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NCC Day was celebrated at Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls Higher Sec. School on November 24. The chief guest was Sqd Ldr Unni Nair. Dr Vatsala Narayanaswami of the Society that manages the school was the special guest. Others present were school headmistress K. G. Pushpavalli and her assistant, G. Janaki, NCC trainer P Selvapiya and music teacher S. Suganya. The school band led the event with its performance.



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 Venue : Sri Venkataraman Primary School, Dr. Ranga Road, Mylapore.
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BHAJAN MELA

A day-long bhajan mela is to be held on Dec.7 and 8 under the auspices of Madhuram Arts Foundation at Maharashtra Nivas, 402, TTK Road (opp. Ethiraj Kalyana Mantapam.).
 Dec.7 - 8 am to midnight. Bhajans.
 Dec.8 - 10am - Radha Kalyanam.

TALKS ON TEMPLE ARCHITECTURE

Three experts will speak on 'Temple Architecture' at an event hosted by C P Ramaswamy Aiyar Foundation at C P Art Centre, Eldams Road, Alwarpet. On Dec.7, 10 am onwards. The speakers - Dr T. Satyamurthy, Dr S. Muthu and Dr J. Rajendarn.
 Open to all.

Once Shorthand, now only Typewriting

By Swathilika S.

As I passed along Kutchery Road, a route I travel almost daily, I stopped to look at a white building that bore two signboards, the most prominent one reading,

STUDENTS REPORT

"The Shorthand School (Established 1909)."



Stepping inside the foyer, I noticed a spiral staircase, leading to the classrooms on the first floor. I was greeted by Parvathi, grand-daughter of the founder.

The Shorthand School was established

in 1909 by Srikantan Iyer, originally to teach shorthand - a highly sought-after skill at the time.

Over the years, typewriting and accountancy were added to the curriculum.

Today, the school is under the proprietorship of the founder's grandson, B. Padmanabhan. Parvathi said that the family had lived on the premises since the 1930s, when the school also moved to its current location.

She recalled an era when British officials, professionals, and even notable personalities attended classes there to master shorthand and typing.

The school discontinued teaching shorthand in 2008 due to dwindling interest. Typewriting, however, remains in demand.

In here, were 25 typewriting stations, including three designated for Tamil typing.

Padmanabhan himself conducts the classes. Twelve batches are run daily from 6 a.m., each session lasting 45 minutes.

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Veena artiste supports actor to feed hawkers, auto-drivers on monsoon washout days

By Our Edit Team

An actor and a Carnatic music artiste have joined hands with a few others to feed Mylapore hawkers who have bad days at monsoon time.



As Cyclone Fengal's arc battered Mylapore on Saturday and it rained all through the day, the duo made sure lunch packs reached those who had lost business and the homeless seeking shelter in temple mantapams and under the shades of shops.

'Kavithalaya' Krisnan, senior actor who made his name under late film director K Balachander has been a Good Samaritan at monsoon time; doing his good deeds quietly and often supported by friends.

One such supporter is veena artiste Nirmala Rajasekar who jets in and out of Chennai from her USA base for concerts. Here for the December Season, Nirmala heard of Kishnan's act of kindness some years ago and has lent a hand since then.

Said Nirmala, in a social media post - I have an understanding with a local eatery to supply food packets in and around Sai Baba and Kapaleeswarar temples to the street vendors and auto drivers in Mylapore

who have bad days.

Nirmala asks Kalathi Mess to cook sambar or lemon rice, pack some 200 packets and have them distributed each day.

If you wish to support this act of kindness, DM Nirmala at her Facebook page

Ten pups for adoption. Given birth by street dog in Mylapore colony

By Our Edit Team

Mylaporean V. Madhavan has shared a SOS message. He says a street dog has given birth to 10 puppies in Nagarathinam-mal Colony, off P S Sivaswami Salai in Mylapore.

These puppies and the mother are being taken care of by pet-friendly neighbours in the colony. But the pups will need adoption as soon as possible.

Said Madhavan, "We are looking for people who are interested to adopt these puppies." The pups were being cared for by civic workers of Urbaser Sumeet when we were there to take some photographs.

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By VINCENT D' SOUZA

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Close to a cricket scoreboard, and fodder for wisecracks on my social media page; one said - do not remain single; take some extras! Cheeky.

But as I sat and enjoyed chai for ten bucks after a long day around Varca, my table-mate was relishing chicken curry and rice for 150 bucks, the costliest item here. At 4.05 p.m.

Canteens at bus and train stations are a life. Part of a passage, or a break. And the menu card said so much about people's preferences and wants.

I mean, having enjoyed a fish curry-rice for 100 bucks, I'd want to have extra curry for just 20 to polish off the rice!

This took my mind to George's restaurant in Panjim where friends had hosted a lunch: I lifted the plate of fish curry to my mouth and consumed it, wiping my lips with my tongue, like a contented cat.

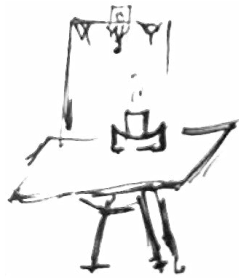
Any food joint is a man-watching world. If you care to take your eyes off your plate and look around. I do this often in Mylapore though my go-to place has been Vasantham, for its quiet and the allowance for people like us to work, write a story, edit, mail. . .

Sometimes I am at Nithya Amirtham on an evening and as I enjoy a light tiffin I look around. A family has brought the kids here, for tiffin, after school and a wash. The girl is breaking down the dosa pyramid, the boy has something Chinese and the mother tries to steal some from her son's plate as he looks away!

I have tried to sit still at that Udupi joint on North Mada Street (cannot get its name just now). Take the seat just off the pavement, turn towards the street and enjoy life outside as I enjoy a cup of coffee.

Last night, having missed one of my favourite restaurants in my backyard, I stopped at Hotel Runs, and enjoyed a plate of mutton soup. And as I did it, I looked sideways to see five men toss out breads and meat from the ovens, with each one joking and ribbing the other.

Hotel Runs takes on a character after 9 p.m. Singles, couples and groups are here to have a good meal. And often polish it off with tea or lemon tea. Many people love to end a good day with a big meal; now that's not good for body and mind. But you look into their life and you realise why they all tuck in big late at night.



LETTERS FROM READERS

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J J Road to TTK Road:
allow only left turns

J J Road in Teynampet, stretching from Kasturirangan Road till TTK Road has become a nightmare. Traffic congestion on this small road is creating havoc for residents and pedestrians. It has become an accident-prone zone.

We, the residents of JJ Road are not able to take out or bring in our vehicles during the day. An automatic signal pole, installed recently is making the situation worse. The signal duration is short, leading to more jams. What is the need to give a right turn at TTK Road - J J Road and create messiness to the flow of traffic in the main TTK Road? It is best to have only a left turn from J J Road to TTK Road. This will automatically stop the flow of traffic and make everyone pass through the Music academy main junction.

- Mahindra Simhan



Private generator in
R. A. Puram disturbs residents

The late Vazhapadi Ramamurthy's office complex on 2nd Main Road, R A Puram, has installed a 1500 kva generator which produces noise that is beyond permissible limits. We are eight senior citizens living in an apartment next door and we are finding it very difficult to tolerate this pollution. We have requested the promoters of this space to fix a silencer to the generator and bring down the noise level.

- D. Raghavan

New SWD is not designed well.
On Luz Avenue



Even after building the new SWD, rain water stagnated on Luz Avenue as the inlets to the SWD are just holes without grading. It would be better if graded slabs are put on the road near the SWD for easy flow of water.

- Ramgopal

St Mary's Road mess
in monsoon

St Mary's Road is on a higher level and the area gets flooded when it rains and vehicles splash water into the compounds of houses. We have been suffering because of this for the last 6 years. Request GCC authorities to take action.

- V. N. Subramanian

Robertson Lane mess

Robertson Lane, located close to R K Mutt Road, gets waterlogged even for the slightest of rains. This street has also become a public toilet too. GCC authorities must look into this issue.

- Bhaskar Rao

R. K. Mutt Road pavement:
poor condition

The pavement at the junction of R. K.Mutt Road and Venkatesa Agraharam Road is in bad shape and has been so for months.

People could get hurt due to broken pavement tiles. Request GCC to take action.

- R. Ramesh

MY STORY



Jesuit Heritage in San Thome

By Fr. ANAND AMALADASS

Francis Xavier, the Jesuit priest arrived in Goa in May, 1542.

He moved to the Fisheries Coast (Tuticorin side in Tamil Nadu) for some two years, then came to Mylapore in April 1545, where he remained for four months in order to ascertain God's will for his future. Then he decided to set sail to the regions of Malacca.

Legend has it that he prayed at a statue of Mother Mary which is now inside the San Thome Cathedral.

The residents of San Thome asked for Jesuits and Xavier, as superior in the Indies, sent them in March 1549, a Spanish priest by name Alfonso Cipriano. He worked in this area until his death in 1559. In 1558, the church of St. Thomas was

assigned by the King of Portugal to the Jesuits, as Xavier had wished; but they did not gain possession of it, since the Portuguese canons were opposed to this. The Jesuits therefore built their own church locally.

In 1563 Fr. Francisco de Pina came to San Thome as Cipriano's successor and, until his death in 1581 he was active in San Thome. The annual letter of the Indian Jesuit province for 1575 states that the Jesuits had a house in San Thome which resembled a college and usually had two priests and one brother. It is surmised this college stood close to where the present convent of Bon Secours nuns is located on Madha Church Road.

In 1576 they started an elementary school for children. The church of Our Lady was

completed and meant for the Indians and dedicated on 8 December of that year. This is where the present Madre de Deus Church stands, inside Dhyana Ashram on Madha Church Road, R A Puram.

In 1580, a certain Portuguese, Nuno Alvares de Faria gave to the Jesuits the property of Little Mount of San Thome (Chinna Malai), also known as Monte Calvario, which he had owned for 34 years.

In 1598 Fr. Pimenta made his visitation to San Thome, where the Jesuit residence had already been for a long time regarded as a "College" and where the gift of a native prince, the Nayak of Gingee, provided a solid financial foundation, according to the Rector from San Thome, Fr. Simão de Sã. (details are from Fr. Joseph Wicki, the Jesuit historian).

Today, the Jesuits are based in Dhyana Ashram, where lectures, study and other events are held and many priests are in residence.

● Fr. Anand Amaladass is a scholar who holds a doctorate in Sanskrit. He is based in Dhyana Ashram. Contact - amaladass24@gmail.com

Salwars, kurtis and Indo-West wear: at this new Alwarpet boutique

By Preetha K.

A new boutique for women – Niram Fashions – opened recently in the Chennai Corporation Complex on C P Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet.

Owned by husband-wife duo Althaf and Mymoon Fathima, this store was inaugurated in early October. It was founded as a start-up in 2021.

“We started off with salwars and customized fabric sold among relatives and friends. Further, we expanded our customer base through sales-exhibitions,” says Mymoon Fathima, who is more into designing fabrics.

She says their uniqueness is fabric customisation, dyeing and dyeing techniques like Bandhuni, Shibori, and Ombre.

The shoppers’ feedback encouraged the duo to open a physical store in Alwarpet.

Althaf looks after the store, the accounts

and supplier handling.

Niram Fashions’ focus is on salwars and Indo-Western wear like palazzo and co-ord sets. “We have kurtas starting from Rs.1500 onwards. We offer pure fabrics at a reasonable cost. We want to take our products to as many



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Students of St. Anthony’s present Arts & Science Expo

The annual Arts & Science Expo of St. Antony’s Girls Higher Secondary School in Mandaveli was held on Oct.18 and 21 at the school campus.

This Expo is held to create a scientific and creative temperament among the students of class 5 to 12.

The expo was inaugurated by the school headmistress Sr. Elizabeth Rani.

Students presented models on themes related to math, physics, chemistry, biology, commerce, economics and social sciences. They took turns to explain the projects to visitors and students.

Students from neighbouring schools visited the expo, said Sr. Elizabeth Rani



Jambu’s Mylapore

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Vadapalani Andavar Oil Mills

One distinct body of shops on Bazaar Road, which was Mylapore’s market hub, and the key link between the villages of Triplicane and Mylapore were the flour and oil mills - oil mills using the chekku.

There must have been some 8 to 10 such places but the most famous was Vadapalani Andavar Oil Mills.

Some two dozen people worked here - so you can imagine its operations - I have seen some 20-plus machines here.

Here, they ground wheat, rice and masalas and also provided oils.

There would be a long queue for these services. Those were days of very few packaged products.

The grinding of shikakai was a tricky job - the blades of that machine had to be changed and so, this grinding was carried out only on one particular day of the week or once in 10 days; which meant that people who needed this, had to give it time and be here on that day!

Till about the 1990s, there existed two mills off Bazaar Road, upgraded with motors but downgraded in services.

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Seashore residents protest in Pattinapakam. After man dies in balcony collapse. They want state to act on new housing

- By Madhan Kumar and Baskar Seshadri

Traffic on the busy San Thome High Road was jammed on Thursday as over 100 residents of Srinivasapuram by the seashore staged a protest on the road and blocked traffic flow.



This photo of the colony was shot last year

This protest followed the death of a young man when the balcony of a top floor flat in the decaying blocks of Srinivasapuram collapsed. He died in hospital.

There are some 25 plus state-built blocks in this seaside colony; they have been in

bad shape for years now; the state agency in charge has sealed some sections here but every monsoon, parts of flats or roofs collapse. Families continue to reside inside decaying flats.

There have been talks by state agencies to get residents to move out and await new

dwellings when new blocks are built but the process has been delayed. Some say a local group has thwarted the plan since it manages and makes money from renting unauthorised shanty rooms rented to migrants.

Other residents say they are ready to move but have not been given a pucca space closeby; they do not want to be dumped on the fringes of the city.

There are thousands of people living in illegal huts and houses here and along the Adyar estuarine shore. These people also want to be counted.

Two dance dramas, two Tamil plays: key shows in open air

Two new souvenirs for Mylapore Festival 2025 (Jan. 9 to 11) have arrived. One is the set of cotton bags with a kolam visual, made by a NGO in Andhra Pradesh - Paalagutapalle.

A few will be on sale at the Festival's main venue; and later, at the Mylapore Times office.

The second are a set of three watercolours by famed artist Muralidaran Alagar; of scenes of Dayakattam play, Kolam contest and Classical Dance in Sannidhi Street; these images will be sold as mounted illustrations / magnets. Planned ahead - a new brand of Mylapore T-shirt.

The big shows on the main stage have



been finalised - two dance dramas and two Tamil plays. Open to all. For children, there is a Chess contest and a Crafts workshop. Weekend mornings. Contests in Dayakattam and Pallankuzhi on Jan.11 and 12 afternoon. Common group - adults and children.

The 2025 Fest will see events at a new venue - Sri Kolavizhi Amman Temple, Mylapore. On Jan.11 and 12. Kolam and traditional games contests and snappy cultural programmes in the open air are to be held here. This event intends to make it easy for people in this zone to enjoy the festival close to home.

A call is going out now to Mylapore's youth - college students / young professionals - to volunteer at 10 events. Call 2498 2244 to register.

Details of all events of the Festival will be online in a week's time - www.mylaporefestival.in



Clothes for 'winter': mufflers, shawls, monkey caps. Two shops that sell them.

By V. A. Amithaneyan

Chennai is recording 27degrees past midnight. People have been looking for their 'winter' clothing. Monkey caps, for example. You may spot some rasikas headed to sabha halls carrying mufflers.

STUDENTS REPORT

And for people who need warm clothes at this time of the year, there are two shops where you can shop for them.

On East Mada Street is Aadhi Silks. Shop here for woollen muf-

flers, shawls, kullas, silk ties, silk scarves and silk stoles.

The prices for mufflers are from Rs. 170 to Rs.210. Prices for shawls start from Rs. 150. Kullas cost Rs. 55.

Shop owner P. K. Chandrasekar says all of the clothing is in standard sizes. The shop is opposite the 'ther' shed.

Another shop which sells these clothes is Seematti Readymades, a 'bunk' shop on East Mada Street, opposite NAC Jewellers.

Sold here are woollen scarves, ear muffs, kullas, mufflers, gloves and socks besides winter caps and sweaters for children and adults.

Prices for warm clothes for children start from Rs. 25 and go up to Rs.300, said shop owner Mohammed.



QnQ chain of pharmacies opens store in Mylapore



By Baskar Seshadri

QnQ chain of pharmacies in Tamilnadu had opened its branch in Mylapore. On East Mada Street.

Owned by Dr Gnanaprakasam, the chain has some forty five units in Tamilnadu and few in Chennai.

This shop now offers an inaugural discount on generic medicines and a standard discount on other products.

Open at 7 a.m. - closes at 11 p.m.

This branch is manned by Satish and he can be reached on 81291 39066 .

Address: 32, East Mada Street , Mylapore. Opposite Kalathi stores.

Call to P. S. School 1975 batch alumni

If you are a member of the 1975 SSLC batch from P. S. High School, you may want to register and reconnect with old friends and be a part of our alumni community. 2025 is the golden Reunion year of this batch and a database is being drawn up now.

Share your details with 1975 batch rep, T. G. Shankar (9445936288) or with the golden Reunion co-ordinator R. Viswanathan (98404 60700).

DECEMBER SEASON NOTES

SMOOTH PLAY

For some artistes, the stage of a sabha hall is their own. They just have to settle down on it and the music flows.

Senior violinist A. Kanyakumari had a concert at Bhavan, Sunday morning. Some 100 plus rasikas waited for her.

Ten minutes past the scheduled start, she rushes in, in a hurry, and dashes on the stage and in two minutes, with sishyas Embar Kannan and Sayee Rakshith, launched into song No.1.



COSY VENUES

So which venues are cosy for music listening?

Some may vote for the Musiri House in Alwarpet, which does not host a fest for the Season but will have a chamber concert - one is held every month here.

Some now feel comfortable at Sunaadalahari, the garden space in a bungalow off C. P. Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet. Some even opt for the mini hall of Narada Gana Sabha, Alwarpet, where, on a day when the artistes are true, the music sweeps you.



GET ME A HALL PLEASE

Booking of concert spaces for those who are new to the Season can be tricky. There aren't any spaces free now around in Mylapore zone. Even small halls like the one off P. S. Sivaswamy Salai and one in Mandaveli now get booked



early. And the mini halls of bodies like Bhavan are fully booked. So some people are keen to inquire at temples for artistes to perform, mostly dancers who seek a space in December. Perhaps, the 10 leading temples of Mylapore can formally offer their spaces - places like Sri Valeeswarar and Sri Kapaleeswarar Temples are booked for music / dance concerts.

SANJAY IS ON CLOUD NINE

Sanjay Subrahmanyam, leading vocalist, seems on cloud nine following the release of a song he has sung for composer-director Ilaiyaraaja for the film 'Vidulai - 2'; Sanjay has been talking about this experience too. As much as cooking a dosa for an online post, as he invites rasikas to his 'only Tamil songs' concert which has been an annual event now. With Sean Roldan, a close friend, Sanjay has sung for theme-based albums, to some acclaim. Like the album themed on Vallalar's verses which has a contemporary twist to the music.

TMK, FOES AND FRIENDS

The campaign to 'boycott' The Music Academy for choosing to decorate T. M. Krishna with the Sangita Kalanidhi is not on re-fire now but many are stoking it. Some blow hot on social media, saying that the offtake of season tickets for Academy concerts has been slow. Others continue to spew.

Meanwhile, TMK, as the vocalist-writer-activist is called by friends, launched a four-part video series of long conversations with four people who have made the Academy's library their third home and made much of the treasures here. Part One was a chat with Academy secretary and writer-historian V. Sriram. It is posted online and is free to access. Engaging stuff.

■ **DECEMBER SEASON stories, snippets, pictures and videos on MYLAPORE TIMES website, Insta and Facebook pages daily. Dec.1 to 31. www.mylaporetimes.com**

GCC plans fish market, seafood complex at far end of Loop Road

Chennai Corporation has plans for a fish market and a food court at the far south end of Marina Loop Road. Preliminary discussions on this project have begun at the local level.

Local ward councillor Amirda Varshini says a meeting was held to discuss this.

She said that she had mooted this project some months ago at the Council meeting and that GCC picked up the idea.

It is not clear yet where this project will be located but some rough plans put on the table show the location at the bend in the Loop Road; with the fish market facing the main

File photo



road and food joints on the other side. There is a large parcel of land here.

Amirda says she too is unsure about the exact location of the project.

The market is obviously meant to accommodate the hawkers of the Pattinapakkam - Srinivaasapuram zone who refused to get into the current mod market.

Asked if the present line of seafood joints that have a thriving business will be relocated there, the councillor said that may well be the case.

Presently, bikes and cars parked alongside the food stalls cause traffic jams on what is a busy road.

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SWDs on two sides of R. H. Road; now to link them

By Baskar Seshadri

The newly-laid storm water drain (SWD) in Sivaswami Salai zone of Mylapore has to be linked with the SWD on the other side, near Sanskrit College for the project to be completed.

Work on the new SWD on Mundakakanni Amman Koil Street is almost over and with the last leg of work on now, linking up is key. And this will entail laying a drain across the busy road. The key the levels of the drain for smooth flow of water from west to east and further.

The drain will eventually carry flood water into the Buckingham Canal.

The road out side Sanskrit College is now closed.

Models, charts and visuals pack Project Day at M. CT. M. School



Project Day at M. CT. M Chidambaram Chettyar Sr. Sec. School witnessed some good ideas and creations by student teams. This was held on Nov.16.

The head of the school said that the event aimed to enhance student's understanding of practical concepts through collaborative learning and interactive displays.

Each class was assigned a topic aligned with their curriculum and grade level: so while the UKG team had Fruits and Vegetables and Class 5 had Natural Farming, Class 9 focussed on Disaster Management.

The classrooms were transformed into vibrant hubs with charts, models, and creative artwork.

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Uma Neelakantan, 77, a long-time resident of Alwarpet, passed away on October 4.



Known amongst her friends and family for her warmth, kindness and unwavering dedication, Uma is survived by her husband Neelakantan, daughter Srividya and her grandchildren Ananya and Anirudh.

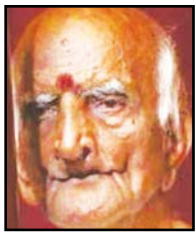
Born on December 8, 1946 to industrialist N S Krishna Rao and Raja Lakshmi, Uma lived in CIT Colony till her marriage and later, from 1979 lived in Alwarpet.

She studied at St Ebba's and was a gold medalist at SIET College (JBAS College) where she pursued BSc, Home Science.

"Her life was a testament to her resilience and compassion. My mother was extremely artistic and loved painting and doll making, which she pursued with great enthusiasm. Devout and soft-spoken, she was actively involved in uzhavarapani (temple cleaning work by devotees) as well as reading to blind children, where she made a significant impact and touched many lives. She was determined yet kind, always dependable and loved animals. In recent times, she enjoyed spending quality time with her grandchildren, be it playing board games, or regaling them with stories," says Srividya, her daughter, who lives in Boston, USA.

Srividya adds that her mother's favourite spots were the Pillayar temple on TTK Road, the Hanuman temple nearby and the Mylapore Fine Arts Club sabha. Uma's husband, K Neelakantan worked in Union Carbide for 15 years and then started his own company in Ambattur industrial estate in 1980. Uma's son. Sanjeev passed away in January 2023.

K. Neelakantan can be contacted at 9381015866.



Vellore Lakshminarayanan passed away on Oct.25.

Born on 17.07.1929, he was undoubtedly one of the senior most musicians, whom the world of Carnatic music has lost.

His elder brother Ramamurthy was also a good musician. In fact, together they were known as the Vellore Brothers.

Lakshminarayanan had training in Carnatic music under Chittoor Ramachandran and Chittoor Subramaniam Pillai. He was such an accomplished tambura artist that he was sought after by many leading musicians.

He was equally a good flautist and kanjira player. His varied interest and expertise in vocal and instrumental music helped him to put forth his best skill in Tambura support. In these days, where the electronic tambura has taken the centre stage, Lakshminarayanan stood out distinctly as the artiste whose adherence to music tradition was adorable.

There have been tambura artistes who would at times seek the help of the vocalist to tune the instrument. But in the case of Lakshminarayanan, musicians could be sure of the sruti alignment so they could easily move into octaves and other nuances of svaras.

His playing on the flute was also soft and mellifluous. He trained many students in Carnatic music. He

was also an active participant in bhajans, particularly the Chaitanya Bhajan Mandali.

Mylaporeans would have seen him often going around on his bicycle. Even at the age of 93.

He is survived by his wife, and daughter, who is also a music teacher and her family.

His family resides at Brindavan Street, Mylapore. Phone :9094049122

– Tribute by **Dr. C. S. Radhakrishnan**, professor of Sanskrit, Pondichery University



V. K. T. Balan, a senior in the travel and tourism world and a resident of Mandaveli passed away on Nov.11. Balan was known to be an innovator in the tourism trade and also in the creative field.

But all his well-wishers had to remind people of his rags-to-riches life story that made him a leader in the business and a man who reached out in the community.

Balan is said to have headed to this city with stars in his eyes. He used to sleep on rail station platforms and do odd jobs till breaks in life led him to set up his travel trade. He was self-made, say his admirers.

Madura Travel Service P Ltd. in Egmore went on to become a legendary space, with Balan employing unique ways to draw business and people to him.

He also dabbled in travel publishing, catering to travellers in an era when online info had not exploded.

Balan made a big impact with his long-running show on Doordarshan titled "Velichathin Marupakkam" where he interviewed ordinary people with extra-ordinary life stories.

Says Padmapriya Baskaran, who heads a NGO and was on this show, "Balan broke all stereotypes of a TV show, sitting on the floor and discussing with little-known personalities who were each a fighter, or an achiever or a groundbreaker in their own ways." Balan's family address – 44/1-B, Dev Apartments, 4th Trust Cross Street, Mandaveli.



Radha Venkatakrishnan, 84, passed away on November 14.

A resident of Krishnapuri colony, R. A. Puram for 55 years, Radha mami, as she was fondly called, hosted bhajan sessions at her home regularly.

She spent her early childhood days in Thrissur, where she attended Vivekodayam school. She married T. R Venkatakrishnan in 1960 and spent several years in Bilaspur and Kota before moving to Chennai.

Venkatakrishnan retired as director at Best & Crompton, having worked there for 35 years.

Radha and her husband were pivotal in establishing the Krishna and Vinayagar temple in Krishnapuri Colony.

"My mother loved crochet, knitting and Tanjore painting. She also enjoyed reciting slokas. Yoga was also an important aspect of her life. She was deeply religious and visiting temples in and around Mylapore and RA Puram were part of her routine. Sukhanivas, Mylapore was her favourite eatery," says Dr T V Ramakrishnan, her son. "She cooked very

well and Mysore Pak was the dish she made the best. She was a beloved resident of Krishnapuri and will be missed by the residents as much as the family," he adds.

Radha is survived by her son Dr. T. V. Ramakrishnan, daughter in law Dr Ramya, her daughter Geetha Vijayan, son-in-law Gopal Vijayan, daughter Uma Venkatakrishnan and son-in-law Rajiv Ramaswami, and her grandchildren.

Radha lived at 1/21, 2nd Street, Krishnapuri Colony, R. A. Puram. Ph: 24937497/ 9940046670



V. Thirumalai Nambi, 97, retired additional superintendent of police, Crime Branch, CID, TN Police, passed away on November 16.

He was in service from 1949 to 1985. He served under illustrious police chiefs of TN which included F V Arul, Mohandas, R. Natraj and V R Lakshmi Narayanan.

He served as Asst. Commissioner of Police, Chennai South for a short span before moving to CID. He led teams that solved landmark cases like the airport bomb blast, apprehended a notorious masked men robber gang, disarmed some LTTE militants and tracked Naxal elements to Chandrapur / Maharashtra leading to their arrest.

He was awarded the CM's police medal and President's medal for his meritorious service. He was recognised as an honest and upright police officer during his career.

"My father was a long-time resident of Mylapore – from 1965, except from 1980 to 1989 when he served in other places in Tamil Nadu. My mother, T Rukmani, was a great source of support in all his endeavours and shared his values," says Kausalya, his daughter. Born in Thirukkurgudi in Tirunelveli district, Nambi spent his school years at Nanguneri. His father Vanamamalai, went on to become the 27th Jeeyar of Vanamamalai Mutt.

Thirukkurgudi Nambi temple was his favourite, adds Kausalya. Nambi did BA English from Madura College, Madurai and joined the police at Aamathur in present day Virudhunagar district.

"In 1963 or 1964, my father was travelling from Karur, where he was posted, to Chennai by bus. It was attacked by a mob agitating against Hindi imposition. My father successfully negotiated and ensured the safety of the entire bus passengers. In 1955, he saved 200 people during floods at Aamathur with the help of one assistant," recalls Kausalya.

He resided in R. A. Puram since 2000.

He is survived by a daughter, V Kausalya and two sons, T. Ramanujam and T. Sreedhar. Another daughter, Dr. T Yashoda passed away in 2017. She was a MD (Gen Med) and worked in Stanley Hospital.

Nambi's maternal uncle was a monk at Ramakrishna Mutt, Mylapore and attained siddhi there.


The family resides at 9C, Amar Apartments, 7th Main Road, R. A. Puram. Ph: 9840647274/ 9952977893/ 9884423267

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The Christmas season at CSI St. Thomas English Church in San Thome got going with the Sunday School children performing a Christmas play, 'Delivering Christmas,' on the evening of December 1.

Braving the intermittent showers, the children, aged 4 to 17, put up a colourful play, written and directed by the Sunday School teachers, under the guidance of Grace Rathnam, director of this school. The story centred around two delivery-men, visiting various homes on Christmas eve to deliver presents – and how they deliver the true gift of Christmas.

The nativity story of Christ's birth was woven into the play, with a role for every child. Gifts were distributed to the actors at curtain call.

- By Fabiola Jacob

Cyclone Fengal did not stop these rasikas from being at a concert

Who is afraid of a cyclone? Not some rasikas of Mylapore.

Even as Cyclone Fengal raged off the coast of Puducherry and Mylapore shut for the evening on Saturday, November 30, at least 50-odd rasikas sat inside the main auditorium of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, listened to the vocal music of the Malladi Brothers and gave the artistes a standing ovation.

"We loved the effort of the artistes and the rasikas on a day like this," said Bhavan's deputy director Venkitachalam after the concert.

The Bhavan's Season fest takes off first, end-November onwards, and features some of the best artistes and it gets a full house on most days; concerts are open to all.

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