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This show was the culmination of the first Crafts Workshop organised by the *Mylapore Times Charitable Trust* (MTCT) in this area. Kolavizhi Vaidhiyanathan, a Mylaporean and a Fevicryl certified professional, handled the evening classes held at a prayer hall a local pastor was happy to share for this activity. Social worker and local area resident Kavitha Benni co-ordinated the camp in which 20 girls and boys participated during all four weekends. Kavitha says she has asked the children to practise the crafts and explore ways to even sell them locally. MTCT intends to run another Crafts Workshop here for the community, after a short break, at the same place, for a new set of children. This Trust is funded by *Mylapore Times* and by well-wishers of Mylapore via donations.



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shop owner Kumar recently passed away; Shanthi is his relative. She can be reached on phone. She stays put at her pavement side post - selling betel leaves all through the day, sitting under an umbrella if the sun hurts, near the gate of S&S Apartments.

- Report by V. Soundararani

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● Starts 7 a.m.

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# Srimad Bhagavatham in Tamil. Bhavan publication. Costs Rs.400

By Sowmya Raju

The Tamil translation of the book, Srimad Bhagavatham, first published in English by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, was released last week.

The book release function was held at the Bhavan's auditorium, Mylapore, on July 29 evening. Attended by about 100 people, it was moderated by K. N. Ramaswamy, head of Bhavan Kendra, Chennai. Scholar and speaker Dr. Sudha Seshayyan was the chief guest. N. Ravi, the chairman of the Chennai Bhavan Kendra was also present. The Tamil translation has been done by Coimbatore based Mythili Swaminathan. The English version, written by Kamala Subramaniam, is into the 17th edition now, says Ramaswamy.

Dr. Sudha Seshayyan, in her speech, said,



"Bhagavatham stories are very simple, but their grammar and poetry are very difficult to understand. Translator Mythili Swaminathan has easily dealt with this issue in translating this maha kaviyam."

The Tamil book is priced at Rs.400 and is on sale at the Bhavan's stall on campus. Priced at Rs.700, the English version is also on sale at the stall.

- Sowmya Raju interns at Mylapore Times

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## VINCENT's JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

As far as I can remember, my first contributed news report to a mainline newspaper was out in four lines of cold print. The College Day event at Loyola published in *The Mail*, my favourite evening newspaper.

Kumaraswamy, its senior editor was teaching us the basics of journalism as a special credit course. I pushed my luck and there it was, but I did not get a byline and I didn't expect one for that small piece.

Last week, Juliana Sridhar mailed a curtain-raiser on the annual feast of Mother Mary at her local church in R. A. Puram. And she told me that she had completed three years of reporting 'church events' for *Mylapore Times*. Contributors like Juliana make a neighbourhood newspaper.

When she started out with us, Juliana reeled off a few lines on every event in her church. I didn't mind. Our Lady of Guidance Church has a great heritage, serves over 1000 families and has been a very vibrant community.

I coaxed Juliana to see beyond annual feasts and special Masses. Look at what many wings of the laity were doing - of the Prison ministry unit at the Puzhal jail in Puzhal. Of the unit of St. Vincent de Paul reach-out to lonely seniors. I couldn't push her too much - she had her limitations. As would any contributor.

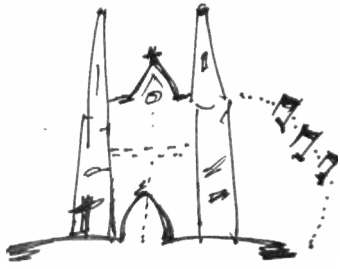
But Eds like me don't give up. I have assigned Juliana a feature on Deacon Satish who is serving at her church currently and will soon be ordained a priest.

A local newspaper welcomes contributors who can report on their backyard. We have some steady ones - Jambunathan, K L Balasubramanian, Fabiola Jacob, to name a few. And there are community activists like Baskar Seshadri and C. R. Balaji who share news and pictures all the time.

It is one thing to mail to a newspaper when you are the host of your association's annual day or the HM of the school who wishes to get the Sports Day reported. But a newspaper needs citizens who focus on human interest, civic issues and current news. And people who have the newspaper in mind.

It calls for some hand-holding with citizen reporters who make the first move. We do engage, especially when the story is a good one. Often, we scan the social media pages for leads. And so, when A. S. Diwakar posted a note and pictures on a literary group focussed on Tamil writers and their works, being the finale of this project, we picked it up, worked on it and published a feature last week.

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### 'Locked' gym at Nageswara Rao Park

Photo: Sowmya Raju

● The outdoor gym in Nageswara Rao Park has been closed the past few days. As a regular user of the space, we would like to know the reason for it.

- Aparajitha

● Charge a membership fee for gym users: this is the best place because an open gym is useful to all and people above 18 years should be allowed.

- Lalitha Hariharan

● For decades this park was full of people, children playing on the swings, badminton, football, dance classes, even kutcheris. Since Covid, the place was locked and has now become a isolated. People would eat in the park and sleep in the shade, apart from the legion of walkers.

We have lost our humanity. Everything has become exclusive and gated with guards and policed spaces. There was no gym equipment in this park for the past 30 years. A park doesn't need a gym, it needs people.

- Shubeya

● A lot of people including women



were using the equipment at the gym. One solution is make it fully enclosed and charge a nominal fee. Keep it under lock and key. Open for 4 hrs - in the morning and evening.

- Ramdas Naik

● Why regulators for the gym? There are clear signboards here that children below 15 are not allowed.

- Sivaramakrishnan Subramanian

● Some children have been assaulted by vagabonds here - they do not allow kids to use the play equipment.

- C. R. Balaji

### On 'Chess' Kolam

● Gayathri's 'chess' kolam was very innovative.

- Vijaya Lakshmi

● Congratulations Gayathri. Hope in the future, rangoli competition can also be introduced and get noticed by Olympic and national sports meet hosts. This art needs creative minds.

- Gorur Ramanujam S.

● So much of creativity!!! Very nice, awesome art!

- Radha Ramachandran

### Wanted: tailoring teacher at home

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- Mohan Raman.

## MY STORY



### An immersive retreat in Madurai

By AISHWARYA SHANKAR

On the 18th and 19th of July, twenty students of Carnatic music had the opportunity to experience an immersive retreat under the guidance of vidwan R. K. Shriramkumar. Organised by Sunaadalahari, these students traveled to Madurai, where they spent two days immersed in music, culture, and divinity.

The musical wing of Indira Ranganathan Trust, Sunaadalahari, aims to preserve the classical art forms and promote the next generation of artistes. The organisation selected twenty students from several applicants for

as well as to experience the importance of the Kshetra and its deities as described in the songs composed by the legendary composers.

Besides the four workshops spread across two days, the students visited the Meenakshi Amman Temple, Kallazhagar Temple, Pazhamudhircholai Temple and the Tiruparankundram Temple, where they sang together along with vidwan Shriramkumar, which was a great experience for all.

Having rented a villa in Madurai, all the members spent the days together, sharing

the first episode of Sunaada Yatra.

This musical journey aimed to give students a holistic learning experience by getting to learn the composition of the deities of the Kshetra

the space, home-cooked meals and stories.

They not only learned significant compositions like Sri Sundararajam, the presiding deity of Kalazhagar Temple, Agaramumagi thirupugazh on Pazhamudhircholai in soul-stirring Jaganmohini and other songs, they also had the first-hand experience of visiting Nupura Gangai, as described beautifully in the composition.

The students were indeed blessed to have come across so many interesting anecdotes about the music and stalwart musicians directly from vidwan Shriramkumar. While we started out as strangers, over the course of retreat, the students became akin to a family.

● Aishwarya Shankar, Carnatic musician and research scholar heads the cultural wing Sunaadalahari under the guidance of guru Suguna Varadachari. Aishwarya loves to travel and explore different places with historical connections



# CHESS HUBS

At least four places in the Mylapore zone coached hundreds of children in this game in the past 70 years: many have gone on to excel.

The corner of South Mada Street and Ponnambala Vadyar Street in Mylapore holds loads of chess stories, city sports history.

Today, streetside vegetable and fruit hawkers and new offices wrap what remains of that legacy. A legacy you get to feel when you are at the apartment of the Ramanis on the first floor of Solar House, another Mada Street landmark.

Solar House used to be that stand-out Madras terraced house where a family which nurtured chess has lived over three generations. Today, Chandra Ramani is left with a few trophies, leftovers of past tourneys and yellowing souvenirs created for milestone tournaments that her family organised here. But she holds on to great memories of her grandfather, K. S. Subramanya Iyer - the man many



Vishwanathan Anand (below), as a sub-junior player at Tal Chess Club: chess at Children's Club (above)



Photo: chessbase.in

consider to be the Father of Chess in Madras. "Let's go to Ramani Printers". Those were words commonly used by chess enthusiasts in the 1950s. That meant, they were



Chandra Ramani indicates the place where the printing press was the hub of chess playing in the 1950s (left) Solar House (right)



currently G. K. Shanker made chess an integral part of Children's Club.

On coaching and annual tourneys, Shanker says, "At first, we used to get some 50-odd entries for our tourney and then, these jumped to over 300.

Since we couldn't find funds to match the Rs.1.5

lakh budget, we had to suspend the tourney."

Post-pandemic, Shanker is seeking a coach to resume chess coaching at this Club with a wide open space for outdoor games.

At Mylapore Club, chess coaching used to be an intense activity too. Chess tourneys were held for

some years. The chess fever spread, with another hub being Tal Chess Club started at the Russian Cultural Centre on Kasturi Ranga Road, Alwarpet. Started by India's first International Master, Manuel Aaron in 1972.

In many ways, Mylapore was also the cradle of chess.

heading to this printer's nook, behind Solar House and on Ponnambala Vadyar Street, where WIN News office is located today.

Every evening, after the presses stopped running and workers left, people would sit in the free sparse space inside to play the game. And they would have the Big Daddies guide them in their moves. Often, they got curious looks from people headed to Sri Kapali Temple.

Recalls V. Kameswaran, international chess arbiter, "While the elders used to sit between the machines, children like us sat on the thinnai at Iyer's house." That was the 1960s scene.

Once the annual chess tourneys began to roll and children competed in different age-categories, a whole generation of brilliant players emerged.

Says Kameswaram, "When Anand (Vishwanathan) broke into the top league in international chess, we would invite him to our tourneys and he was a big inspiration." The Dharmakesari Solar K. S. Subramanya Iyer chess tourney, run by the Trust carries the legacy to this day, celebrating Iyer's birth centenary in 1996.

"We ran the annual chess tourney online due to the pandemic," recalls Chandra, a PSBB teacher who is now in an honorary post." It was the first such all-India one." The next will be held in January 2023.

Two other hubs of chess coaching in Mylapore were The Children's Club, located off V. M. Street and Mylapore Club in Luz.

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## Obituary

**Dr. N. Venkatasubramanian**, aged 90, former principal of Vivekananda College, passed away in Issaquah, Washington State, USA, on July 28 at his family's residence.



He was Principal of Vivekananda College from 1973 to 1981 and Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry from 1961

to 1981.

As a senior researcher in chemistry, he guided a generation of students who went on to excel. During his tenure here, he raised the college to be a world renowned centre for studies in chemistry.

Many of his research students grew to become reputed and eminent chemists across the world under his tutelage, his family said.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, five sons and their families, and his numerous students, all of whom he always considered as his extended family.

Contact – arienraghu@gmail.com

One of Mylapore famous tailors, **Ahmed Mohideen**, more popularly known



as Erose Tailor passed away on July 23 at his residence in Madipakkam. He was 88.

Mohideen was known not only for his talent at stitching Western and Indian clothes but for executing

all the needs of the students of Rosary Matric School, San Thome, for over 50 years - requirements for day-to-day school, sports and cultural events at this campus.

As his daughter Shahina says, "He would creatively design costumes of animals and birds which were needed for the school plays on Annual days."

She adds, "Though he fell seriously ill some years ago, he got back to work once he recovered and only recently decided to retire and arranged to sell all the stock of uniforms he had with him." Ahmed started small as a tailor on Arundale Street, in the 1950s.

He then moved to Kutcheri Road. Besides school uniform orders from Rosary, he also stitched uniforms for students of other city schools.

Erose Tailor, as his unit was named became

well-known.

He was also known for his frocks and Western dresses. He later shifted to a space in the then popular Shanthi Vihar Complex in Luz, off Royapettah High Road.

Recalls daughter Shahina, "Many women film stars were his clients. He took their orders for personal clothes."

After Shanti Vihar complex had to shut down for re-development, Ahmed chose to operate from a friend's nook in a neighbouring plaza.

In recent times, parents of Rosary wards who wanted only the Erose Tailor uniforms searched for him and bought from the stocks he had; these parents were former Rosary students and Erose Tailor was their favourite.

Once the stocks were exhausted, Ahmed retired, just months before he passed away.

The family has its residence on Rosary Church Road.

● **CALL TO ROSARY ALUMNAE** - if you have photos of costumes / sportswear stitched by Erose Tailor's Ahmed in the 1980s/ 90s, do mail them to - mytimesedit@gmail.com - so we can produce a video on this tailor's grand work.

**Kamalam Srinivasan**, 91years, wife of N. Srinivasan, passed away on July 14.



She was a loving wife for over 70 years, a nurturing and caring mother of five children, three grandchildren & two great grandchildren, her family said.

Her world revolved in Mylapore and her love for Mylapore, as a resident for over

50 years (including the many visits to Sri Kapaleeswarar temple, Sanskrit College, Vidya Mandir / Vidya Bharathi, Lady Sivaswami Ayyar school, Thaniththorai vegetable market, Anjaneyar temple, Woodlands, music season concerts at Mylapore Fine Arts and watching select mythological film reruns at the old Kamadhenu theatre in Luz).

As a homemaker for 70 years, her enthusiasm for cooking south Indian vegetarian food and practising Hindu traditions religiously was intense and served people all around, her family said.

Contact shivsriini@aol.com for further information

– Inputs for this Tribute came from Shiv Srinivasan

## Annual Pavitrotsavam

By S. Prabhu

The annual Pavitrotsavam will take place between August 8 and 10 at the Madhava Perumal Temple in Thyagarajapuram. Angooraarpanam for the Utsavam will take place at 6 pm on Sunday (Aug 7).

The first kaalam yaaga salai pooja will start at 6 pm on Monday, with second kaalam

taking place at 8.30 am on Tuesday.

The final kaalam yaaga salai will start at 5 pm on Wednesday (Aug 10) with Maha Poornahathi scheduled for 7 pm that evening.

While Prabhandham members will recite Namazhwar's sacred verses during each of the five sessions, there will also be Vedic Recital alongside.

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## Dangers from Air-conditioners

Yet another case of a man charred to death in his bedroom said to be caused by a fire from the air-conditioner has been reported. What must users ensure to prevent such dangers?

Here is what local A/C service company, Iceberg Services of Mandavelipakkam says:

1. Undertake regular service - every 3 months. Ask technicians to check wiring, gas flow.
2. Put power off when A.C. not in use.
3. Don't keep UPS batteries, gas cylinders near the air-conditioners.

Here is what two Mylaporeans have suggested.

**Giridharan Kesavan says:** Clean the air filters every 2-3 months. No technician is needed for this. Outdoor unit to be cleaned once in 3-6 months, depending on usage. Ensure that there are no pigeon / squirrel nests built in.

**Geetha Mahesh says:** Get full A/c service done twice a year and lint-cleaning done every three months. Watch for anything unusual in terms of noise, smoke emanating from the indoor unit. Also check the stabiliser.

## Open-air gym at park locked, accessories damaged

By Sowmya Raju

The open-air gym in Nageswara Rao Park in Luz has been locked for some days now. Many exercise accessories are damaged or broken.

The caretaker staff at the park says that since some equipment has been vandalised or broken down, the area had to be locked up. Said the staff, who did not want to reveal his name, "The park rules state that people below the age of 15 are not supposed to enter the gym, but most children 'play' with the equipment and most parents also support their wards in breaking these rules. Misuse led to breakdowns."

We noticed that the sky-walker and the cross trainer have broken down. Also, pieces of the arm wheel, leg press and the cycle are in a bad state. In the recent rain, a tree branch fell on a piece of equipment and damaged it.

The gym was set up by the former Mylapore MLA, R. Nataraj, with support from outside. But there is nobody to regulate its use. Sundaram Finance takes care of the park and the gardening staff devote much time to the maintenance of the sprawling green space. The gym was popular with many people, with women keen to use it.

"We need physical workout these days and those who cannot afford a gym utilise this park facility. I miss it now," said Malathi, 35 a homemaker. Added Fathima, another home maker. "This open-air gym has helped us a lot with our mental as well as physical health. We hope the equipment can be set right soon."

- Sowmya Raju interns at Mylapore Times.



### KEY PROBLEMS AT THIS PARK

1. Boundary fences vandalised; gaps allow people to slip in when park is locked up.
2. Visitors steal saplings and lure the staff to work for their gardens
3. Children use facilities not meant for them. Damage occurs.
4. Violators of park rules threaten staff.

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Colour and joy marked Aadi Perukku celebrations held on August 1 at Dr. MGR-Janaki Arts and Science College for Women in R. A. Puram. Some students floated earthen lamps in the pond set up for the festivity; others tucked in *chitra annam* and home-made delicacies, and others executed pooja rituals. The ‘sandhai’ was a big draw. Students also performed traditional folk dances.

## MTCT gives scholarships of Rs.3 lakh this far. More donations needed

*Mylapore Times Charitable Trust* (MTCT) has this far funded scholarships to the tune of Rs.3,09,500. The Trust completed its fifth round of handing over funds to Mylapore zone school students to further their studies. Just now, funding for students who got admission to arts courses in colleges has begun.

This weekend, six students got funding totalling Rs.76,000.

This is being made possible by donors from Mylapore and around. Two recent

donors were - R. Srinivasan, Royapettah - Rs.10,000. V A Chandrasekaran, Mylapore - Rs.10,000

*Mylapore Times* has donated Rs.3.5 lakh for this year’s project.

More donations are needed to support students who passed the Std.12 exams and are into college. Donations get tax exemption. To donate, call manager Shanthi at 73056 30727 / 24982244 / 24671122.

Applications for scholarships are however closed now.

## QFI’s annual quiz mela. Aug.13 - 15

The Quiz Foundation of India-Chennai has announced a new edition of QFIesta, its annual festival of quizzing.

The schedule of quizzes, spread over August 13 -15 is as follows:

### August 13:

1. Venue: C P Arts Centre Auditorium, 1, Eldams Road, Alwarpet.

Remote Control: A general quiz by QFI’s NRIs:

9:30 am-2 pm

Hikimayu: The Fake Highbrow Quiz (literature + arts):

3 pm – 7:30 pm

### August 14:

1. Venue: C P Arts Centre Auditorium, 1, Eldams Road, Alwarpet.

Madras Talkie: The QFI Movie Quiz: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm (Written quiz, no finals)

2. Venue: Chinmaya Heritage Centre, Harrington Road, Chetpet

The Smartacus Senior Quiz: 2.30 pm - 8.30 pm (suitable for ages 18 and above)

### August 15:

1. Venue: CP Arts Centre Auditorium, 1, Eldams Road, Alwarpet

A Question Of Sport, 9.30 am - 2 pm

The QFI Open quiz, 3 pm -7.30 pm

Every quiz is open to teams of up to three people.

Smartacus has no registration fee. Every other quiz has a registration fee of Rs 100 per team, but the fee will be waived for school teams.

All quizzes are at CP Arts Centre in Alwarpet, except the Smartacus Senior Quiz, which is at Chinmaya Heritage Centre, in Chetpet. For more details, contact [quizfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:quizfoundation@gmail.com)

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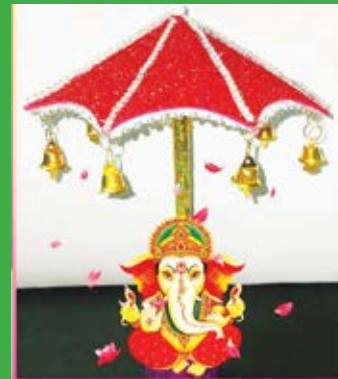
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# Season of Aadi



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The season of Aadi brings people together, especially in areas where a temple to the Amman is dedicated. And though today some celebrations are over the top, rituals stay on, getting richer, grander.

This past week, at the Sri Ellaiamman Temple in Valleswaran Thottam, R. A. Puram, which local people say came up even as the TN Habitat Board originally constructed housing blocks for them here, some youth - Prakash Nanbargal - donated around 2500 lemons to decorate the temple space that Friday. Posters told us that this was the 55th edition of the Aadi celebration.

On Sunday last, at the Nagathamman Temple on Mosque Street, close to Sri Anjaneyar Temple in Mylapore, the community joined hands to celebrate Aadi, with elaborate rituals that included offering *koozhu* to the goddess. Later, this *koozhu*, along with dry fish curry, *keerai* and *avarakkai* was shared with the people and guests.

This community is also known for designing colourful kolams / rangolis at festival time.

The most crowded holy space is always Sri Mundagakanni Amman Temple, Mylapore. It gets busy from day one of the season. One Friday, women sat outside the temple, cooked *pongal*, made offerings and then shared it or took it home. Others came by with small buckets of *koozhu* and side-dishes and shared it with the devotees.

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## Varalakshmi's 'Thambi' rangoli garners appreciation

By Our Staff Reporter

Photo: Varalakshmi Bhaskaran

Varalakshmi Bhaskaran, a resident of Oliver Road (Musiri Subramanian Road) loves designing rangolis. She does it every day of the margazhi season and on special occasions like Pongal and Deepavali.

The Chess Olympiad hosted in Mamallapuram, near Chennai got her attention and she chose to design 'Thambi', the mascot this past week.

Varalakshmi, formerly a school teacher who now takes tuitions at home,



used to draw rangolis outside her apartment door. "But I didn't like it being messed up. So I bought a board and design on it. I keep it inside my home," she says.

This has not limited the exposure to Varalakshmi's creativity; posts on closed online groups get her immense traction.

Her 'Thambi' has become popular even as other kolam and rangoli designers present their own versions themed on the Chess Olympiad.

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Guest lectures by invited speakers, screening of plays, puppetry shows and inter-school and intra-school competitions were organised.

The Literary Fest was inaugurated by Maalan, the renowned writer and journalist. The keynote and guest speakers included Arun Krishnamurthy, Dr. Avishek Parui, Dr. Sashikala, Nikhila Kesavan and Bharathy Bhaskar. A filmed play "Choodamani" staged by Madras Players was screened for the students. A puppet show on 'Education' by B. Muthuchandran was staged.

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