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MARGAZHIYIL MAKKALISAI

Pa. Ranjith, film maker and social activist and 'Neelam', the socio-cultural-media body he promotes, launched Margazhiyil Makkalisai festival in December that provided the stage for music of genres like Rap, Thappu, Parai, Gaana and folk even as Carnatic music dominated sabhas across the city in December.

The 2024 edition of this festival is to be held on Dec 27, 28, 29 at the indoor auditorium of San Thome School and is open to all. Groups from the city, Tamil Nadu and outside will perform on a stage that will have the look and feel of a rock music concert.

There will be stalls for snacks, books and music.

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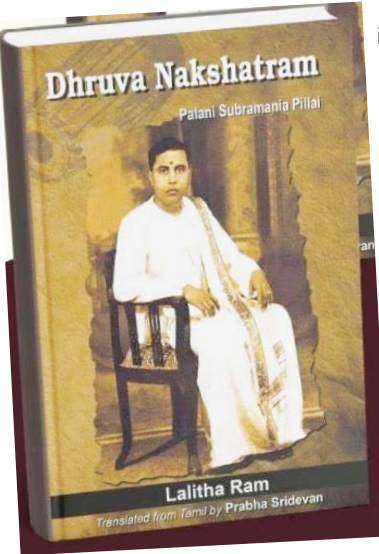
BOOK RELEASE ON MRIDAGAM MAESTRO

The Sruti Foundation is launching a book titled 'Dhruva Nakshatram', authored by Lalitha Ram and translated by Prabha Sridevan.

The book, a tribute to the legendary mridangam maestro Palani Subramania Pillai, highlights his exceptional contributions to Carnatic music and rhythmic traditions.

The event is on Dec. 21, Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the TAG Centre, TTK Road, Alwarpet. The launch will feature eminent personalities, including Prof. Trichy Sankaran and K. S. Kalidas.

A special Laya Vinyasam will be presented at 11 a.m. by renowned percussionists Praveen Sparsh (mridangam), Anirudh Athreya (kanjira), Chandrasekara Sharma (ghatam), and Adyar G. Silambarasan (tavil)



CONCERT IN A STORE IN R. A. PURAM

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Gayatri Fine Arts and Gayatri Fine Arts Global is hosting its six-day music festival from Dec. 23 to 28 at Sri Krishna Saras Hall, Mylapore - 9am to 9pm every day.

The festival will feature 50 concerts, with artistes from both India and the NRI community.

The award ceremony is on Dec. 23 at 4 p.m. Titles will be conferred on M. Krishnamurthy, secretary, Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha, vidwan Nagai R. Muralidharan and on vidwan Tiruvarur Vaidyanathan.

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1975 SSLC batch of P. S. High School plans jubilee Reunion next year

By Preetha K.

The 1975 SSLC batch of P. S. High School is planning its golden jubilee Reunion on November 2 in 2025. Currently, a group of the batch members are collecting details about their former batchmates.

T. G. Shankar, batch representative said,

“We have not started elaborate planning as of now. We are now focused on bringing together as many batchmates as possible. Our group consists of 40 now, out of the total 400 who studied.”

The Reunion has been planned around Deepavali next year, so that “it is comfortable for everyone to be here to attend”.

Also, the earlier batches have had their Reunion on the first Sunday of November.

“Kunnakudy Sekar who plays the cello for films and at Western classical music concerts, national table tennis player R. Hari, state table tennis player B. Prakash and V. K. Pandian who played for the Indian Colts cricket team and for Tamil Nadu are all our batchmates,” says Shankar.

To connect with the group, do call T. G. Shankar at 9445936288 or Reunion co-ordinator R. Vishwanathan at 9840460700.



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VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

There is a lot of dew around us. And it rains off and on; light sheets that slices the dew and drops the temperature.

We talk about country fowl and ways to set up a coop firm enough to frustrate snakes and rats who sneak from the sands and seek to snap the chicks.

We talk about the surging waves in the Canal, the falling rain and how if the water holds here, the crabs will be no less than three kilos; the fish, juicy and tasty.

We talk about the new set of products that the SHG women in a kuppam have made from palm leaves they chopped and stored before the onset of the monsoon. How pen/pencil holders, phone cases, spice-holding boxes and such palm stuff can be sold online and how the local post office services are the best to ship orders.



It has been a different start to the margazhi season.

I have not been to sabha halls nor sat through concerts though I would like to head to a quiet space like Srinivasa Sastri Hall in Luz, post Christmas.

I have bypassed all the social media posts on T. M. Krishna and the attendance at The Music Academy and the 'missing' NRI rasikas. Instead, I have been reading online, some well-written pieces on the man of Madras who made the streets his own and is coming back to re-own them - Ravichandran Ashwin.

I have not got close to the 26 items elai sasad section nor smelt the filter coffee at any of the sabha canteens and guffawed at long strings of social media posts on how businessmen and salesmen crowd the canteens for sasad leaving rasikas frustrated, and how caterers show off the daily menu of their meals priced Rs.550 plus GST.

I am in the mood to sit and cook some kul-kuls and soak them in sugar or toss some rose cookies in the oil and match the finesse of Leith Castle Street veteran Vimala who never fails to cook a tin-box full of rose cookies in the second week of December.

I would love to play Santa Claus but my chest congestion, aggravated by the dewy mornings and sub-26 night time temps is off-putting.

This weekend, there is some 'juicy honey cake' coming home, baked at a fine Kerala bakery. I have never had this variety before.

This margazhi has been so different for me. How is it rolling out for you?

LETTERS FROM READERS

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This column also contains comments posted on our social media pages.

Margazhi bhajan groups

It is a sight to behold with many bhajan groups doing the rounds of the Mada Streets.

But many are not regular here - some prefer only the week-ends. May we ask the latter groups to be regular and add to the richness of margazhi.

- P. K. Kumar



Drain turns into sewage line in CIT Colony street

The storm water drain work on 6th Cross Street, CIT Nagar has become a sewage drain pit. The contractor has damaged the sewage and water lines and as a result, the sewage is entering the sumps of the houses. All the apartments have cleaned their sumps twice already and still the problem persists. Why does GCC take up these projects only during the monsoons?

- Ramdas Naik

When will MTC re-start services on San Thome H. Road

When would the MTC bus services resume from San Thome High Road to Adyar? The services were suddenly stopped on March 9, 2024 and were to be resumed on June 9, 2024. All the equipment for Chennai Metro project work has been removed but some barricades remain. Can MTC clarify?

- Letter writer wants to remain anonymous

Traffic issues of R. A. Puram

R. A. Puram, 4th Main Road has a concrete road and has been treated like a race track. The rubber speed-breakers do not serve the purpose. There are no traffic regulations or speed control measures. Authorities may

also consider making the 4th Main concrete road 'No entry' from the IOC Officers Quarters side with a '15 km speed limit' for all internal main roads along with suitable speed monitoring devices.

- R. Krishnaswami

KYC for bank customers: why branches flout RBI rule?

At regular intervals, customers are asked to furnish Aadhaar Card/PAN etc by the banks to update KYC details. In its circular, the RBI had stated that if there is no change in KYC information, a self-declaration to that effect from the individual customer is sufficient to complete the re-KYC process.

Even after clarifications by the RBI, if the local branches of banks still insist upon the customers complying with the rules drafted by such banks, the same should be brought to the notice of the apex bank.

- V. S. Jayaraman

Sunken road zone needs attention

There is a big hole, a sort of sunken area on 1st Cross Street, CIT Colony, Mylapore, right outside IIT director Dr. Kamakoti's house. Though a minor work was carried out, the sinkhole has grown significantly now.

- D. Vasanthkumar

MY STORY



My Escape to the Broken Bridge

By S. KARTIK RAGHAVAMURTY

It all started when I signed my boys up at the Madras Boat Club in R. A. Puram.

I had zero plans of rowing myself, but my friends—most of them ex-rowers who had represented the club in regattas dragged me along on an outing, and honestly? I was hooked from the very first stroke.

Before I knew it, I'd caught the 'Row Bug'.

Suddenly, I was waking up at 5:00 every morning, excited to hit the water by 6:00. Slowly but surely, I got the hang of it and worked my way up to rowing with the pros on the 7.5 km route to the Broken Bridge off Bessie Beach (Besant Nagar). And let me tell you, that route is absolutely magical.

you pass the Adyar Bridge.

It's like stepping into another world!

On your right, there's Whale Island—literally shaped like a whale and on your left, the Theosophical Society's lush, peaceful grounds.

The old Adyar Bridge is stunning, with its spans covered in greenery. And the best part? It's alive.

You've got birds everywhere, their calls filling the air, peacocks meow calls, and fish jumping out of the water—sometimes right over your boat! Oh, and on some days, you might even spot buffaloes wading across from the Theosophical Society side to Whale Island.

You start by rowing past the Kotturpuram MRTS Bridge and the Adyar Thiru Vi Ka Bridge, but the real magic happens once

It's so surreal.

When you finally reach the Broken Bridge, where the Adyar River meets the sea, it's like a scene from a dream. You row around Whale Island, and suddenly, the Chennai skyline comes into view—modern landmarks like the Leela Palace alongside heritage beauties like the Chettiar Palace and Brodies Castle, now home to the TN Music College.

And here's the thing: by the time you're out there, all the chaos of life just melts away. Work stress? Gone. City noise? What city noise? It's just you, the water, and this sense of calm. I'm addicted to it. I'm out there almost every single day with friends now—water levels permitting, of course.

It's an experience you have to try. Trust me, one trip, and you'll understand why I can't stop talking about it!

● Kartik Raghavamurty is an entrepreneur and minimalist, and a very passionate rower. Contact - kartikmurtys@gmail.com

MYLAPORE FESTIVAL 2025

Sri Kolavizhi Amman Temple to host weekend events

Artist Muralidharan Alagar has just completed his third art work themed on the Mylapore Festival; a scene of artistes performing on the open-air stage outside the mantapam of Sri Kapali Temple, in the east zone.

Copies of this and two other art works will be sold as mounted and framed works at the Festival's Souvenir's Desk. Limited copies.



Designer Rajeswari Ravi pinged from Mangadu to say she and her team has converted 8 saris donated by Mylaporeans as buntings (flags) to decorate the Sannidhi Street square, a key venue of the fest. She wants 8 more used but colourful saris to create another 75 mts of buntings. Wish to donate? Call Mylapore Times - 2498 2244.

If your kids want to be on the Cycle Heritage Tour headed by Ramanujar Moulana on Jan.12 of the fest, make sure the cycle is fit and you have a helmet. The tour, starting 6.45 am, takes kids to 10 heritage zones of Mylapore.

The ancient Sri Kolavizhi Amman Temple, Mylapore is the venue for a weekend of events - kolam contests, pallankuzhi and dayakattam games and two cultural shows. Open air. Held here



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Eleven teams are planning their theme kolus to be put up for the exhibition at Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School, Mylapore (Jan 11 and 12, 3.30 pm onwards). A first for the Festival. This fest, the morning concerts will be held inside Sri Kapali Temple; 7 a.m. onwards - violin, vocal, keyboard and percussion.

The complete details are at www.mylaporefestival.in



Jambu's Mylapore

K. R. Jambunathan takes us through nooks and corners of the Mylapore he knows best in this video series. This is a weekly series. WATCH VIDEOS at www.youtube.com/mylaporetv

Rosary Matric Girls School

This school in San Thome is well-known and has a fascinating history that dates back to the foundation of the St. Thomas Convent on land facing the Cathedral. The nuns of the FMM congregation were one of the earliest missionaries to come to Madras and work here. Rosary School was one of the few Matric medium schools this side of the city. It also launched the LKG/ UKG section which was hugely popular. In the same campus a large block served as the first classrooms for Stella Maris College founded here. Later, a teachers training institution was also run here. When Rosary became popular in the 1960s, the well-off and well-educated Mylaporeans admitted their girls to Rosary. This student community is a generation which stands out even today.

For the girls of the 60s and 70s, the socio-cultural exposure here on campus was a unique experience. Old girls recall anecdotes like instances at lunch time, when their classmates would have meat in their lunch boxes. Others would visit the Cathedral to say a prayer on eve of exams. Music and dance were high-points of extra-curricular activity.

Rosary's diamond jubilee was celebrated in 2010.

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CHRISTMAS GOODIES

By Our Edit Team

Christmas goodies are all over four zones of Hotel Savera.

The Bread Boutique by Brew Room has curated jolly goodies like plum cake, almond dundee, Christmas cakes, carrot cake, gingerbread cookies, Christmas cookies for people ready to shop now. Bread Boutique has three varieties of hampers - priced Rs 600, Rs 1000 and Rs 1500. They are open to customising hampers as well.

Curated lunch and dinner will be on offer at The Brew Room and Malgudi restaurant on Christmas



eve and Christmas day, besides brunch and dinner buffet at The Piano restaurant and Bay 146.

"Our Christmas hampers are on sale at Bread Boutique, Brew Room and in the lobby café," said Sugumar, restaurant manager.

At The Piano, dinner buffet on December 24 and 25 costs Rs 1750 nett and the Christmas brunch is Rs 1995 nett. Bay 146 also has its menu special.

For details about Bay146 call 9710976876, for The Piano call 7550001168, for Malgudi call 9710421422, for Brew Room call 9710947380, for Bread Boutique call 8870188895.



A giant Christmas tree was illuminated in the campus of the St Thomas Cathedral in San Thome on December 17 evening by archbishop Rev. George Antony Samy. Parish priest Fr. Vincent Chinnadurai said that the parish has arranged for this festival display.

Chess Blitz tourney for teens on Dec.25


By Our Edit Team

Madras School of Chess, Chennai promoted by GM Vishnu Prasanna in collaboration with NBGES (Sir Sivaswami schools management) plan to start a chess Academy at Radha Swamy Centre of Excellence (RSCE), Mandaveli on January 4, 25.

As a curtain raiser, the School is host-


ing a special Blitz tournament for young children (6 to 15 years) on Dec. 25 at RSCE centre, Mandaveli.

For further details and registration regarding the tournament, and for admissions to chess classes contact 9840403376 / 9884973368 or walk into Radha Swamy Centre of Excellence between 10 am and 6 pm



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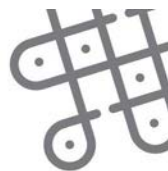
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● JAN 11

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- Lady Sivaswami
Ayyar Girls School.
5.00 pm - **Food Walk** - 90min.



● JAN 12

6.30 am - **Walk/Tour** : 3 - Cycling Tour of some Mylapore landmarks
7.00 am - **Walk 1**: Theme : Saints, Rishis and others of Mada Streets
2.30 pm - **Palankuzhi contest** - Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School.
3.00 pm - **Walk 2** : Theme: Discover the World of Traditional Games on the Floor of Sri Kapali Temple
4.00 pm - **Walk 3** : Theme: Three Stories of Sri Kapali Temple

● JAN 11 & 12

8.00 am - **Chess contests for kids** - Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School
8.00 am - **Art & Craft Workshop for kids** - Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School
3.00 pm - **Kolu Exhibition** - Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School
3.30 pm - **Kolam and Rangoli contest** - North Mada Street
3.30 pm - **Cookery contests** - Nithya Amirtham restaurant



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Bazaar Street
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● EVENTS AT SRI KOLAVIZHI AMMAN TEMPLE

Venue: space inside temple

Jan 11

4.30 pm : Kolam contest
5.15 pm : Dayakattam contest
6.15 pm : Puppet show - by Muthuchandran Tholpavai Koothu Kalai Kuzhu, Kanniyakumari

Jan 12

4.00 pm : Kolam Contest
4.45 pm : Pallankuzhi Contest
5.30 pm : Katha Kalakshepam - by Sasirekha Balasubramanian



Scan here for detailed info on events



DEEPAM CONTEST: THE WINNERS

Nine Mylaporeans have been awarded goodies as prizes for their Karthigai Deepam designs which won the approval of the judge for the *Mylapore Times* contest held last week.

These are the winners -

- Girija R., 2nd Main Road, R. A. Puram.
- V. Mathangi of Deavdi Street, Mylapore.
- M. Divya of Abiramapuram 4th Street.
- V. Swathi of Jeth Nagar Mandaveli. R. Rohini Srinivasan of Srinivasa Avenue Road, R. A. Puram.

Jayashree Mohan, Muthukrishnan Street, Mylapore. S. Anitha of CIT Colony's 2nd

Cross Street. Smirutula Kumar of Solaiappan Street, Mylapore. Mythili Radhakrishnan of Nainiyappan Street, R. A. Puram

Gifts have been handed over to these winners. They were sponsored by Ragas Coffee (known for some unique coffee, in Abiramapuram's 4th Street), Deepam Sweet and Karam, known for fresh, traditional snacks, sweets in R A Puram's GCC Complex on 3rd Street and *Mylapore Times*

Video of all the Karthigai Deepam decorations submitted is on www.youtube.com/mylaporetv



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Margazhi mood on South Mada Street

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Area Sabha meet for Ward 123 on Dec.23 in Alwarpet

By Baskar Seshadri

The Area Sabha meeting for Ward 123 of Mylapore set for December 18 was postponed due to inclement weather and poor turnout of local officials and residents. It will now be held on Dec.23.

The ward councillor, Saraswathy of the CPI-M, was present at the office in the GCC campus off C. P.



Ramaswamy Road in Alwarpet. This is the venue for the meet.

Ward 123 covers areas off Eldams Road and TTK Road, C P Ramaswamy Road, off Luz Church Road and Luz, Justice Sundaram Road and Luz Avenue, and areas south from here, till about Visalakshi Gardens.

Saraswathy says she uses WhatsApp groups to

relay information related to the Ward.

Area Sabha meets are to be held regularly in a Ward and attended by the councillor and all state officials/engineers who work in the area; a meet where residents raise issues, suggest plans and fruitful exchanges must take place.



Listing of Carols, Holy Mass on Christmas eve

ST THOMAS CATHEDRAL, SAN THOME

The Christmas eve Mass is at St. Bede's School indoor hall at 10.30 p.m. and the Tamil Mass in the open air at the cathedral 11.30 p.m. onwards. The archbishop says the Tamil Mass.

OUR LADY OF LIGHT CHURCH, LUZ

On Dec.24, English carols start at 8:30pm followed by English Holy Mass at 9pm. The Tamil carols start at 11pm and the Tamil Holy Mass is at 11:30pm.

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On Dec.24, at 11 pm, carols in Tamil followed by Holy Mass at 11.45 pm.

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Desserts café for hand-crafted pastries, decadent cakes

By Preetha K.

Savor is new on Alwarpet's TTK Road. A high-end desserts café which offers hand-crafted pastries to decadent cakes. It specialises in Bombolinis, entremets, tarts and its signature pull-up cakes.

Says cafe owner Madhumitha Sriram, who has a B.Com (marketing) degree from MOP Vaishnav College, "On our menu are French pastries, cheesecakes, hand-crafted ice creams, milkshakes, and savory short eats." The young



woman tells us that each offering is crafted to perfection, using only the finest natural ingredients. "All our desserts are 100% free from preservatives and artificial flavorings," she promises us.

Madhumitha, who was an athlete, had set some goals; and one is "to redefine the city's desserts

scene, creating a brand synonymous with quality, creativity, and a love for all things sweet."

The store is open from 3.30 pm to 2 am to cater to the needs of the young who wish to hang out at night.

"I have been a home baker for four years and opening a top end café was my dream," says Madhumitha.

How that her dream has been realised, Madhumitha awaits the real world. Dine-in and kerbside pick-up offered.

Savor is at No 354, T T K Road, Alwarpet. (alongside the flyover, after Basyam Basheer Ahmed Road junction). Phone; 9080521563

Cothas Coffee opens second outlet

By Baskar Seshadri



Cothas Coffee has opened Its second outlet in Mylapore. It is in the Chitrakulam zone.

This joint offers a hot cup of coffee and biscuits as well as a variety of coffee powders. The coffee powder comes in packets of different sizes – with and without chicory.

Coffee, priced at Rs.15 is offered 7.30 a.m. onwards.

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Cothas' business development manager Irfan can be reached at 90871 36126

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31st December, 02:00 pm,

Bharatanatyam Solo by Sneha Myatar. The Indian Fine Arts Society, Ethiraj Kalyana Mantapam, Alwarpet.

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Temple trustees said that the preparation for this festival started two days before the evening hour; wooden stands with planks were erected to hold the lamps.

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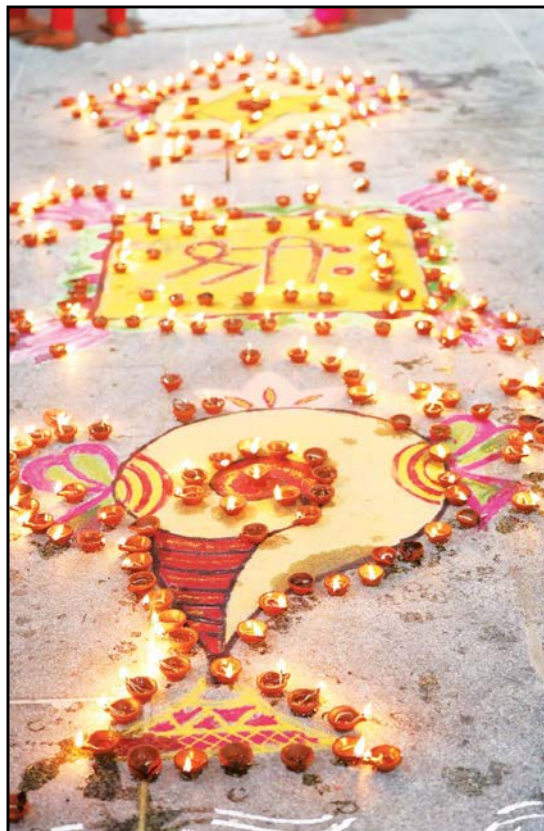


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In the evening, Perumal and Thayaar were placed in the mandapam and after the mangala arthi, the chief priest lit the big brass vilakku in a symbolic act for the ritual.

Temple trustee Munkunthan says that plans for next year include setting up permanent brass stands for the lamps.

The temple will be organising concerts here during the margazhi season.



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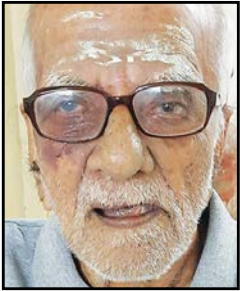
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Obituary

T. N. Krishnamurthy; GCC senior staff, R. A. Puram elder T. N. Krishnamurthy, 99, passed away on December 5.



Hailing from Periyakulam, a town at the foothills of Kodaikanal, he moved to Chennai in 1947. He was the sanitary inspector at the Corporation of Madras, now GCC, and retired

in 1983.

Krishnamurthy was one of the early residents of Raja Annamalai Puram. He moved there in 1965 by buying a plot of land from the c-operative society.

His birthday was on November 14.

“My father was the first person to donate for the daily pooja scheme of the Siddhi Buddhi Sametha Karpaga Vinayagar Temple at R. A. Puram. He used to go to work on his bicycle. He used to go to Sembiam, Triplicane and Mylapore areas by bicycle. This was the secret behind his long life and reason for a quiet, natural death,” says Padma Ravishankar, his daughter who works as a librarian at Chettinad Harishree Vidyalayam.

Krishnamurthy was a close friend of actor Poornam Viswanathan. The actor released a book written by Krishnamurthy on the occasion of Krishnamurthy’s sathabhishekam.

The book was titled – A compilation of articles written by T N Krishnamurthy.

Krishnamurthy had a keen interest in music and used to go to kutcheries, adds Padma.

The family lived on 5th Main Road R A Puram. His daughter, Padma Ravishankar can be contacted at 9884910980



Sumathi Sriram, a long-time resident of R. A. Puram passed away on December 9.

Born in 1961, Sumathi was the first and a most beloved student of Bharata Kalanjali, the dance school of the famed

Dhananjayans.

Her love for the arts didn’t stop with learning dance alone. Sumathi was an ardent enthusiast of classical music and dance across Chennai. Every margazhi, she would have a fully packed schedule of kutcheri-hopping, treating other rasikas to her beaming smile and friendly hellos.

She actively attended the South India Heritage programs at TAG, music and dance concerts at The Music Academy, Madras, at Raga Sudha hall and the programmes of Natyarangam.

Sumathi leaves behind family and friends that cherished her beyond measure, and consider themselves lucky to have had such a kind soul in their lives, said her close friend.

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New, small hall for concerts, screening, meetings



By Preetha K.

Sri Bala Ganapathy Hall, a multipurpose 85-seater fully air-conditioned auditorium in the Leith Castle zone off San Thome High Road and is available on rent for music, dance, cultural events, movie screenings and award functions.

The hall is fitted with an audio system, lights and has a genset as backup. It is on the ground floor.

“Food can be served in the lobby of the hall. There is no kitchen though. A green room is available. The vehicles have to be parked outside the building,” says Ram, the hall manager.

The charge - Rs 3000 to Rs 4000, based on the nature of a programme.

The owner of the hall is Jayanthi Kumar, a music enthusiast who stays in the floor above the hall.

For bookings, contact Ram at 7010056205.

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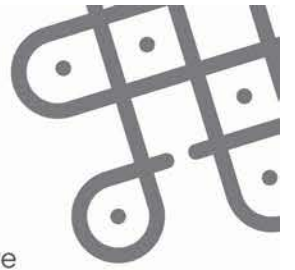




JAN 9 - 12 2025

MAIN STAGE SHOWS

Outside east gopuram of Sri Kapali Temple, Mylapore



JAN 9

- 6.45 pm - **Nagaswaram** - Thiruvanmiyur D. Rajesh and party
- 7.15 pm - **Choral Music Concert** - Saraswathi Vidyalaya, Vadapalani

● 8 pm

Bharathiyum Bharathamum

Dance drama by Rukminidevi Natyakshetra Foundation.
Direction: Premnath



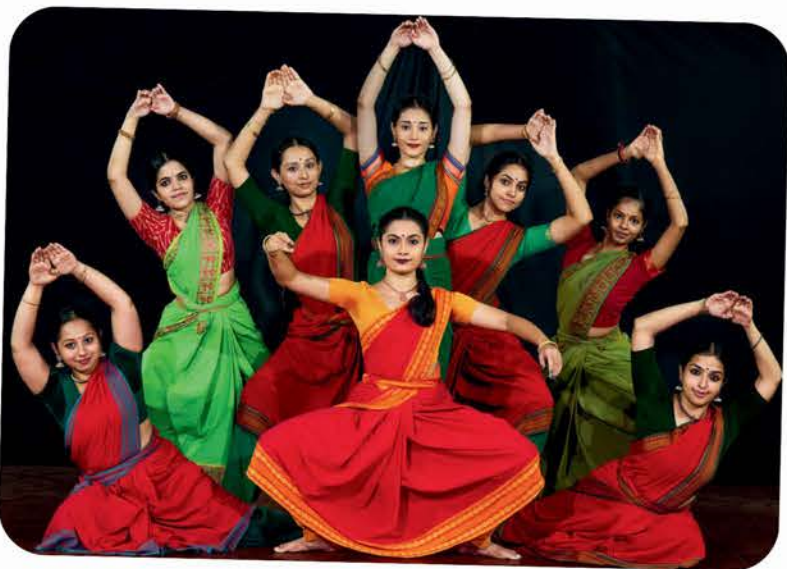
JAN 10

- 6.45 pm - **Rhythms of India Concert** - Jus Drums Murali and group
- 7.15 pm - **Puppet Show** - Muthuchandran Tholpavai Koothu Kalai Kuzhu, Kanniyakumari

● 8 pm

Kapali Arupatthumoovar

Dance drama by Jayanthi Subramaniam and students of Kala Darsana.
Music: Dr. Rajkumar Bharati. Soundscape design: Sai Shravanam



JAN 11

- 5.30 pm - **Nagaswaram** - Thiruvanmiyur D. Rajesh and party
- 6.15 pm - **Choral Music Concert** - PSBB School, K K Nagar
- 6.45 pm - **Garba and West India Folk Dance Medley** - Kanyaka Parameswari College for Women, George Town.
- 7.15 pm - **Silambam and Tamil Folk Dances** - students of Queen Mary's College, Chennai.

● 8 pm

Pattangkil Ullapadi

Tamil play by Chennai Kalai Kuzhu: Direction: Pralayan



JAN 12

- 5.30 pm - **Nagaswaram** - Thiruvanmiyur D. Rajesh and party
- 6.00 pm - **Choral Music Concert**: Madras MBS Choir: juniors
- 6.30 pm - **Silambam demo** - students of Queen Mary's College, Chennai
- 7.00 pm - **'Spirit of Mylapore'** - award function

● 7.30 pm

Sangeetha Payithiyam

Tamil Play by Shraddha Theatres. Direction: G. Krishnamurthy



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Sara, Shoba, Allan and Sheila, the core team behind the Christmas Carnival hosted by the Alumni Club held on Sunday last pose at the venue of the event. Some 50 stalls created the buzz and shopping experience for guests at this annual, day-long event

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Suggestions box set inside Sri Kapali Temple



The HRCE department of the state has installed a suggestion box inside Sri Kapaleswarar Temple, Mylapore . People can share their experiences/ suggestions/ ideas / complaints here.

Mylapore MLA Dha Velu inaugurated the kiosk on Saturday amidst officials of the temple .

The temple's office can be reached on 24641670. P. K. Kavenitha is the joint commissioner and executive officer.

By Baskar Seshadri

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MANDALA POOJA OF AYYAPPA BHAKTHA SAMAJAM. IN MANDAVELI

By Our Edit Team

The Ayyappa Bhaktha Samajam in Mandaveli joins hands with Kalyana Nagar Association to conduct its annual mandala pooja this year from Dec. 21 to 27. This is the 64th edition of the pooja this Samajam has conducted.



Many special events have been lined up. On the opening day, Dec.21, Sri Suryanarayana homam is being held; on Dec.24, the Maha Rudra Yagnam and on Dec.25, the main event - Laksharchana, Karamarchana, Sasthaprethi and annadhanam is to be held.

The mandala pooja concludes on Dec.27 with a grand procession of the deities.

In the evenings, there are to be two music concerts, one at

5 p.m. and the other at 6.45 p.m. over six days. Eminent artistes like Brahmashri Udayalur Kalyanarama Baghavathar, O. S. Mohan O. S. Mukundan, Gayathri Mahesh and the Chaitanya Bhajan Mandali will perform. Rasikas are welcome for these.

Samajam president C. V. Viswanathan says people from across the neighbourhood and around can attend the pooja.

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