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Talk on 'Tiruvassagam' in Thamizh by Swami Apavargananda. At R. K. Math, Mylapore, 5.30 p.m. Ph: 24621110.

Sai bhajans. By Mandav-eli samithi of Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, Tamilnadu. At V-Excel Educational Trust, 10/23, Thiruvengadam Street, R. A. Puram. Ph: 9789098458.

Chanting of Sri Devi Mahatmyam by Swami Suprajnananda. At R. K. Math, Mylapore. 8 a.m. Ph: 24621110.

January 19

Talk on 'Isavasya upanishad' by Swami Shashishikananda. At R. K. Math, Mylapore. 5.30 p.m. Ph: 24621110.

Talk on 'Dakshinamurthy stotram' by Swamini Satyavratana Saraswathi. At Samskrita Barathi Hall, 5, 7th Street, Dr. R. K. Salai, Mylapore. 8.30 a.m. Ph: 24328087.

Talk to mark the birth centenary year of eminent jurist Nani Palkhivala. Organised by Palkhivala Foundation. At P. S. School, Mylapore. 4.30 p.m. Ph: 9840092850.

January 20

Guided meditation by Swami Mahamedhananda. At R. K. Math, Mylapore, 5.30 p.m. Ph: 24621110.

Sri Ramanama sankirtanam by Swami Suprajnananda. At R. K. Math, Mylapore. 7 p.m. Ph: 24621110.

January 22

Talk on 'Srimad Bhagavatam' in Thamizh by Swami Paramasukhananda. At R. K. Math, Mylapore. 5.30 p.m. Ph: 24621110.

Talk on 'Uddhava Gita' by Swamini Satyavratana Saraswathi. At Shri Rangavilasam, Nandalala Temple, 8, Dr.RangaRoad, Mylapore. 11 a.m. Ph: 24328087.

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January 24

Talk on 'Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam in Thamizh by Swami Vimurtananda. At R. K. Math, Mylapore. 5.30 p.m. Ph: 24621110.

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ADMISSIONS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

By Our Staff Reporter

Admissions to schools have been set in motion in some schools while others will open the windows soon. Here is a summary of admission processes that are on at some schools in the neighbourhood.

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For Kindergarten (Pre-KG, LKG, Montessori I), classes I to IX and class XI application forms will be available at the school office from Feb. 5 to 10, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Filled in application forms must be submitted on or before Feb. 17.

For details contact the school at Chettinad House, R. A. Puram. Ph: 24938040, 24933722.

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The monthly 'mike-less' Kutcheri in the Park series organised by Sundaram Finance has completed 14 years with the concert held last Sunday, January 12 which was part of the annual Mylapore Festival.

On Sunday, 15 students of Madura Ganalaya presented a lively one-hour kutcheri in Nageswara Rao Park.

The 'Kutcheri in the Park' programme has been featured in the Limca Book of Records as the longest-running, open-air mike-less kutcheri series for children. Neither mikes nor amplification of any kind is employed in these concerts. This allows the music to float around this end of the park which is patronised by residents of the neighbourhood – to exercise and walk early in the morning.

The concerts are held once a month, on the first Sunday. Four concerts were held during the Mylapore Festival.



PONGAL FEST ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

The campus of Dr. MGR-Janaki College for Women on Durgabai Deshmukh Road in R. A. Puram reverberated to the sounds of a Pongal festival celebration on January 13 as the college community got together to celebrate the festival in the open air, before enjoying the holiday season.

One set of students set up hawker stalls to sell knick-knacks, sweetmeats and sugarcane juice, sundal and sweets, bangles and bindis. In another corner, a group prepared pongal which was cooked in the open.

And in the central zone under the tall trees, girls took turns to perform traditional folk music and dance – parai-attam, kol-attam, kummi-attam and karagattam. The students were dressed for the occasion – many were in half-saris.



PONGAL FOR YOUNG ONES

At Sprouts Montessori School, R. A. Puram, thoranams, flowers and a painted earthen pot greeted the children at the entrance of the school. The children were told about the significance of the festival and the way it is celebrated. Later, a cow and calf were brought into the school campus and the children were allowed to garland and decorate them with kumkum and sandal paste and feed them.



FEAST OF EPIPHANY

The feast of Epiphany, better known as the Feast of the Three Kings, in a way winds up the Christmas celebrations – a day to recall the visit of three kings / wise men at the place where Jesus was born.

This feast is celebrated in a special manner in many churches and so it was at Our Lady of Guidance Church in R. A. Puram.

At the Sunday evening Mass, three parishoners donned the role of the kings and took part in a symbolic ceremony inside the church. After the Mass, they went in a procession around Lazarus Church Road, K. M. N. Street and Arulappan Street distributing gifts to children at home.

(The parish families who wanted their children to receive gifts from the 'kings' had earlier handed them over to the parish office)

A band provided the music and a choir kept singing as the procession did the rounds of the area.

– Report by Juliana Sridhar



SCHOOL'S LITERARY FEST

The 6th edition of the English Literary Club meet of Chettinad Vidyashram school, R. A. Puram was held on Jan. 10. It was themed 'Bard's Beacon'. Literary competitions were held for the students; these included contests on poetry, book review, role play, quiz and essay writing. The chief guest was noted story-teller Janaki Sabesh. Winners were acknowledged and rewarded.

Communities get together to celebrate Pongal

By Our Staff Reporter

The festival of Pongal encouraged communities to put their hands together on Wednesday morning to celebrate it. And this was evident in many zones of the Mylapore neighbourhood.

In Pillaiyar Koil Thottam, a colony in Mandaveli women who reside here organised a community Pongal celebration. They cooked in a corner of the campus, decorated the place with sugarcane and buntings and shared the pongal that was made here.

In Visalakshi Thottam which is located on the fringe of Abhiramapuram, the youth of this colony brought music to the festivities with some of them playing on the parai and on drums.

In many inner streets of Mylapore, women got together to design large, colorful rangolis and kolams in front of their houses. One such group of women who designed a large rangoli on Adanjan Street in Mandaveli said they had spent close to an hour that morning to design their rangoli.

Church communities had also organised Pongal events in their campuses.

At Our Lady of Guidance Church, commonly known as Saint Lazarus Church in R. A. Puram, after the morning Holy Mass, the community got involved in traditional games and

sport held in the open, the campus decorated with sugarcane and rangolis for the occasion.

Sakkarai pongal that was prepared for the event was shared with church-goers and priests. Similar events unfolded in the campus of St. Thomas Basilica in San Thome – kolam contests were conducted and games held for children - after the morning Mass.

And on Luz Avenue, a man was seen taking around a decorated cow and greeting house-holders at their gates, perhaps an early lead to Mattu Pongal.



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MYLAPORE FESTIVAL

SNAPSHOTS

1. Dancers of guru Sailaja performed Kuchipudi on the main stage

2. Music students of Thamizh Isai Kalloori, Chennai presented a concert on the main stage on Saturday.

3. Students of Thamizh Isai Kalloori, Chennai presented a veena concert on the main stage

4. Sridhar Venkataraman guided a big group of foodies to explore a set of popular snacks joints in the Mylapore area as part of the Food Walks curated for the festival.

5. The dayakattam contest for adults and for children was held at Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School campus.

6. The Palankuzhi contest on Sunday saw lots of people, including children take part in the contest.

7. Vocalist Bharathi Kamakoti



presented a theme concert at a vintage house of the Ram-kumars in Pelathope. With her were artistes Puttur Nikshith and Nagercoil Anand.

8. Bharatanatyam guru Sujatha Mohan presented a group dance recital by her sishyas.

9. Sannidhi Street quadrangle resounded to the

choral music of the BEAT Choir which performed on Saturday evening under the baton of guru Rajarajeshwari.

10. A Bharatanatyam-based production 'Param' led by guru V. Balagurunathan was the final show on the main stage on Friday evening.



MYLAPORE FESTIVAL SNAPSHOTS

1. The finale show of the festival was a Bharatanatyam dance production themed 'Thennadudaya Sivane Potri' which had segments that highlighted a story related to lord Shiva at each of the eight temples chosen for this production. Guru Sasirekha Raammohan choreographed this production which featured her students as well as guest dancers.

2 & 3. Dance students of Thamizh Isai Kalloori, Chennai presented a Sangam-era themed dance recital on the main stage

4. Padmapriya Baskaran led a Walk on Sunday, themed on 'Goddesses of Mylapore' on Sunday morning. The stops included Sri Kolavizhiamman Temple, the Sri Veerabadrswami Temple and Sri Draupadi Amman Temple in Mylapore zone.

5. Jaishri P. Rao spoke on the heritage and cuisine of the small community of Thanjavur Maharashtrians at an event held at a vintage house in Pelathope. On Saturday.

6. Chess tournaments were held for children in the open air at Nageswara Rao Park, Luz on the weekend.

7. Craft workshops for children were held in

Nageswara Rao Park over the weekend. The one on Sunday morning was on simple clay-modelling.

8. Architect Tahaer Zoyab led a big group of people on the 'Houses of Mylapore' Walk held on Sunday morning. Some residents of the houses which were showcased stepped out to share their life stories.

9. Saturday's grand finale on the main stage was the dance production titled 'Vande Mataram'. This was presented by the dancers of guru Sheela Unnikrishnan.

10. The mallakhamb display on the main stage got waves of applause as teens and youths displayed some fantastic feats on Sunday evening. The team was of Tamizhan Mallakhamb Sports Academy.

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VINCENT D'SOUZA

Honnavar is a small town in north Karnataka, a pitstop for those who motor down the very scenic Konkan Highway 66.

It is here that the mighty Sharavathi river, flowing west from the ghat region empties into the sea. Some years ago, traveling with friend Hemchandra Rao on his tours of India's light houses we stopped at Honnavar to visit the light house that is built on the hillside of the town; down below is the sprawling fishing harbour for hundreds of motorised fishing boats that go out to sea.

There were more occasions to spend time in Honnavar.

The well-known Yakshagana artiste Keremane Shivananda Hedge hosts an annual cultural festival which is called Kere-mane Shambhu Hedge Rastriya Natyotsava. It takes place in Hedge's campus for Yakshagana in the village of Gunavante, some 10 kms outside Honnavar town.

In the open-air stage and auditorium, flanked by coconut and other plantations, over five evenings, artistes from across the country perform here to a fairly large audience. Though people of this area are exposed to Yakshagana, Hindustani music and Karnataka folk arts, the festival provides the stage to other art forms like Chau and Odissi, Kathak and Kuchipudi.

During the day, Hedge arranges lectures and short recitals in an indoor hall for school students of this region. And there is time for guests to interact with the visiting artistes.

It was at one recent Natyotsava in Gunavante that I witnessed a wonderful malkhamb performance presented by some two dozen children, some in their early teens. These children belonged to a cultural organization based in north-east Karnataka which has been training children in a variety of performing arts, mostly of this region.

As the curator of the annual 'Mylapore Festival' I am always looking out for opportunities to witness cultural performances in the region, to get a first-hand experience and explore ways in which we can invite some of these wonderful artistes to the festival in Mylapore.

We have hosted the Yakshagana troupe led by guru Shivananda Hegde - the team travelled all the way from Honnavar to perform on the main stage in Sannidhi Street quadrangle. Hegde's team is familiar with Chennai and in recent months, has performed at Kalakshetra and at The Music Academy.

This year, I hope to travel to the campus of the malkhamb artistes in north Karnataka and get a first-hand experience of their training and skills.

One of the highly-appreciated main stage performances of the recent Mylapore Festival was a malkhamb demonstration. We located this enthusiastic community in the ICF neighbourhood of Chennai - The Tamizhan Mallakhamb Sports Academy. On the sidelines of the festival, a young girl of this team told me how she put in hours and hours of practice to perfect the art of malkhamb and how she thoroughly enjoyed performing in the open like the quadrangle of Sannidhi Street in Mylapore.

Thanks to the support and encouragement of Sundaram Finance, our committed sponsor we have been able to invite a few well-known performing artistes from across Tamil Nadu and beyond. And thanks to the efforts of our many collaborators, we have been able to create these performance spaces in the middle of the busy and chaotic precincts of Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple in Mylapore.

This year, the Ramkumars of Pelathope offered us their vintage bungalow to host a concert and two talks. We have now identified a small space in the Chitrakulam zone which could be just the space to hold a series of traditional puppetry shows at night. Prof. Gopalan Ravindran of the Madras University's department of journalism and communication has suggested we host Raju's small team of leather puppeteers which is based in the Tirunelveli region and is sustaining an art that was first patronised by the Thanjavur kings.

There is something unique about a street cultural festival held in the heart of a metropolitan city like Chennai. In many ways, the Mylapore neighbourhood is just the space for it.

CIVIC MESS ON NORTH MADA STREET

Men drink at night, waste accumulates and some people treat pavement as washroom

By Our Staff Reporter

A section of the dark side of North Mada Street in Mylapore is treated as an open air bar, a place where men open liquor bottles, enjoy a drink and snacks and then dump the bottles and the food waste on the pavement side.



This anti-social activity goes on along the pavement from the Giri Convention Centre and Andhra Bank end to the S. M. Silks store end. Since many cars are

parked here through the night, the vehicles offer some sort of screen for the tipplers to enjoy their drinks at night. And these men include vagabonds.

On any given day, scores of liquor bottles are seen dumped on the pavement side. And it is clear that civic workers do not bother to clean this section of the busy street.

People also use the place to urinate in the open. And so, the uncleared food waste and stale urine pollutes the entire area.

People here say that no effort is made either by Mylapore police or by local Chennai Corporation officials to address this sore civic issue. "Can you imagine an area of a well-known temple zone being used to consume liquor openly and create an unpleasant atmosphere?", asked a senior resident on this street who wished to remain anonymous.

Recently, a few people have made this street their home.

They are seen washing clothes and vessels and letting the dirt water stagnate on the street side. This too pollutes the street-side.

Play on legal luminary Nani Palkhiwala: this weekend at MFAC

Nani A. Palkhiwala was a legal luminary, a leading critic of Indira Gandhi's Emergency and a hugely respected public speaker and an expert on taxation. And Chennai was one of his favourite pit stops.

On the occasion of his birth centenary, the well-known theatre group, Dummies Drama is paying its own tribute to this personality by presenting a docu-drama on his life and his work.

Said the founder of this theatre group, Sreevathson, "Nani Palkhiwala impacted



on the lives of lakhs of people through his multitude activities and contributions in this country but many people of this generation may not know him well so we decided to dramatise the highlights of his life."

Sreevathson says he was personally impacted by Palkhiwala's speeches and writings and this play is his personal tribute to the great personality. Titled 'Dharaniyin Perumai', this unique play

in Thamizh is being staged at Mylapore Fine Arts Club (MFAC) auditorium from January 16 to 19, 7 p.m. daily. It is open to all.

Transgender and LGBTQ artistes, writers and poets to feature at this weekend festival in Luz



The month-long Chennai Kalai Theru Vizha will open this year's edition with a Trans-Festival co-organised with volunteer organisations Nirangal and Kattiyakkari and the events are to be held in Luz.

Titled Thirunar Vizha (A Rainbow Festival), the two-day event is to be held at Raga Sudha Hall on Luz Avenue (alongside Nageswara Rao Park) on January 18 and 19 evening.

This part of the festival will feature performing arts, literature and poetry by transgender and LGBTQ artistes, writers and poets.

Carnatic music vocalist and social activist T. M. Krishna, a key motivator of this Vizha says, "The Rainbow Festival brings to Mylapore the talent of a community that has fought a long, and often lonely fight, for recognition and dignity. Eminent artistes like Kalki, Bharatanatyam dancer Narthaki Nataraj (seen in the photo here) and Revathi will perform alongside less well-known but equally talented artists from north Chennai."

A string of events are planned for each evening and then follows a panel discussion. The events are open to all.

SAINT LAZARUS FEAST FROM JAN. 16

By Our Staff Reporter

The annual feast of saint Lazarus will be held at Our Lady of Guidance Church (commonly known as St. Lazarus Church) in R. A. Puram from Jan. 16 to 26. The festival will begin with flag hoisting at the church on Jan. 16 at 6.15 p.m.

On Jan.25, after the solemn High Mass in the evening, nine beautifully-decorated cars holding the statues of saints including that of saint Lazarus will be taken out in procession around the church neighbourhood. Novena and Masses will be said on all days of the feast.

The festival will end on Jan.26 with lowering of the flag.



Thyagaraja aradhana

About one hundred Carnatic musicians, artistes and rasikas gathered at the Sri Thyagaraja Vidwat Samajam hall in Mylapore on Wednesday morning to celebrate the annual Thyagaraja aradhana, a day when Carnatic music artistes remember one of the greatest music composers – Thyagaraja – on the day he attained samadhi.

Vocalists, instrumentalists, percussionists and rasikas sat in rows inside this hall which is located near Sri Madhava Perumal Temple in Mylapore and sang what are



called the pancharatna kritis of Thyagaraja, in the manner artistes pay a musical tribute at the composer's samadhi in Thiruvaiyaru, near Thanjavur. This aradhana in Mylapore began less than an hour after the aradhana ended at Thiruvaiyaru. Many artistes who could not make it to Thiruvaiyaru chose to take part in the Mylapore

event. Elsewhere, at a house on Mathala Narayanan Street, Mylapore Carnatic music guru Rukmini Ramani and senior vocalists Yogam Santhanam and Rajam led a small group in the singing of Thyagaraja's pancharathna kritis. This is a longstanding tradition followed at this place.

WORK TO LAY SUBMARINE INTERNET CABLE TO CONNECT ANDAMANS BEGINS ON THE MARINA

The challenging task of laying the undersea optical submarine cable connecting Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Chennai to provide high-speed internet connectivity to the islands has begun on the Marina. It is being carried out by an arm of BSNL and a base station has been set up in the sands off the Marina Loop Road.

A few days ago, a ship started laying cable undersea. Earth excavators were seen digging the sandy area on the Marina seafront to

facilitate the process.

Said a BSNL official who was at the site, "It will take at least 20 days to complete laying the optical fiber cable along a stretch of 1450 km."

Once the cable is laid undersea and trials are complete, BSNL plans to transmit 6.4 terabytes/sec optical waves through the cable.

The transmitting (landing) station for this facility is under construction on R. K. Mutt Road, opposite Rani Meyyammai Girls' School.

Old Bedeans annual meet on January 26 on school campus

The Old Bedeans Association, a body which represents the alumni of St. Bede's Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School, San Thome has said that its annual meet-up that is to take place on January 26 on the school campus.

Secretary Deepak Raj says in a note that only registered members can part in the AGM of the association to take place first that day and in the events to follow – fellowship, meeting and lunch, all to be held on campus.

A counter will be functioning on campus for non-members to sign up – Rs.100 as annual fee and Rs.1,000 for life membership. Plus, Rs.150 will have to be paid by all attendees to fund the meeting and lunch.

Deepak requests Old Bedeans who intend to attend the January 26 AGM and lunch to mail to -deepak007raj@gmail.com or to stafford.mantel@gmail.com



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P. S. School decorated with 'Spirit of Mylapore' award

By Our Staff Reporter

P. S. Higher Secondary School in Mylapore was decorated with the 'Spirit of Mylapore' award by Sundaram Finance at the annual Mylapore Festival held last week.

The award was presented on Sunday evening (January 12) on the main performance stage of the festival in Sannithi Street quadrangle.

K. V. S. Gopalakrishnan, secretary of the school management and R. Kala, headmistress of the school received a citation and a cash award from T. T. Srinivasaraghavan, MD of Sundaram Finance.

S. Sivakumar, vice-president, Sundaram Finance anchored the event.

The school, founded in 1905 by the charity set up by a distinguished personality of his time, Pennathur Subramania

Iyer was the go-to school since the early 1900s and its long list of well-known alumni include sportspeople, administrators and leading personalities in music, theatre and public life.

The school began functioning by renting spaces on the mada streets of Mylapore and on R. K. Mutt Road before moving to its own premises on R. K. Mutt Road.

The annual 'Spirit of Mylapore' recognises people / institutions in Mylapore who/ which have made unique, signal contributions to the community.

The first recipient was late Alwar, the street-side bookseller in Luz who, for decades catered to legions of students and book-lovers.

This award is presented during the annual Sundaram Finance MYLAPORE FESTIVAL.

NATYA FESTIVAL

Kala Pradarshini dance school, which is run by guru Parvathi Ravi Ghantasala, will be conducting their annual natya festival from Jan. 18 to 21 at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore. The event will be inaugurated on Jan. 18 at 5.30 p.m. The fest will feature noted artistes including M. S. Hariharan and Pramila Hariharan, Sharanya Chandran, daughter and disciple of Bharatanatyam dancer Geeta Chandran, and Dr. Anitha Rathnam. On the last day, saint Thyagaraja Pancharatna krithis will be presented in dance form by several dancers including Gopika Varma, Srikala Bharath and Padmalakshmi Suresh. 4.15 p.m. onwards. Ph: 9840157090.

ADMISSIONS OPEN: AT LOCAL MUSIC SCHOOL

Admissions are open at Shruthilaya School of Music and Arts for keyboard (western and Indian), vocal, veena, violin, guitar, Tanjore painting and more. Classes will commence on Jan. 18. At 65, Venkatakrishna Iyer Road, Mandaveli.

For details contact 9841700157.

FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA SITHARAMAN TO RELEASE BOOK ON JAN. 19

Union minister of finance and corporate affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, will release a book 'Palkhivala memorial lectures - 2003-2019: selected speeches' to mark Palkhivala Foundation's Nani Palkhivala centenary celebrations on Jan. 19 at P. S. School, Mylapore. She will also talk on 'Road Map to US\$ 5 trillion economy'. The event will be streamed live.

For details - Palkhivalafoundation2002@gmail.com.

CRASH COURSE FOR STUDENTS

Ten Square Academy is offering a crash course for class X and XII CBSE students to help them with their Board exams. It will include a test series and tips on how to overcome exam fear. At Mylapore. For details call 9486194660.

COMPETITIONS FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Club Society is organising competitions for children from classes LKG to IX on Jan. 25 and 26 and Feb. 1 and 2. They can participate in story telling, drama and folk music, poetry recitation, art, vocal and instrumental and several other competitions.

For entry forms and other details contact at 213, Venkatachalam Street, Mylapore.

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