஸ்பாட்டிலேயே பூரண சம்மதத்தை அளித்து மகிழ்ந்தார்.



ஒரு வீட்டின் சுபிட்சத்தை அங்கு எப்போதும் கைவசம் ருக்கும் அரிசி, பருப்பு, புளி, உப்பு, காப்பிப் பொடி, சர்க்கரை போன்ற அத்தியாவசியமானவைகளைக் கொண்டுதான் அளவிடவேண்டும் என்று ஒரு நியதி இருந்தாலும், பளபள ஜாடியில் உப்பு, காரப்பொடி கலந்த ஜல் சாகரத்தில் நீந்திச் கொண்டிருக்கும் மாவடுக்கள் இல்லாவிட்டால் நிறைவு பெறாத என்கிற ராமுடுவின் கருத்துக்கு அவருடைய மனைவி ராஜ் வழி மொழிந்து 'இல்லையா பின்னே?' என்று அளப்பரிய ஆதரவுக் குரலும் கொடுப்பார்.

மார்ச் மாதத்தில் மாவடு ஊறுகாய் போடும் சடங்கை மனைவியுடன் இணைந்து நடத்த முற்படுவார் ராமுடு. சுருக்குப் பை வைத்திருக்கும் சுருக்கம் விழுந்த கிழவிகள் 'மாவடேய்! மாவடேய்!' என்ற பாட பேதத்துடன் தெருவில் கூவி விற்கும் மாவடுவை அவர் கண்டுக்கொள்ள மாட்டார். முண்டாசு கட்டிக் கொண்ட கொண்டையா நெல்லூர் அரிசியை சுமந்து வருவது போல மதுரை நத்தம் வடுக்களைக் கொண்டு வரும் மொத்த வியாபாரியிடமிருந்து படிக்கணக்கில் வாங்கிக் கொள்வார். பூச்சிகள் அரிக்காமல் இருக்க மாவடுகளுக்கு விளக்கெண்ணைக் காப்பு செய்தல், சுவையூட்டப் போடப்படும் உப்பு, காரப் பொடிகளின் சூத்திரம், ஜாடியைக் கவர்ச்சி நடிகையாகக் குலுக்க விட வேண்டிய தருணங்கள், வடுக்கள் முதலில் சுருங்கி, பின்னர் விரியும் போதுதான் சுவை கூடும் போன்ற தகவல்கள் குடும்ப ரகசியமாகப் பூட்டப்பட்டிருக்கும்.

பண்டார சந்திதானம் பிடிக்குப் பிடி 'நம்ச்சிவாய, நம்ச்சிவாய' என்று கூறிப் புசிப்பதுபோல, தயிருக்கு என்றில்லாமல் குழம்பு ரஸ சாதங்களுக்கும் மாவடுவைத் தொட்டுக் கொண்டு ஒரு சீஸனுக்குப் போட்ட வடு அடுத்த சீஸன் வரும் வரை கெடாமல் தாங்குவது ராமுடுவின் திறமையால்தான். நோஞ்சானாகச் சுருங்கியே 'பே' என்று இருக்கும் நீண்ட கார வடு என்றால் ராமுடுவுக்கு இளப்பம். கட்டோடு பிடிக்காது.

மாவடுவை இச்சை தீரக் கடித்து உண்டு அனுபவிக்க வேண்டுமே தவிர நிறையப் பேசி ஆசையைத் தூண்டி விடக் கூடாது. ஆகவே ராமுடுவுக்கு முதுமையில் ஏற்பட்ட ரத்த அழுத்தத்தால் உப்பு கூடாது, விஷம் என்று மருத்துவர் சிவப்புச் கொடி காட்ட, வாழ்க்கையில் இனி அனுபவிக்க என்ன இருக்கிறது என்ற விரக்தியுடன் வாடாமல், மாவடுவின் சிறப்புகளை உட்பொருள் புதைத்திருக்கும் பாக்களாகப் புனைந்து 'மாவடு சித்தர்' என்கிற புனைப்பெயருடன் பதிப்பித்த அந்த அரிய புத்தகப் பிரதி இப்போது லஸ் கார்னர் ஆழ்வாரிடம் கூட இல்லை என்பதை வருத்தத்துடன் தெரிவித்து இக்கட்டுரையை நிறைவு செய்கிறோம்.

(அடிக் குறிப்பு: இச் சரித்திரத்தை அச்சிலோ அல்லது வலைதளத்திலோ வாசிப்பவர்களுக்கோ, பிறர் வாசிக்கக் கேட்பவர்களுக்கோ இந்த சீஸனில் தரமான மாவடு மற்றும் வண்டில்லாத, கிண்ணென்று பருத்த, கனிவான பங்கனப்பள்ளி மாம்பழங்களை நுகரும் அதிர்ஷ்டம் பிச்சி அடிக்கும் என்பது பெரியோரின் வாக்கு.)

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## Special program in Aurobindo center tomorrow

By Our Staff Reporter

Sri Auravindar Annai Dhayana Maiyam (West Mambalam) has organized a special program from 8 a.m to 8 p.m on Sunday, March 20 at 10, 45<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ashok Nagar as part of its 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

Annai Adigal (Managing Trustee) told *Mambalam Times* that there will be an exhibition of photographs of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

He said that there will be 'Savitri nama japam' and maha yagnam chanting from 8 a.m on Saturday, March 19 to 8 p.m on March 20. Devotees can hand over notes mentioning their wishes during the prayer, he added.

Annai Adigal said that blessing cards given by Pondicherry Ashram will be distributed to all visitors.

He said that special programs will also be performed in West Mambalam, Ashok Nagar, Mylapore, Ambattur, Nanganallur, Chromepet and Kil Edayalam village centers.



There will be Pournami pooja at 6 p.m on Saturday, March 19.

The following is the program on March 20:

8 a.m: Flag hoisting.

9 a.m: Special talk by Hiralal

(Pondy Ashram Sathak).

10 a.m: Special talk by Thiruvallavan (Teacher, Pondy Ashram School)

4 p.m: Music concerts and bharathanatyam program.

5 p.m: Distribution of prizes to winners of competitions.

6 p.m: Special talk by Annai Adigal.

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## Road safety program for students



By Our Staff Reporter

Regional Transport Office (West) (Bharathidasan Road, K. K. Nagar) conducted a 'Road safety awareness' program for students of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalya, West Mambalam on March 12.

S. Venkataramani (Transport Department) distributed pamphlets and interacted with students.

M. Sridharan (RTO, West) and G. Ashok Kumar, K. Sathyakumar and V. Arunachalam (Motor Vehicle Inspectors) were present.

## Modified 2-wheeler presented



By Our Staff Reporter

Rotary Club of Chennai Kodambakkam (24/20, Thiruvengadam Street, West Mambalam) presented a 2-wheeler with special fittings to a physically challenged person on March 11.

V. K. Sudharshan (President) told *Mambalam Times* that 92 of the 250 persons who attended the free eye screening camp were provided spectacles.

Cataract surgery was performed free for 7 persons in Udhi Eye Hospital.

He said that th club has started an Interact Club in Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar where more than 3500 students attend free spoken English classes.

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**S. LAKSHMI**

S. Lakshmi (resident of 27/2, Jubilee Road, West Mambalam) passed away on March 10. She was 87 and had been a resident of West Mambalam for 56 years. She was the wife of late V. R. Sundaram. Lakshmi is survived by her sons Anantha-krishnan, Vishwanathan and Sekar, daughters Girija, Vasantha and Rajeswari, and grandchildren.



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**Special program in Venkatesa Perumal Temple**

By Our Staff Reporter

There will be a special program in Sri Alarmel Manga Sametha Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Temple, Mettupalayam, West Mambalam on Saturday, March 19 as part of Paguni Uthiram celebrations.

The following is the program: 10.30 a.m.: Thirumanjanam for presiding deities.

5.30 p.m.: Oonjal utsavam. 6.30 p.m.: Thirukalyanam. All are welcome.

**Free yoga, meditation classes next month**

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Babaji Sree Chakra Dhyana Kendra (6, Sivagnanam Road, T. Nagar), Sadguru Janardhanaji will conduct free yoga, praanayama and meditation classes from April in its premises.

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**Meet to discuss pending civic issues**

By Our Staff Reporter

Exnora International has organized a meeting to discuss long pending civic and other issues in T. Nagar at 5.30 p.m on Saturday, March 19 at 35, Padmanaba Street, T. Nagar.

M. B. Nirmal (Founder, Exnora International) will speak on the 'Right to cast votes'.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phones 99410 07058 and 98400 65514.

**SBI opens branch on G. N. Chetty Road**

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**Non-stop chanting of 'Hare Krishna'**

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Janabi Trust, devotees started chanting 'Hare Krishna' mahamanthra non-stop on March 18 and will conclude it at 7 p.m on Sunday, March 20 at 10, G-1, Vijayalakshmi Flats, Murthy Street, West Mambalam as part of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Jayanthi celebrations.

All are welcome. More details can be had in phone 97899 27202.

**TAMIL CINEMA 75 - A LOOK BACK**

By RANDOR GUY

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'Bedara Kannappa' was not the film debut of Rajkumar as many think. According to the legend going round in Karnataka, the noted filmmaker H. L. N. Simha discovered Rajkumar while the latter was standing at a bus station in the small town Nanjangood waiting for a bus. Like most legends, it is interesting but not so true. His first appearance in movies took place in 1950 in 'Shiv Parvathi', a mythological directed by the sadly forgotten South Indian pioneer, T. Janakiraman. In this film, the well known Kannada actor and filmmaker Kempuraj Urs was the hero and the future superstar and phenomenon of Kannada Cinema, Rajkumar, appeared in a small role.

Singanallur Puttaswamy Muthuraja was born in 1927 and his father was a struggling stage actor and member of the Gubbi Veeranna troupe. Even as a lad he followed the footsteps of his father and joined the 'Gubbi Company'. The fond father had high hopes and ambitions about his handsome son whom he loved to call 'Rajkumar', the name which made him an immortal of Indian Cinema. He played 'boy' roles in the plays of Veeranna, with the father and son waiting for better morrows.

Meanwhile the lad grew into a slim young man with good looks and talent for acting and singing too. He looked around for a break in movies but that was not easy because the Kannada film industry itself was in doldrums in its early years. Cinema spoke Kannada in 1934 and, during the period of twenty years 1934-1953, only thirty-nine movies were produced as against five hundred and twenty-five in Tamil! However Rajkumar did play supporting roles in films like 'Srinivasa Kalyana' (1952). (When this film was remade in 1974, Rajkumar played the lead in the big budget color version.)

Rajkumar married his cousin Parvathamamma who had undergone high school education. In some human lives, marriage and the entry of a wife often contribute inexplicably to the rise of the man. Rajkumar was one such happy case!

When Veeranna produced 'Gunasagari', he tried his best to introduce Rajkumar in the lead role but, for many reasons, he did not succeed in his attempts. The young man had to wait until 1954 to get his well-deserved break as hero.

Besides Rajkumar, 'Bedara Kannappa' had in its cast Pandari Bai, Rajasulochana, Narasimha Raju and G. V. Iyer. Narasimha Raju and G. V. Iyer scaled the peaks of fame as character actors and comedians. Iyer, a versatile person of many talents, turned filmmaker of distinction and made many successful films like 'Hamsa Geethe' and 'Shankaracharya'. He wrote the script for 'Bedara Kannappa'.

The film was directed by H. L. N. Simha and turned out to be a big hit and a milestone in Kannada Cinema. Rajkumar became a star and indeed star-worship in that state began with this film and Rajkumar.

Soon he shot to the top as a superstar and a rare phenomenon of that State and he played hero in more than 200 movies. His fan following is incredible and he became a cult figure in his State and an icon of Kannada Cinema. He had considerable political clout too but he did get not involved in that area. Some of his notable films include 'Anna Thangai', 'Ranadheera Kanteerava', 'Chandavalliya Thote', 'Hannale Chiguridaaga' 'Uyyaley', 'Sannaadhi Appanna' and 'Bangarada Manushya'. (Made in 1972, this film ran for over 100 weeks in Bangalore, a box-office record in Kannada Cinema. It ran for 75 uninterrupted weeks in a single theater in Bangalore and, when the film had to be shifted to another cinema nearby because of priori commitment, his fans staged a protest demonstration in front of the theater raising slogans against shifting! Such was the mass following Rajkumar enjoyed in his home state of Karnataka.)

(To be continued)

**Discourses on 'Saisath Saritha'**

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Shirdi Sai Meditation Mandir (6, Sarojini Street, T. Nagar) there are discourses on 'Sri Saisath Saritha' at 6.30 p.m on Sundays in its premises.

T. Thiruvalluvan (Founder) told Mambalam Times that mass spiritual healing is conducted at 7.30 p.m on Thursdays and Sundays.

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

**Calling volunteers for free service in Tirumala**

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

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

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

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## Hundreds pull temple chariot

## Kalyana utsavam this evening

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Mukkur Lakshmi Nrusimhachariar Swami Sannidhi, (34/24, Venkatesan Street, T. Nagar), kalyana utsavam will be performed for Sri Perumdevi Thaayar Sameetha Devaraja-perumal at 4.30 p.m on Saturday, March 19 in the residence of R. Sundar (F-1, Temple View Apartments, 14/15, Thyagaraja Street, T. Nagar, off North Usman Road)

on the occasion of 'Panguni utthram'.

Swathi thirumanjanam will be performed for Sri Yagnamurthy at 11.30 a.m on Tuesday, March 22 in the Trust's premises.

There will be Lakshmi Nrusimhar japam at 8 a.m the same day.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in telephone number 2435 3704.

## Ramakrishna School wins yoga contest



By Our Staff Reporter

Ramakrishna Mission Higher Secondary School, T. Nagar (Main) won the championship trophy in the national-level yoga competition conducted by South India Buddha Institute of Yoga in Kodungaiyur on March 13.

The students won 12 gold medals and 24 shields in all.

They were felicitated by Swami Padmasthananthaji Maharaj (Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna Mission) in a function on March 16.

G. Chandran (Headmaster), A. Krishnaswami (Asst. Headmaster), M. Baskar (Physical Director) and M. Murugan (Physical Education Teacher and Yoga master) were present.

The students demonstrated asanas during the program.

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By Our Staff Reporter

Hundreds of devotees pulled the chariot of Sri Kasi Viswanathar Temple (Kuppaiah Street, West Mambalam) on March 16 during Brahma-

tsavam celebrations.

The chariot was pulled along Easwaran Koil Street, Kothanathar Temple (Arangappan Street, Ellaimman Koil Street and Gandhi Street.

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