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### Empathy and Goodwill

This incident dates back nearly twenty years. One day, a man approached me at my office and introduced himself as a qualified physiotherapist with over fifteen years of experience. He, along with his close friend - also a physiotherapist practicing in the United States - had decided to return to India and establish a clinic in Chennai with advanced equipment.

Their decision to relocate was deeply personal. Both had daughters entering their teenage years, and they wished to raise them in a more traditional environment, with values rooted in Indian culture. With this in mind, they purchased a ground-floor flat of a multi-storeyed building on a busy T. Nagar road and started a physiotherapy centre there.

However, the building comprised of twelve flats designated strictly for residential use. The Residents' Association, displeased with the commercial activity, filed a suit seeking to restrain the clinic from operating there.

At the request of the defendants, I agreed to enter appearance for them in the court. Upon reviewing the Association's bye-laws, I found that the premises were indeed meant solely for residential purpose. Nevertheless, I accepted the assignment and filed a written statement, advancing a technical objection that the suit was not maintainable since the Association was unregistered.

At the same time, I was candid with my clients. I informed them that, on merits, the case would likely be decided in favour of the Association. However, I assured them that we could reasonably prolong the proceedings for a few years. More importantly, I suggested a different approach - one beyond legal strategy.

I advised them to build goodwill with the other residents in the meantime. As advised by me, every Deepavali and New Year, they sent sweets to all the residents. They maintained polite communication with them, ensured that the premises were kept clean, and avoided any inconvenience, especially with parking or access.

This simple yet thoughtful approach began to change perceptions.

The clinic, after all, provided relief - treating common ailments like knee pain, neck pain, and even stroke rehabilitation. It was a reality that almost every family had someone in need of such care, and many residents in the building became its customers.

Then came a turning point. An elderly resident suffered a stroke. My clients acted immediately, providing timely care during the critical 'golden hour'. Remarkably, the patient recovered within two days.

That incident transformed everything.

Goodwill grew rapidly. The same residents who once opposed the clinic now appreciated its presence. Eventually, the Association withdrew the case against my clients.

Later, my clients expanded and opened another clinic in Anna Nagar. And, to this day, I still receive sweets from them on every Deepavali - a gesture that reminds me of this experience. Had my client been hostile and had not taken my advice they would have not got the relief that they ultimately got.

This incident stands as a testament to a simple truth: courtesy and kindness are infectious. Had we relied solely on legal confrontation, the outcome might have been very different. Instead, empathy and goodwill resolved what litigation could not.

### Nadigar Sangam Election - Interesting Experience

I was appointed by Madras High Court to conduct the election in Nadigar Sangam where election had not taken place for many years.

It was an interesting experience for me, involving the preparation of the voters list, printing of ballots, attending to postal ballots etc. With the help of my friend C. C. Reddy, I managed to discharge the functions properly.

The main contest for President was between Mr. Radha Ravi and Mr Isari Velan. Each was supported by a different political party.

In the course of this assignment, I had the rare opportunity to meet many important and famous personalities in the film world. I had interesting conversations with actors like Mr Sahasranamam and Mr Nagesh. I learnt many things about the film industry from them.

At the fag end of the election day, a leading political figure, who was also controversial, was expected to visit the polling premises. I had been forewarned by the police that he might create trouble, and I should be careful to avoid violence.

As expected, he arrived at the place by about 4 pm with a few of his henchmen. Losing no time I walked to the gate and received him. Luckily I had met him earlier, introduced by my friend, Mr. K. S. Dinakaran. He immediately recognised me. I asked him politely if there was any problem, and in what way I could help him. He replied, "You are my problem", and went back to his car with his men. Fortunately, no violence took place as warned by the police. Polling was concluded smoothly and, at the end of counting of votes, Mr. Radha Ravi was declared the winner.

The gentleman was Jeppiyar.

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பெண்ணுக்கு வரன் அமையவில்லையே என்று கல்லூரியில் படிக்க வைத்தால் மாப் பிள்ளை தேடும் படலம் மூன்று வருஷங்களானாலும் முடிவதில்லை. அதற்குள் பெண் குழந்தைகள் (ஆண் பிள்ளைகளைவிட நன்றாகப் படிக்கிறார்கள்) படித்துப் பட்டம்பெற்று விடுகிறார்கள். அத்துடன் வயதும் ஏறிவிடுகிறது. படித்த பெண்களுக்கு சம நிலையிலோ, மேலாகவோ படித்த பிள்ளைகளாகத் தேட வேண்டியதாகி விடுகிறது. படித்தவனாகக் கிடைத்துவிட்டால் இதர விஷயங்களில் ஒத்துக் கொள்ளவில்லை. இப்படியாக மஞ்சளாவின் பெண் கல்யாண காலம் ஓடி விட்டதென அறிந்தேன்.

ஒவ்வொரு பெற்றோரும் திட்டம் போட்டுப் பரஸ்பரம் வெளிப்படையாகப் பேசினால் இவ்வளவு சிக்கல் வராது. தவிர தன் பெண்ணுக்கு ஏற்ற கணவன் உத்தியோகம் செய்வனா அல்லது அதிக அழகு உள்ளவனா, குணமுள்ளவனா, உத்தியோகத்தில் மேருமலையில் இருப்பவனா என்று ஏதாவது ஒன்றைத் தீர்மானித்துக் கொண்டு மற்ற குண நலங்களுடையவர்களை விட்டுக் கொடுத்தால் கவலையின்றி மணம் முடிந்து விடுமென மஞ்சளாவுக்கு யுக்தி சொன்னேன்.

அது அவளுக்கு யுக்தமாகத் தோன்றாது மட்டுமல்ல; குற்றமாகத் தோன்றிவிட்டது. 'நான் என்ன பிரமாதமாகப் பணத்தைத் தேடுகிறேனா? பெரிய, பெரிய உத்தியோகத்தைக் கேட்கிறேனா? ஏதோ நமக்குத் தகுந்தபடி எல்லாவற்றிலும் கொஞ்சம் பொருத்தம் வேண்டாமா? ஜாதகப் பொருத்தம் இல்லாமல் தான் செய்ய முடியுமா?' என்று பொரிந்து கொட்டினாள்.

ஜாதகம் பார்ப்பது என்பதில் எவ்வளவு பாதகம் இருக்கிறதோ அவ்வளவு சாதகம் இருக்கிறது. மனப் பொருத்தம் இருந்து ஜாதகம் பொருந்தவில்லையென ஜோஸியர் சொல்லிவிட்டால் ஜாதகத்தின் மேல் கோபம் வருகிறது. ஆனால் ஒரு வரணைப் பார்த்து அது நமக்கு சரியாக இல்லையெனக் கருதினால் அதை வெளிப்படையாக சொல்ல முடியாமல் தப்புவதற்கு 'ஜாதகம் சரியாயில்லை, நான் உங்கள் வீட்டு சம்பந்தம் செய்துகொள்ளக் கொடுத்து வைக்கவில்லை' என்று சொல்லிவிடலாம்.

தென்னிந்தியாவைத் தவிர இந்தியாவின் வேறெந்தப் பகுதியிலும் கல்யாணங்களில் ஜாதகம் பார்க்கும் வழக்கம் இல்லையென அறிகிறேன்.

ஒருவருக்கொருவர் விட்டுக் கொடுக்கும் மனப்பான்மையுடன் செலவையும் குறைத்துக் கொண்டு நேருக்கு நேர் பேசிக் கல்யாணங்களை அழகாகச் செய்வது என்று முன் வந்தால் மணமக்களும் மகிழ்வார்கள்.

ஜான்ஸியில் கல்யாணங்கள் வெகு சுலபமாக முடிந்துவிடுகிறது என்றும், அவர்கள் மனப் பொருத்தத்தைத் தான் பிரதானமாகக் கருதுகிறார்கள் என்றும் அங்கிருந்து வந்த சகோதரி தெரிவித்தார்.



## Doctor presented Vocational Excellence award

By Our Staff Reporter

52-year-old Dr. T.V. Raja (Orthopaedician and Managing Director of Visa Medicure and The Podiatree Clinic, 27/1, South West Boag Road, T. Nagar) was presented the Vocational Excellent award by The Rotary Club of Madras Mid-Town (Rotary International District 3233) at a function held in Hotel Courtyard by Marriott (Teynampet) last week.



He has over two decades of clinical and surgical experience and has made significant contributions to foot and ankle surgery, diabetic foot management, trauma care, and joint replacement.

He is a past President of the Indian Foot and Ankle Society.

Senior Rotary members including G. Edwin (President) and Priya Sateesh (Secretary) were present. Dr. Raja's contact number is 98410 38388.

## Rs. 40 lakhs worth groceries destroyed in fire



By Our Staff Reporter

A major fire broke out in the early hours on April 7 in the warehouse of online retailer Blinkit on Moosa Street (West Mambalam).

It took more than two hours for the fire personnel to put out the fire.

Supervisor Srivaradhan (34) said that vegetables and grocery items worth Rs. 40 lakhs were destroyed in the fire.

He said that the fire broke out due to an electrical short circuit when the employees were engaged in dispatch work in the early hours. As the fire started to spread quickly, all the employees moved out of the premises to safety.

On getting information, personnel of Saidapet and T. Nagar fire stations arrived within 15 minutes. It took them more than 2 hours to put out the fire using six fire tenders. No injuries or casualties were reported in the incident.

Mambalam police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

## Free Sanskrit course from April 20

Mambalam Samskrita Vidyalaya celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary last month. It conducts free Sanskrit course based on Chittor syllabus.

The classes are held daily in the evenings at Ahobila Mutt School (116, K.R. Koil Street, West Mambalam). Anyone above 10 years can join.

Exams are conducted at the end of each term in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March and September.

The next batch starts on Monday, April 20. Interested persons can register at the venue. For more details, call 99624 22480 or 98843 64620.

## ISKCON's online 'Bhakta Prahlad' course from April 19

International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) will conduct online 'Bhakta Prahlad' course on the topic 'Divine Questions, Divine Answers' for children in the age group of 6 to 12 years from Monday, April 19 to Saturday, May 2. The classes will be held from 6 p.m to 8 p.m.

The fee is Rs. 1,200. It will cover slokas, arts and crafts, fireless cooking, and games.

For registration, contact Sundari Padmavathi Devi in 8939992751.

## Admission open for Std. 1 to 8 in Sarada Middle School



By Our Staff Reporter

The 90<sup>th</sup> year Annual Day was celebrated in Sri Sarada Middle School (2, Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam) on April 10.

A number of alumni students participated in it.

The program was presided over by K. Premavathi (retired teacher), B. Sivasubramanian (Correspondent) and D. Malligaiselvi (Headmistress).

The students presented cultural programs and recited Thirukkural and Tiruppavai.

Prizes were distributed to the students who had won in various competitions held during the year. Admissions are open for Std.1 to Std.8.

For more details, call 98407 61338.

## Mural adorns walls of flyover



By Our Staff Reporter

Colourful murals have been painted on the walls of the newly constructed J Anbazhagan flyover over South Usman Road (T. Nagar).

This photo was taken on April 9.



**அழகப்பர் அமரரானார்**

உலகம் பல கல்விமான்களைப் பெற்றுவிடலாம்; செல்வவந்தர்களைப் பெற்றுவிடலாம்; நாவலர்களையும், பாவலர்களையும் பெற்றுவிடலாம். ஆனால் ஒரு சில கொடை வள்ளல்களைப் பெறுதல் அரிதினும் அரிது. அத்தகைய வள்ளல்களில் ஒருவர் மறைந்துவிட்டார். சென்ற ஐந்தாம் தேதி வெள்ளிக்கிழமை அன்று உண்மையான வள்ளல் ஒருவர் நம்மை விட்டுப் பிரிந்துவிட்டார்.



அறிவு தெரிந்த நாளிலிருந்து, கடைசி மூச்சு உள்ளவரையில் 'கொடை', 'கொடை' என்று கொடுப்பதைப் பற்றியே நினைத்து, கொடுப்பதைப் பற்றியே பேசி, கொடுப்பதிலேயே இன்பம் கண்டு, கொடை வள்ளலாகவே வாழ்ந்த டாக்டர் அழகப்பர் அமரரானார். அவருடைய கொடையால் வளர்ந்த எண்ணற்ற கல்வி ஸ்தாபனங்கள் இன்று அழகப்பரைப் பிரிந்து தாயை இழந்த சேய்போலக் கலங்கி நிற்கின்றன.

அழகப்பரின் மறைவு கல்வித் துறைக்கு மட்டுமல்லாது இன்னும் பல துறைகளிலும் நஷ்டம் விளைவித்திருக்கிறது. தொழில் ஒரு தொழிலதிபரை இழந்துவிட்டது; செல்வம் ஒரு செல்வந்தரை இழந்துவிட்டது; வண்மை ஒரு வள்ளலை இழந்துவிட்டது; வீரம் ஒரு வீரரை இழந்துவிட்டது; இளமை ஒரு இளைஞரை இழந்துவிட்டது.

எத்தகைய பெரியாரை எந்த வயதில் நாடு இழந்தது! நாற்பத்தெட்டு வயதில் தமிழ்நாட்டுக் கல்வி வளர்ச்சியிலும், தொழில் வளர்ச்சியிலும் உயிராயிருந்த ஒரு உத்தமரை அல்லவா தமிழ்நாடு இழந்துவிட்டது?

டாக்டர் ஆர்.எம். அழகப்பர் செட்டியார் 1909ம் ஆண்டில் பிறந்தார். லண்டனுக்குச் சென்று பாரிஸ்டர் பட்டம் பெற்றார். பின்னர் இந்தியா திரும்பித் தொழில் துறையில் ஈடுபட்டார். அந்தத் துறையில் பலவிதமான கஷ்ட நஷ்டங்களை அடைந்து படிப்படியாக முன்னேறி மிகப் பெரிய தொழில் அதிபரானார். முடிவில் தாம் ஈட்டிய செல்வங்கள் அனைத்தையும் பல கல்வி ஸ்தாபனங்களுக்கும், ஆராய்ச்சி நிலையங்களுக்கும் அள்ளிக் கொடுத்துக் கொடை வள்ளலானார். கடைசிக் காலத்தில் தம்முடைய சொந்த ஊரான கோட்டையூருக்கு அருகில் இருக்கும் காரைக்குடியில் உள்ள அழகப்பா கல்லூரிகளின் வளர்ச்சியில் தம்மை மறந்து தொண்டாற்றி வந்தார். இதன் மூலம் செல்வந்தர்கள், ஏழைகள், படித்தவர்கள், பாமர்கள் அனைவருடைய அபிமானத்துக்கும் உகந்தவராக உயர்ந்திருந்தார். பிறந்த ஊரில் பிரபலமடைந்திருந்தது போலவே பரந்த உலகிலும் தம் புகழை நிலைநாட்டியிருந்தார்.

சென்ற பல மாதங்களாக நோய்வாய்ப்பட்டு நுடமாட முடியாமல் படுத்த படுக்கையிலேயே இருந்தார். உடல் மோசமான நிலையிலிருந்தபோதிலும் அவர் முகத்தில் மட்டும் அறிவுக் களை வீசிக் கொண்டிருந்தது. சென்னை நகருக்கு யார் வந்தாலும் டாக்டர் அழகப்பரைப் பார்க்காமல் செல்லவே மாட்டார்கள். படுத்த படுக்கையில் இருந்துகொண்டே அவர் வந்த விருந்தினர்களை வரவேற்று உபசரித்த பண்பும், தாம் மேற்கொண்ட பணியை நிறைவேற்ற ஆற்றிய தொண்டும் தனிச் சிறப்பு வாய்ந்தவை.

காரைக்குடி கல்லூரிகளில் ஒரு வைத்தியக் கல்லூரியையும் ஏற்படுத்தி அதை ஒரு பல்கலைக் கழகமாக மாற்றிவிட வேண்டும் என்று டாக்டர் அழகப்பர் தம்முடைய இறுதிக் காலத்தில் துடித்துக் கொண்டிருந்தார். அதற்கான நல்ல சூழ்நிலையையும் உருவாக்கிக் கொண்டு வந்தார். அந்த எண்ணம் ஈடுபெறுவதற்குள்ளாகவே காலன் அவசரப்பட்டு விட்டான். ஆனாலும் டாக்டர் அழகப்பரின் ஆசை விரைவில் நிறைவேறும்.

அவரது வாழ்க்கை வரலாற்றை ஒவ்வொருவரும் புரிந்து கொள்ளவேண்டும். அவர் பொருள் ஈட்டியதில் காட்டிய ஆர்வமும், திறமையும் ஈடு இணையற்றது. அதைப்போல ஈட்டிய பொருளை நல்ல காரியங்களுக்கு அள்ளிக் கொடுத்த கொடைத் திறனும் நாவாரப் போற்றிப் பாராட்டுதற்குரியது. கடுமையான நோயின் கொடுமைக்கு மத்தியிலும் தளராத மன உறுதியுடன் தாம் எடுத்த காரியத்தை நிறைவேற்றி வந்ததில் அவருக்கு ஈடாக யாரையும் கூறு முடியாது. இந்த உயர்ந்த குணங்கள் எல்லாம் நம்முடைய மக்களுக்குச் சிறந்த எடுத்துக்காட்டாக இருக்கும் என்பதில் சிறிதும் ஐயமில்லை.

இந்த நாட்டில் கல்வியும், தொழிலும் உள்ளவரையில் டாக்டர் அழகப்பரின் அரிய தொண்டின் பெருமை குன்றிவிட்ட விளக்காக என்றென்றும் ஒளி வீசிக் சுடர்விட்டுப் பிரகாசித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும்.

(\*கல்வியில் ஏப்ரல் 23, 1957ல் வெளியான தலையங்கம்)

**Major parties announce candidates for T. Nagar**

By Our Staff Reporter

The contestants from major parties in the Thiyagarayanagar constituency in the forthcoming Legislative Assembly election on April 23 are Raja Anbhazhagan (DMK), B. Sathiyarayanan (AIADMK), N. Anand (Thami zhaga Vettri Kazhagam), and V. Anusha (Naam Thamizhar Katchi).

There are 1,54,943 voters (74,682 male voters and 80,228 female voters) and 251 polling booths in in Thiyagarayanagar constituency.



Raja Anbhazhagan (DMK)



B. Sathiyarayanan (AIADMK)



N. Anand (TVK)



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**Admission open for Std. 6 and Std. 11 in MB Jain School**

By Our Staff Reporter

Admissions are open for Std. 6 and Std. 11 in Shri Mangichand Bhandari Jain Higher Secondary School (7, Madley Road, T. Nagar).

The 55-year-old school is a unit of S. S. Jain Educational Society.

The last date for submitting completed application forms for students seeking admission to Std. 6 is Thursday, April 30, and for those seeking admission to Std. 11, within 7 days of publication of Std. 10 board exam results.

For Std. 11, it offers both Commerce and Science Groups with the option to choose either Computer Science or Business Maths in Commerce Group.

A senior faculty told *Mambalam Times* that the school is equipped with smart classrooms, well-equipped lab and library, and well qualified and experienced teachers.

He said that for the academic year 2026-27, it is introducing Robotics to prepare students for future technological advancements.

In addition to academics, the school also excels in sports and co-curricular activities.

Application forms can be purchased from the school office from 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m from Monday to Friday.

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## Handicrafts mela in Rajeswari Hall till April 30

By Our Staff Reporter

Rajasthan Craft Mela, an exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts and other items, has been going on since April 10 in Rajeswari Hall (New No. 64, Old No. 168, Lake View Road, West Mambalam).

It will conclude on April 30.

On exhibit are Orissa sarees, Rajasthan ghagra choli, dress materials, Rajasthan painting, Jaipur churidar, tops, kurtas and kurtis, pajamas, Prohampali and Rajasthan bedsheets, Jaipur stone jewellery, five-stone jewellery, Jaipur Lak jewellery, terracotta items, curtains, Chennapatnam wooden toys and more.

For more details, call 99404 22426.

## Lions Club donates medical equipment to PHC



By Our Staff Reporter

Lions Club of Madras North Silver Jubilee Trust donated medical equipment on April 6 to Public Health Centre (Lake View Road, West Mambalam).

Senior members of the club including Y. V. Harikrishna, P. J. P. N. Gupta, and Parthasarathy were present.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Open drain unsafe for pedestrians



Sir, An open storm water drain chamber on the pavement of Soundararajan Street in T. Nagar is unsafe for pedestrians as its cover has caved in.

A barricade has been placed over the opening to caution pedestrians.

I appeal to Chennai Corporation to replace the damaged cover. **C. Sridhar Varadaraj, Ph: 95000 39929.**

### Appeal for traffic signal on Duraisamy Road

Sir, As there is no traffic signal to slow down motorists, pedestrians find it difficult to cross Duraisamy Road (in front of Pothys Women World and between Khadims and Saravana Stores Elite Diamond, T. Nagar).

As motorists coming from Duraisamy subway take a sharp U-turn under the flyover in front of Pothys, they do not slow down and pose danger to pedestrians crossing the road.

I appeal to traffic police to install a traffic signal at the junction for the safety of pedestrians. **A.S. Thirumalai, 5, Vinayagam Street, West Mambalam, Ph: 94442 55509.**

## Sathru Samhara homam held daily in Sankara Mutt

Kamatchi Mandali Trust (West Mambalam) is conducting Sathru Samhara Sri Subramanya Trishati Homam daily till June 24 in Sankara Mutt (Easwaran Koil Street, West Mambalam).

Narayana Sasthirgal is performing the homam daily from 5.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m.

For more details call, 95516 97770.

## Street parking chokes Pondy Bazaar

One of the city's busiest shopping hubs, Pondy Bazaar in T. Nagar, continues to face congestion as motorists park haphazardly along the stretch, ignoring a multi-level car parking (MLCP) facility nearby.

Scores of vehicles can be seen lined up

on either side of the road, slowing traffic and forcing buses to navigate through narrow gaps.

In addition to this, a major portion of the carriageway is encroached upon by vendors and shop owners.

This reduces the usable width of the carriageway, causing obstruction to motorists. Meanwhile, the MLCP built by Chennai Corporation at a cost of Rs. 40.79 crores, offering free parking for up to three hours and ca-



pable of accommodating 222 cars and 516 two-wheelers, remains largely unused.

After three hours, motorists are charged Rs. 60 per hour for cars and Rs. 15 per hour for two-wheelers.

As roadside parking is presently free in the city, vehicles now spill beyond marked limits.

"We have lodged several complaints with Corporation, but there is no parking regulation", a local resident said.

When there is no space on the main road, many shoppers park their vehicles in front of houses on adjoining streets like Sivagnanam Street and Kannadasan Street, causing hindrance to the residents, he said.

The problem worsens on weekends due to increase in the number of shoppers.

A traffic official said that they fine at least 20 to 30 cars every day for illegal parking, yet the violations continue.

## Flowering trees in full bloom



By Our Staff Reporter

Flowering trees like Gulmohar and Cherry Blossom (Vasanth Rani) lining the paths in many places in the neighbourhood are in full bloom.

The walkways carpeted by its flowers offer a pleasant sight to the pedestrians.

This photo was taken on Ramanujam Street, T. Nagar on April 8.

## Seminar on Early Child Education held in Bala Mandir



To recognize the contribution of late S. Anandalakshmy (Pioneer in Child Development and Education), a seminar titled 'Reimagining Learning for Children: Voice, Culture and Context' was held on April 4 in Bala Mandir Cultural Centre (8, G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar).

The book Pillai Thamizh, written by Lakshmi Gopal, was released on the occasion.

V. R. Devika (Founder, The Aseema Trust, Chennai), Sumuthra M. Gautama (Principal, Palar Centre for Learning and Patashala), and Vidya Shankar Chakravarthy (Educationist and Chairperson of Relief Foundation Trust) spoke.

Anandalakshmy had headed Vidya Mandir in its early years and was Member and President of Bala Mandir Research and Resource Centre from 1998 - 2017.

She guided the center in its early thinking on parenting, forged several partnerships nationwide and introduced unique forms of research and project works. After completing her doctorate, she headed Lady Irwin College in Delhi for many years, where she established and nurtured the first Department of Child Development in the country.

Bala Mandir continues to honour and recognize the contributions made by her to through the annual seminar that showcases renowned speakers.

For more information, contact Nikhil Raghavan in 98409 93400.

## Panchanga Patanam in Sai Seva Samaj on Tuesday

By Our Staff Reporter

Brahmarshi Kannamani Dikshitar will do 'Tamil New Year Panchanga Patanam' at 3.30 p.m on Tuesday, April 14 in Shiri Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj (21, Jaishankar Street, West Mambalam).

The New Year almanac will be kept at the special poojai to the presiding deity.

He will explain the significance of panchangam and explain how to read it. The thithi, day, star, yoga and karana of the first day will also read.

All are welcome.

## Free workshop on Road Safety for women auto drivers

By Our Staff Reporter

Lions International Dist. 3241 (22/6, 4<sup>th</sup> West Cross Street, Shenoy Nagar) and Anna Nagar Traffic Police have jointly organised a free workshop on Road Safety and Traffic Rules for women autorickshaw drivers from 3 p.m to 4.30 p.m on Sunday, April 12 in World Telugu Federation (Ankur Plaza, 113, G. N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar).

K. Anandakumar (Retd. Additional Dy. Commissioner of Police) and M. Nirmala (Sub-Inspector of Police, Traffic) will conduct the workshop.

Lions Club will gift lunch box, blouse bit and a gift hamper to those participating in the workshop.

Its contact number is 99529 02535.

## 12 to undergo free cataract surgery

By Our Staff Reporter

Sixty-five persons from underprivileged families attended the free eye screening camp organised by Jana Seva Trust (T. Nagar) in Bala Krishna Eye Hospital (Saidapet) on April 5.

12 persons diagnosed with cataract will undergo free surgery in the hospital.

Free spectacles were provided to persons identified with vision problems.

## Discourse on Bhagavad Gita today

By Our Staff Reporter

Under the auspices of Sri Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama (3, Maharajapuram Santhanam Salai, T. Nagar), Swami Guruvanananda will deliver a discourse in Tamil on Bhagavad Gita at 5.30 p.m on Sunday, April 12 in the Ashram's premises.

All are welcome.

More details can be had in 2814 3896 and 2814 3514.

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**Panchanga Patanam in Ram Samaj on Tuesday**  
By Our Staff Reporter

In connection with Tamil New Year, Nanilam R. Srikrishna Ganapadigal will read out the New Year Tamil Panchangam, explaining the pros and cons, at 2.45 p.m on Tuesday, April 14 in Sri Ram Samaj (Arya Gowda Road, West Mambalam).

On Monday, April 13, there will be annadhaanam at 12 noon, and vocal concert by Dhaniyadha Venkatesh at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m on Sunday, April 12, Nandhitha Arun will present a vocal concert, accompanied by M. Bargavi on the violin, and Adithya Raja on the mridangam.

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**Free physiotherapy assessment on April 19**

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A team of physiotherapists led by E. Ananthi and Sudharshan (Fitness Coach) will examine the patients and offer treatment and tips on life style modification for pain, mobility problems, weight loss, osteoporosis, diabetes and PCOS.

For prior registration, call 63851 85817 or 66851 85817.

**Free summer camp for students in Kalpavriksha Centre**

By Our Staff Reporter  
Kalpavriksha Free Tuition Centre (3/2, Nagarathinammal Colony, near Adi Kesava Perumal Temple, Govindan Road, West Mambalam) has organised free summer camp for school students from Friday, April 17 to Monday, April 27 in its premises.

Students above 8 years can join. It will be held in two sessions from 10.15 a.m to 12.30 p.m, and from 4 p.m to 6 p.m.

The morning session will cover Spoken English, English reading and writing, Science and Maths concepts, Arts and Crafts, indoor and outdoor games, yoga, Tamil reading and devotional songs.

The evening session will cover Computer Training in MS Office, Canva and making Educational Videos and YouTube Shorts.

For more details and registration, call 63829 56455.

**Plea for donations for annadhaanam**

Narayana Kaingaraya Sabha (13/5, Kasi Viswanathar Koil Street, West Mambalam) has organised annadhaanam for devotees participating in Sri Ramanuja Avathara Utsavam to be held on April 19 and 20 in Adi Kesava Temple (Thirimangai Street, Sriperumpudur). Thousands of devotees are expected to visit the temple for the utsavam.

Devotees can donate rice, milk, jaggery or cash for the preparation of the prasadam.

For more details, call 88254 42519 and 90251 11829.

**Free Tally course for poor students**

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The offline classes will be held from Monday to Saturday in two batches from 10 a.m to 12.30 p.m and from 3 p.m to 5.30 p.m in the above premises and the online batch will be held from 6 p.m to 8 p.m.

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In the final voters list published on Feb. 23, there are 1,54,943 voters in Thiyagarayanagar constituency (74,682 male voters and 80,228 female voters). There are 251 polling booths in Thiyagarayanagar Nagar constituency.

There are 2,00,687 voters (96,950 male voters and 1,03,685 female voters) in Saidapet constituency which includes parts of West Mambalam, CIT Nagar and Jafferkanpet.

There are 282 polling booths in the constituency. Voters can visit the website <https://electoralsearch.eci.gov.in/pollingstation> to locate their polling booth.

### Soundarapandian Hospital offers orthopedic consultation on Tuesdays and Fridays

The 43-year-old Soundarapandian Bone and Joint Hospital and Research Institute (Anna Nagar) offers consultation for orthopedic problems on Tuesdays and Fridays from 4 p.m to 7 p.m at CHC Pharmacy and Clinic (New No. 28/12, Old No. 179/20, Lake View Road, West Mambalam). It offers consultation to patients suffering from all types of orthopedic problems including joint pain and arthritis, sports injuries, spine problems, fractures and those needing trauma care.

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For appointments, call 044-35066666.

### Advanced Telugu classes on Saturdays

The World Telugu Federation (Ankur Plaza, 113, G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar) will conduct free advanced Telugu classes on Saturdays from 3 p.m to 4 p.m in its premises. The introductory class will be held on Saturday, April 18.

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