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# ART SHOW, SALES AT HOTEL SAVERA. WORKS OF NEURO-DIVERSE PEOPLE

Hotel Savera is hosting what it calls 'an inclusive art exhibition' on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD).

This exhibition is held in partnership with A Brush With Art (ABWA), an art programme for the neuro-diverse people.

The Piano restaurant at this hotel showcases 17 works of young artists curated by ABWA.

The hotel says that by hosting this exhibition, the partners aim to create awareness through the artful expression of these talented young artists. The exhibition will be on view from April 3 to 13. The hotel on Dr. Radhakrishnan Road, Mylapore invites guests to dine at The Piano and take a look at the works of art which are also on sale

#### SREE RAMA NAVAMI HARIKATHA. APRIL 6



Sree Rama Navami special programme at Arkay Centre, Luz. On Sunday, April 6, 6.15pm

Harikatha concert on 'Seetha Kalyanam' theme by Varsha Bhuvaneswari with Mannargudi Shankarraman on the harmonium and Jaidev Haridoss on mridangam.

Open to all.

#### **CHENNAI FARMERS MARKET SALE. APRIL 5**

Chennai Farmers Market Edition 6 is a sale which offers shoppers fresh produce and artisanal treasures - organic



vegetables and fruits, home-made pickles, vegan products, breads and condiments, eco friendly clothing, food and food products. Open to all, day-long. On April 5, 11 am to 8 pm.

Venue - Hanu Reddy Residences - Poes Garden. Contact Gita - 9884692997

#### **READING IN THE PARK. ON SUNDAY.**

The Silent Reading Group of Mylapore is meeting Sunday, April 6 at Nageswara Rao Park. Luz ( rear side), 4 to 5 p.m. People can bring their favourite book and join others to sit around and read, and then catch up. There will be a few fun acts for kids. Books are also provided at the spot. Free and open to all. Refreshments served. Contact 9840223902

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#### **MEET FOR SENIORS**

Tehneer Arangam of Dignity Foundation is hosting its weekly meet for senior citizens on April 10, 11 am, for an hour in Alwarpet.

The theme for the meet; Story-telling and Fun Games. The event is open to all seniors (men and women) of Mylapore. The venue -Srinivasa Gandhi Nilayam, No.332, Ambujammal Street, TTK Road, Alwarpet (street off the Teynampet Post Office junction) For free registration, contact - 7550207456, 9962526608

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Bharatanatyam dancer and teacher Revathi Ramachandran of Abiramapuram was decorated with the 'Natya Kalasarathy' award by Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha at the finale of the sabha's annual dance festival held on March 31 evening at Narada Gana Sabha, Alwarpet. Padma Subramanyam, well-known dancer and guru presented the award. Present at the event were Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti who heads this sabha besides other senior dancers.

### Sri Rama Navami at Nandalala Centre. April 5 to 7

Sri Nandalala Religious Trust is celebrating Sri Rama Navami with religious and cultural programmes from April 5 to 7, at the Nandalala Cultural Centre, 2 & 4, Dr Ranga Road.

Key programmes are listed here. April 5 / 5.30 p.m. : Special alankaram of utsavar, karya siddhi anjaneyar.

6.30 p.m. onwards - Pravachanam "Sri Rama Nama Prabhaavam" by Nirmala Mohan

April 6 / 8 am onwards -Special thirumanjanam 9.30 a.m. onwards - Kalyana utsavam (Sita Rama Kalyanam)

5.30 p.m. onwards - Special alankaram of Utsavar, karya siddhi anjaneyar

6.30 p.m. onwards - Veena recital by N. C. Nagalakshmi

April 7 / 6.30 p.m. onwards - Group chanting and Paarayanam by Nandajis -Sri Sankshepa Ramayanam & Sri Raghuveera Ghathyam

Contacts: Rajasekaran - 9444247481 / B. Ramana Kumar - 9841113024.

### Free medicare camp at San Thome church

CSI St. Thomas Tamil Church in San Thome is organising a free medicare and blood donation camp in its premises on Sunday, April 6 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Doctors who are members of the parish will be consulting at this camp held during the Lenten season. There will be eye specialists, dentists, gynaecologists, orthopedists and general practitioners. Those who wish to donate blood are welcome to do so.

Dr. Balasingh Hillary, a

general surgeon of the parish is the key man behind this camp organised by the church pastor Rev. B. Devaprasad and the pastorate committee. The camp is open to all.

- By Juliana Sridhar

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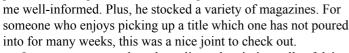
#### By VINCENT D' SOUZA

The past week, I stopped at two old haunts in my neighbour-hood. The kind I used to frequent once a week, or in a fortnight, for many years in the past.

The first was this outlet for the sale of newspapers, magazines, pocket fiction books and calendars. It was not a shop.

The promoter had slapped display boards onto the wall of a shopping and office complex in Besant Nagar and stretched some sun-shades across the pavement.

The man was friendly and informed. Since he managed the circulation of a large number of English and Tamil dailies at that time, his feedback on readers preferences, responses and habits kept



I was yet to succumb to the online subscription calls of dailies and magazines and shopping here for my staple needs and chatting with the shop-keeper and the rest who came by, was a useful exercise.

The second place that I revisited after quite some time was a shop that is fairly well-known in Adyar - Besant Nagar. Srividya Coffee; it duplicates a Mylapore hole-in-the-wall store that offers coffee powder, podis, vathals, murukku and mixtures and home-made sweets.

My shopping list here was always limited but I enjoyed the experience of not only observing life around but also chatting with some seniors who had tall tales of the neighbourhood to share with me while their partners kept an eye on the coffee beans that were being roasted.

Both places are not the same today. The magazines shack looks jaded; limited magazines and newspapers and limited newspapers to circulate every morning. Srividya has shifted though not far from the place where it was located for over three decades. But the new joint is small though the stocks look fine and the old staff are very warm.

Neighbourhood stores have a way of becoming part of our lives. Especially the ones where the owners or staff are warm and service-minded and where the stuff is good and true.

However, in an age where we choose to rely on online services, we do not realise we are skipping the small joys of life.

The positive side to all this is how small stores have evolved and even challenge the 'delivery in 5-minutes' providers. These stores deserve our support and our business.

# LETTERS FROM READERS

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## Thiruvengadam Street is in bad state, dusty

Due to the ongoing Chennai Metro work, Thiruvengadam Street is now being used as an arterial link road, allowing MTC buses and heavy vehicles also to ply on it. When residents had barely got used to heavy traffic, the road was dug up to lay pipes. With a rough cover up, it was just left at that. The place is constantly enveloped in dust and this has been the state for nearly a month. GCC / Chennai Metro must address our issues now.

- Rekha Suresh Kumar

#### Clock in GCC park is 'dead'

The public clock in Chennai Corporation Park on Lazarus Church Road in R. A. Puram zone has stopped working. It has been 'dead' for some months now. We request GCC's parks department staff to address this issue.

- R. S. Kalyani

#### Attention Metrowater: supply is less nowadays

Since Saturday (March 29), water supply on D'Silva Road has been affected. There was no water supply for three days. Post that, water supply has resumed, but the quantity is only 40% of the usual daily volume that was received till Friday March 28. Can Metrowater resume normal water supply quantity?

- K. Ramaswamy

# Mylapore Rewind: delightful reading

The 'Mylapore Rewind' column in *Mylapore Times* makes fascinating reading. Imagine the stark changes in Mylapore in less than 30 years. Appreciate this documentation. Wonder what the reactions of the 2025 events will be in, say 10 years!

- Srilakshmi R.

#### Nageswara Rao Park: Feeding animals here must be stopped

Nageswara Rao Park seems to have become a favourite spot for dogs and cats. The place has become unhygienic and walkers face the risk of stray dog bites. There is a vendor on a platform nearby who feeds the animals and so, they stick on to this place. Arrangements must be made to stop feeding animals there and also, a notice board must be placed saying – No feeding of Dogs and Cats here.

- Gopal R.

# MYLAPORE REWIND

This column carries excerpts from Mylapore Times, 1995 onwards. This week, we focus on August, 1995

### Luz Church to celebrate 479th annual fest (August 12 – 18, 1995)

Our Lady of Light Church, or Luz Church as it is locally called, is celebrating its 479th annual church festival from August 1 to 15. Said to have been built in the 16th century, the church community traces the feast to that age. The first day's events include Holy Communion and Holy Mass in Tamil where the main celebrant is Archbishop Rev. Arul Das James. There will be a special Holy

Mass on the second day. On the third day, the car festival will begin at the church and go up to Luz Corner and return to the church campus.

Indoor stadium in San Thome school ready (August 12 – 18, 1995)

#### By R. Maheswari

The Rs.1.28 crore Montfort Indoor Stadium located inside San Thome Hr. Sec School campus is now ready for the South Asian Federation Games. One of the four venues for the Games to be hosted in December this year, the stadium can house 4000 people for a cultural event and 2,500 for a sports event. The playing area is 10,400 sq. ft.

After the Games, the stadium will be let out for hosting cultural festivals and sports events but not for social gatherings, said Brother George, the school's principal.

Vidya Mandir founder-member passes away (August 5 – 11, 1995)

#### By R. Maheswari

Padmini Chari, a founder member of Vidya Mandir passed away on July 29. She was an

active member of the Mylapore Ladies Club. In fact, the idea of a school for boys in Mylapore was born during one of the cards sessions at the club.

The school was started at the Club's building. It now houses the primary section. Padmini was married at the age of 12 to Thiruvenkatachari. Her daughter Seetha Narasimhan is a Fellow of Cambridge University and her son T. Krishnan was a radio astronomer and former director of the Madras Institute of Technology.

### First Gen Grad gets into civil services (August 5 - 11, 1995)

Mylaporean D. Amutha Devi secured the 226th rank in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) civil services exam. Amutha is a resident of Karaneeswarar Koil Street and a first generation graduate in her family.

She passed out of St. Raphael's School, San Thome before enrolling for a law course at the Law College, Madras. Inspired to join the civil services during her fourth year in graduate study, Amutha cleared the exam in her first attempt.

### Geetha Rajashekar's new cassette released (August 5 – 11, 1995)

Kalavardhini released a new cassette by Carnatic music vocalist Geetha Rajashekar at the Music Academy mini hall. R. Subramaniam, managing director of Sterling Resorts, released the cassette and the first copy was received by V. Venkatraman, former chief secretary.

The cassette release function, held on August 4, was followed by Geetha's concert. She was accompanied by R. Hemalatha on the violin and J. Vaidyanathan on the mridangam.

• This column is curated by Kanaka Cadambi.



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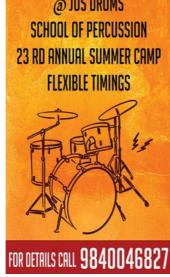
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On Sunday, March 30, hundreds of men, women and teens carried milk pots in a procession from Sri Kapali Temple to Sri Kolavizhi Amman Temple, for the annual milk abishekam of the amman. 1008 pots of milk were offered.

### Emotional finale to marathon discourse series by Dr. B. Sundar Kumar

By Rajagopalan Venkatraman

A festive atmosphere pervaded the Asthika Samajam in Venus Colony, Alwarpet, on the evening of March 24.

The hall was packed with people, many clad in traditional attire, gathered here to witness the culmination of a remarkable 104-day spiritual journey – the Sampoorna Srimad

Valmiki Ramayanam pravachanam by Brahmashri Dr. B. Sundar Kumar.

People were in complete attention as Sundar Kumar concluded his discourse in a choked voice – he seemed emotional as were some people who were seated before him.

Vedic pundits felicitated him with Vedic prayers, shawls, and prasadam from the Kanchi Mutt. An elderly woman, who had attend-

ed every session of the pravachanam, was also honoured on stage.

The event concluded on a warm note, with each family in the audience receiving a complimentary copy of 'Sundara Kandam', written by Sengalipuram Brahmashri Anantarama Dikshitar.

This sacred text, containing Sanskrit verses with detailed explanations in Tamil, serves as a reminder for the attendees here to continue their spiritual journey with Srimad Ramayanam in the comfort of their homes.

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 Space Galaxy's camp is at CK Wonder Kidz has many activities to offer - problem solving, Zumba, slokas, art and craft. At 9/6, Karpagam Avenue First Street. Ph: 42124100. 9840830540.

- Summer camp at The Nest Play Home, CIT Colony, Mylapore is on from April 7 to April 18. The camp will include music, dance, art and craft. Ph: 9176092272
- Baala Vidhya is conducting a storytelling workshop on Nandikeshvara - with dance, music and art at R. A. Puram on April 20.
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- Penumbra and Thejomaya offer children between 5 and 13 years (May 4 to 8) in R A Puram shadow puppet play training and storytelling sessions.

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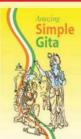
# Free upanayanam for deserving youths

For some decades, Ramakrishna Mission Students' Home, Mylapore has been organising free upanayanam for deserving, economically disadvantaged boys. This event is conducted annually on Akshaya Tritiya day. This year, the Upanayanam will take place on Wednesday, April 30.

People are invited to refer to boys who wish to take part. Age limit: Up to 17 years. Last date for registration: April 10.

The upanayanam will be conducted at Ramakrishna Mission Students' Home, No. 66, P. S. Sivaswamy Salai, Mylapore. For further details and registration, contact - . J. Gopalakrishnan / 9962882523 or V. Shankar / 7010623700

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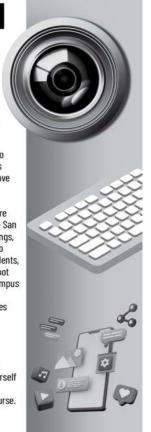
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- ALWARPET, deluxe flat, 3BHK, 2nd floor, 3BHK, 1800sqft, UDS 1100 sqft, 2CCP, power backup, 3.10cr. Ph: 9003517224
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- R.A.PURAM, posh area, sea view apartment, 1200 sqft, 2 BHK, 2.05 crore, balcony, pooja, service area, gated community, gym, swimming, play area, near Chettinad Vidyashram School. Ph: 7010257539
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- MYLAPORE, Madhavaperumal Koil Street, 1st floor, 3 bedroom, 1250 sq.ft., car park, Rate 12000 per sq.ft., negotiable. Ph: 9940415778
- THIRUVANMIYUR, Thiruvalluvar Nagar near Valmiki Nagar, land area 892 sq.ft., ( 17x52.5) with old house, 24 feet road, south facing, Rate 1.40 crores, negotiable. Contact: 9500049167

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- FLAT for sale Mylapore, Bheemasena Garden, 1220 sq.ft., UDS 625, 7yrs old, lift, cover car park, Rate 1.80 crore. Ph: 9884064769
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- MYLAPORE, good location, 3 bedroom, 1400 sq.ft., 1st floor, lift, 2 bath, wood works, 1 covered car parking, Rate 2.50 crore. Ph: Mukesh Realtors 8939519299
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- MYLAPORE, passage 3.50 feet, individual house land, 2100 sq.ft., building G+1 monthly income, Rate 1.25 lakhs, 2.90 crore. Ph: 99622 30984

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- MYLAPORE, Mandaveli, Norton Street, RA Puram, Triplicane, MRC Nagar, Royapettah, individual, 500 sq.ft., to 3 grounds, passage property 300 sq.ft., to 1 ground, best rate. Ph: 8148903697 / 9551729534.
- ALWARPET, Eldams Road, 1607 sq.ft., 3rd floor, 3 bedrooms, 500 sq. ft., independent, separate open terrace apartments, UDS 875 sq.ft., lift, car parking, 1.80 crores, fetching, Rent 60000. Ph: S. John 9444360000 / 9710360000
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- HOUSE, sale 15 years old, G+2, Adyar, Blue Cross, 600 sq.ft., Rate 1.25 crore, Mylapore, Balakrishna Road, flat, 422 sq.ft., UDS 317, 40L Ph: 9840994567
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   CCP, 70K. Alwarpet, 2400 sqft, 3BHK, 4bath,
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- 3BHK flat only for vegetarians Ranga Road Mylapore - North facing, 2nd floor, lift , power backup; Rent 50000/- Maintenance 5500/-. Contact: 9884240340
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- MYLAPORE, 2 BHK, lift, covered car parking, veg, 750 sq.ft., Rs. 26K. Ph: Agent 9884748295
- R A PURAM near, Sangeetha Hotel, 2nd floor, 2 BHK, 750 sq.ft., no lift, veg only, 19k. Ph: 9790283414
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- C P RAMASWAMY Road, 3 BHK, 2 bathroom, 56K, 3 BHK, fully furnished flat, lift, car park, only veg, Rs. 60K. Ph: 9884137904
- ADYAR, Gandhinagar, commercial face for rent, 900 sq.ft., second floor, hall type, lift, open car parking, Rs. 45000. Ph: Agent Barani 9500140267
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# **PANGUNI FESTIVAL**

Community celebration.

That is what the annual Panguni festival of Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple, Mylapore which began this past week, is all about.

Young men carrying the lord on the vahanams, others providing sacred music, men and women making offerings and singing in devotion in the processions down the mada veedhis (teachers of Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School did so on Friday morning, as is their annual practice) and many others heading to the temple for close-to midnight rituals even on busy weekdays.

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S. Chakaravarthy Nadar had touched the lives of many with his coffee brand



based in the heart of Mylapore – Geetha Coffee. He passed away on March 21 at the age of 70.

Tributes are pouring in from all sides, said his son S. Karthik, who works in the IT sec-

tor. Karthik's brother, S. Seenu Chander runs a stationery shop in Mylapore.

Geetha Coffee was started in 1984 by Chakaravarthy after he gained immense experience in the field by working in Sundaram Coffee for 14 years.

"My father used to source coffee beans through dealers in Mysore.

For him, quality and customer satisfaction were more important than profit," adds Karthik.

Hailing from Kadambur in Tuticorin district in Tamil Nadu, Chakaravarthy made Geetha Coffee a household name. Often at the shop on Sundareswarar Street, there would be customers who would wait to pack two and three packs of coffee powder; to be carted either to some point outside Mylapore or outside the city.

"He was a people's person. His warm outlook won him many customers. He helped people both as an individual and as the senior leader of Chennai vazh Kadambur Hindu Nadar uravin murai Paripalanam," said Karthik.

Chakaravarthy has two brothers – one lives in Sivakasi and other runs the Geetha Coffee store in Mandaveli.

"My father set up the Mandaveli store of Geetha Coffee for his brother in 1987," reveals Karthik.

Chakaravarthy's sons – Karthik and Seenu Chander – and their wives will run Geetha Coffee, located on Mylapore's Sundareswarar Street, henceforth. "We intend to work together and continue to give customers the best of coffee varieties and in the way they enjoy it," said Karthik.

Chakaravarthy resided at Veera Perumal Koil Street, Mylapore.

**Dr. Vilanoor Srinivasan**, who was the head of the department of chemistry,



R.K.M. Vivekananda College, Mylapore, and was affectionately known as Dr. V.S.S., passed away a fortnight ago at his son's residence in the USA.

He did his postgraduate studies

in chemistry and completed his doctoral studies at Vivekananda. He then started teaching at his alma mater where he served the institution with distinction, for over three decades, rising up to the level of the Head of the department.

Said his classmate R. Ramachandran (M. Sc. batch of 1972), who shared details on the professor, "He was very devoted to

the ideals of swami Vivekananda and this showed in his passion and commitment at the college."

Dr. Srinivasan guided a number of students in their research studies.

"The chemistry department of Vivekananda College has produced outstanding scholars who are known around the world and Dr. Srinivasan was one of the wonderful mentors," said Ramachandran. "He was specially known for his passion for teaching organic chemistry and in particular, reaction mechanisms."

The professor not only devoted time to the study of chemistry but also supported campus activities during his tenure at the college.

The professor's family can be reached by email - sksvss@gmail.com.

**A. Thomas Jayaraj** passed away on March 18. He was 98 years old.



Thomas was well-known in his neighbourhood (San Thome / Mandavelipakkam) and in educational institutes for his immense skills in electrical and electronic gadgets; he

not only indulged himself in his passion at home but also lent a hand to institutes that respected his skills.

Thomas studied at The Kellet School in Triplicane (now in its 126th year) and went on to join the Posts & Telegraph department where he was attached to the Railway Mail Service (RMS), its office adjoining the Central Railway Station campus where he remained for decades, putting in over 35 years of service.

"Dad used to love cycling and he cycled from home to work and back all the years," said his daughter Sherene John.

He made time to indulge in his passion in micro electronics, creating small gadgets and repairing clocks, watches, radios and audio speakers that were brought to him by neighbours and friends.

He helped create micro hearing aids for students at CSI School for the Deaf in San Thome and supported the work on accessories and equipment at the Clarke School for the Deaf in Mylapore.

Sherene said that he even created micro lapel mikes that pastors could use at church services

The family resided on 8th Trust Cross Street in Mandavelipakkam and attended the CSI St Thomas English Church and the CSI St Thomas Tamil Church in San Thome.

Post-retirement, he would spend some evening hours helping his daughter who ran a snacks kiosk off the Marina ( she went on to own and manage a restaurant chain).

He spent the last years at Sherene's residence off Greenways Road, R. A. Puram. He is survived by his wife Victoria, two daughters, Patricia Thomas and Sherene John and one son, Daniel Alex. Contact Sherene - 9884020157.

# New space for concerts, recordings. On Luz Church Road

By Our Edit Team

MDnD, a Mylapore-based company which has been promoting cultural events by recording them and putting them out online, selling box office tickets for special concerts and for the December Season kutcheris at sabhas and engaging in unique cultural activities, is to launch its own performance space soon.

The space is at 149/1, Luz Church Road. The launch event is on April 6, 9.30 a.m. onwards. MDnD promoter K. Krishnan says that this is a 40-seater space that can be used for intimate mikeless performances and for music and dance and theatre practice sessions at nominal cost. Artistes will also be able to use this space for recording their shows. Also, Krishnan says that MDnD's curated events like Raga Bank will be hosted here.





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