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Chettinad Vidyashram in R. A. Puram recently hosted its 38th annual day with its signature dance-drama production. This one was titled 'Jambudweepa Spandanam - Arcane Asia', a medley of the music, dance and culture of south and south-east Asian nations. The show was at the Kumararajah M A M Muthiah Hall in the school campus.

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TALK : PEACOCK IN YAZIDIS AND HINDU WORSHIP

Madhuradhwani is presenting a talk on Feb.11, 6.15 pm onwards. The theme - 'Divine Beauty and Symbolism: The Peacock in Yazidis and Hindu Worship' - the talk is by Dr. Kala Nagaswamy

The special guests for this event are Justice P. N. Prakash and K. Sridharan, archaeologist

SCHOOL ADMISSION

Sir Sivaswami Kalalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Mylapore is open for admissions now, for the new academic year. This is for classes 6 to 9 and to Class 11.

Some of the initiatives in the school include Curio Kidz which are experiential learning labs to internalize concepts and SpringBoard to provide opportunities for internships in corporates and C A firms.

The school has a project called SCOPE – Students Corporates Outreach Programme, which opens doors to land into a good job after graduation and its own Entrepreneur Development Programme to identify teens with the big, bright ideas and offer guidance.

For more details contact 24957950.

ON SAGE AGASTYA: HIS HYMNS, SPIRITUALITY

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan is hosting a music-talk-discussion event themed "The Legacy of Sage Agastya" on Feb.11 evening.

This is in association with Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT),

At 6 pm: "Agastya Tamil Isai" rendered by students of Sastra University Chennai campus and members of Sandipani Vidyalaya, Chennai.

This is followed by a discussion on 'Agastiyar' by K. V. S. Gopalakrishnan, Tiruppur Krishnan and 'Isaikkavi' Ramanan. The programme is open to all.



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Work began last Thursday morning on setting up the teppam for the Thaipooam festival of Sri Kapali Temple, Mylapore.

While dozens of empty fuel drums were rolled out on to the temple tank steps, many men got to work in the shallow waters.

Teams of men firmly tied the empty drums to poles and created sets of these that will create the floating base. The teppam decorator will start work on the weekend. The three-day teppam starts on Feb.12.

City's Quizzers have fun time as they dig deep to contest

By Our Edit Team

How do you get the average quizzers get a new high?

The Quiz Foundation of India folks seem to have got some answers. And it showed at a recent quiz which was appropriately called 'The Unusual Suspects' held at the Kaviko Centre in CIT Colony, supported by Zifo.

The QFI, which promotes quizzing in Chennai, has found attendance for quiz meets has been dropping.

So its core team chose to hold a contest where all those who had won in recent quizzes in the city and around would graciously step aside. The idea worked.

Some 100 plus people who turned up at the January 25 event had some good fun; with many here who were at a quiz for the first time. The quiz offered a few twists and turns; and with a prelim, semi-final and final round, the event allowed people to soak in and have some clean fun too.

Gopal Kidao, the city's veteran quizzer and QFI patron, says the experience has been well received and his team will build on it to broadbase the quizzing community in the city.

To connect - quizfoundation@gmail.com. QFI is also on social media.



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VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

This is a memory of the Mylapore Festival's kolam contests. The first contest is underway that Saturday evening, some 90-plus people taking part in it. It is a pleasant evening and even as the men, women and teens focus on their work of art, our team at this spot has to prepare for the prize-giving part of the event.

So I turn to Sujatha and Deepa, the two volunteers who had been manning the registration desk and say: "Let's get together now; you two will conduct the prize-giving event here."

The two are stunned, look at each other, smile a bit and nod.

I ask Deepa to handle the announcements, Sujatha to hand over the prizes and the two students from Stella Maris College, also volunteers, to channel the goodies and screen the people who will respond to Deepa's call, as she reads out the names of the winners.



Everything ran smooth that evening despite the extra buzz on the Kolam Street and just when I was ready to walk away from the place to have a cup of coffee, Sujatha and Deepa come up to me and say, "We have never done such things before. Most of the time we are busy with our homes."

Every year, when I sit back to review the Mylapore Festival, I am glad that one of the key features of such a unique, street cultural event is run by volunteers who come around just days before the festival launches.

In the early days, when R. Revathi was a co-traveller on the festival, we always had a big bunch of college students and young professionals as volunteers. They had good fun, ran around a lot and answered all the SOS calls.

This January, almost all the 28 volunteers were women, some in their 70s, some who had not been involved in anything of the kind that we do.

If Ganga Sridhar networked with artistes and kept an eye on ground operations, Vijayalakshmi led the puppeteers to campuses where we had shows for students and Kiruthiga broke away from her legal consulting work to handle the sales of souvenirs, maintain accounts and answer people's questions.

If Mahalakshmi and her husband drove all the way from Velachery to head the backstage work at the open-air main stage on four evenings, Narayani doubled up to oversee the two cookery contests and Bhanu took charge of the weekend events at Sri Kolavizhi Amman Temple.

I am grateful to all these volunteers of Mylapore and beyond. They really make the Mylapore Festival a People's Festival.

LETTERS FROM READERS

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One entry to MRTS Mandaveli railway station is open bar

There are two approaches to the eastern side of the MRTS Mandaveli railway station. While one is connected to the ticketing area, the other one is in a very bad condition. Can the railway authorities concerned take action?

-D. Selvaraj

Nageswara Rao Park: curbs needed

I felt disappointed on reading that Sundaram Finance has wound up the contract with GCC for maintaining Nageswara Rao Park, after doing so for 20 years.

Clearly, trying to commercialize portions of the park, the perennial un-coordinated digging for SWD and Metro work seems to have upset many park users including Sundaram Finance.

GCC has also failed to curb miscreants who create ruckus in the park. People conducting dance classes inside the park, using music, should be curbed.

- Harish

Mess on Adanjan Mudali Street

Adanjan Mudali Street near Mandaveli market is parallel to Norton Road and connects Mandaveli Street to South Canal Bank Road. Autos and small cars can pass through this road comfortably if two wheelers are not parked on either side of the road. Most often, the vehicles on this road struggle to navigate to the other end. Authorities concerned should take necessary action in this regard.

- Sreerajan P.

Reduced water supply. Why?

For the last one week, D'Silva Road has been receiving reduced Metrowater supply which is less than half of what we used to get. When is the regular water supply expected to be restored?

- Ramaswamy

Is this builder using surrogate advertising to promote flats?

A reputed builder has put up flex boards in and around Abhiramapuram area, stringing them on lamp posts and TANGEDCO transformer pillars thus defacing the whole area. These banners promote the new apartments in the area.

The banners are such that they seem to be surrogate advertising.

They carry messages from city police. Does this builder not have a responsibility to the environment and to maintain public spaces clean.

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- R Kannan



MYLAPORE REWIND

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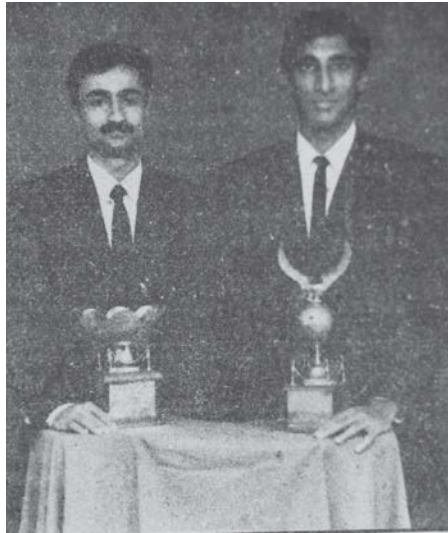
Mylapore Post Office to be modernised
(Apr 29-May 5, 1995)

As part of the Telegraph Department's decision to modernise four post offices in Madras city, the Mylapore post office is set to don a new look. A new post shop at the entrance will sell post-office-related items to avoid crowding and delays inside. Glass cubicles and aluminium partitions are being added, according to Balasundaram, Asst. Director (modernisation). The place is to become fully air-conditioned soon.

Mylapore law students excel at Int'l Moot Court contest
(Apr 29-May 5, 1995)

Ramnath Narayanan of Alwarpet and Srinath Sridevan of Mylapore won the third prize at the Phillip C. Gessup International Moot Court contest in Philadelphia. Students of the Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, they beat a team from the Philippines.

Ramnath and Srinath



The duo received plaques at a ceremony held in the UN building in New York.

New complex of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan
(Apr 29-May 5, 1995)

Sri Kanchi Mahaswami Satabdi Sadan, the new complex of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, is to be inaugurated on April 30 by the Andhra Pradesh CM, N. T. Rama Rao. Former president of India, R. Venkatraman, will preside over the function. Volume 2 of Hand of Destiny: The Green Revolution by C. Subramaniam will be released on this occasion.

Bomb threat at Mylapore PO
(Apr 29-May 5, 1995)

On April 18, the Mylapore PO received a letter in Tamil stating that an RDX bomb had been planted in the

premises and that it was set to explode two days later. Sniffer dogs and bomb disposal experts were brought in. After a while, the authorities realised that it was a hoax.

A small florist in Alwarpet thinks big
(Apr 29-May 5, 1995)

By Madhur Raviprasad

On the sidewalk of C. P. Ramaswamy Road, near Hot Breads bakery, is Seven Star Florist, run by Suresh, a commerce graduate with a CA Inter pass to his credit. Not many of his customers are aware of his qualifications. What started as a hobby for Suresh has taken a new turn. He is now looking at exporting jasmine to Singapore.

Abhiramapuram NGO celebrates Earth Day
(Apr 29-May 5, 1995)

Concern, an NGO based at 86, 4th Street, Abhiramapuram, is focused on non-formal education for the underprivileged. It celebrated Earth Day with a project by students, where environmental issues and innovative solutions for pollution control were in focus. Games, drawing contests and planting saplings added the fun element.

● This column is curated by Kanaka Cadambi.



THESE GIRLS KNEW NOTHING ABOUT PUPPETRY. THEY WON THE TOP PRIZE

The fascinating story of a team of Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School

By Our Edit Team

They chose an art form on a whim. And they won a state award for their performance.

This then is the story of a bunch of high school girls of Lady Sivaswami Ayyar Girls School, Mylapore

When the invitation from the state for the annual cultural competitions was discussed by teachers and students at the school, one bunch decided to create and present a puppet show.



The girls had no experience in the art form and their lead teacher, T. Vijayalakshmi was merely aware of puppetry in Tamil Nadu.

But the fascination for this form gripped them. So while the teacher began to read and pour into online videos, she guided the girls to watch videos too.

Quickly, being sensible and practical, they chose a topic that could easily be expressed by the puppets and also echo at the contest.

Vijayalakshmi and her two colleagues had a script in place in a jiffy. One which focussed on themes like re-cycling, dangers of excessive phone use and conserving water. The chattiness that ran through the script made it easy for the girls to master it quickly.

But the big challenge was to make the puppets.

After much debate, they made a sensible

choice again.

Make puppets that looked like them, outside school! Sunday-best clothes, stylish hair, some cool jewellery....all created from waste materials and stuff bought at the neighbourhood stores.

The competition runs at three levels - city local, city overall, district. The Mylapore puppeteers sailed through and were in the final; yes, they were astonished at the progress and they were all set to give the final a big shot.

At the final in Erode, what they saw around them at the contest venue stunned them. Recalls teacher Vijayalakshmi, "Teams came with large door frames and funky lighting and all kinds of things. We got a bit unnerved."

The Mylapore team was declared winners.

"I think the judges were impressed with our simple puppets, the themes that spoke of the government's schemes for students as well as the critical messages we shared," said Vijayalakshmi.

Recently, in the presence of the deputy chief minister and the school education minister at a Chennai gala event, the girls were decorated with trophies and certificates.

THE PUPPETRY TEAM

The winning team - Students - J. Swetha, A. Ramya, B. Tanusri. E. Sri Varshini, S. Parveena, M. Gangadevi, E. Kaviya, and N. Dhanalakshmi.
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THESE TWO CYCLE. VERY FAR AND LONG

GAYATHRY AND ARCHANA RECENTLY TOURED HERITAGE ZONES IN CAMBODIA.

By Preetha K.

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Gayathry Rajagopalan, a resident of Subramaniam Street, Abhirampuram, is a fitness enthusiast who has completed more than 200 cycling trips. More recently, she completed a cycling expedition in Cambodia.

A HR professional in a private firm, Gayathry says she loves Mylapore. "I studied in Venugopal Vidyalaya and then in Madras University. My go-to places are the Mada Streets which always carry a festive look. Just a walk around these streets energises me."

Rajagopalan, Gayathry's husband is a lawyer and financial consultant and her daughter, Sri Manasveni, is doing her graduate studies.

Cycling, and outdoors, is a passion. "It all started in 2018 when I joined the Dream Runners club. Once I became a regular with them, I realized the importance of



cross training. So, I started cycling. The best thing about cycling is that it does not make you tired at all and the early morning rides are enjoyable," she says.

She is a member of Cycling Yogis, a Chennai-based cycling club.

Cambodia was her second international cycling trip, after Sri Lanka.

"The city of Siem Reap is full of fitness enthusiasts. There are so many walkers and cyclists there," she adds.

Chennai-based cycling enthusiasts fly to different countries once a year, hire cycles on rent in the foreign land for their cycling trips.

Such trips are planned well and often clubbed with weekends and public holidays, allowing working folk to sign up.

That is how she got on the Cambodia tour.

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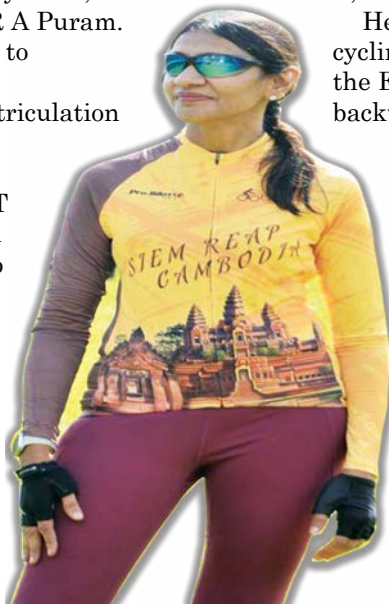
Archana Ramanakumar spent all her childhood residing at Kutchery Road, Mylapore. Now, she lives in R A Puram. And today, she can go cycling to Puducherry.

She studied at Rosary Matriculation and did her engineering from Annamalai University.

A senior executive in an IT company, Archana is married to Chandramouli and has two kids – Anirudh and Adithi.

"I got introduced to cycling through a friend of mine, when we were training together for fitness in 2014. What started as a fitness activity has now turned into passion," she says.

She said she had cycled



on a few 50 km and 100km rides and once, did it to Pondicherry.

Her group's standard cycling route is to ride on the ECR, up to Muttukadu backwaters and back.

Archana says she met cyclist and tour curator Ramanujam Moulana of Cycling Yogis during the Mylapore Festival for a cycling tour and since then, been on most of his trips - the Navagraha Temples tour, Ponnaiyan Selvan themed tour and the Heritage trip to Cambodia.



A melange of artistes made this Thyagaraja Aradhana different

By Our Edit Team

Ramapriya Arts Foundation (run by Varalakshmi Anandkumar and Durga Venlatesh) hosted its version of Thyagaraja Aradhana on Feb.2

The venue - Ganamirtham Hall, Sambandham Street, off Devanathan Road, Mandaveli.

Said Varalakshmi, "We hosted a mélange of artistes, male and female, young and veterans, all hailing from different styles but who came together to pay homage to the saint-composer, each with his or her own magnificent songs list. I think this is what made the aradhana different"

The artistes included Ushalakshmi Krishnamurthy, Jayanthi Sridharan and Mohan Santhanam.

Concerts started at 9 am, with 30 minutes allotted for each set of artistes: and the series ended at 1 p.m

Grove School has its sports day



By Our Edit Team

The Grove School, located in Alwarpet had its Sports Day at the RKM ground in T. Nagar on January 31.

The chief guest was M. R. Ravindra, who has excelled in rowing and is presently the captain of the Madras Boat Club.

The meet began with a march past by students of the four Houses—Gulmohar, Neem, Peepal, and Tulsi—followed by drills, a silambam show, and the key track and field events.

The Grove School is an ICSE and ISC school functioning under the aegis of The C .P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation. It offers classes from Pre-KG to Class XII and is located at No:1, Eldams Road, Alwarpet.

S. M. Sujatha is the school principal and Nanditha Krishna is the chairperson.

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Dances in the Temple

Bharatanatyam teacher Sheela Unnikrishnan is back at Sri Kapali Temple to host the annual dance festival 'Satyam Shivam Sundaram', now in its 16th year.

This festival presents all forms of dance and includes artistes from outside the city. From February 5 to 9.

Sheela's dance academy, Sridevi Nrityalaya, has been holding this fest at the temple for some years now.

It opened on Feb.5 evening in the temple's Navaratri mantapam with a Kathak recital by dancers of the Noopur Performing Arts Centre, Bengaluru (seen in the photo).

There are two dance concerts daily, starting 5.30 p.m. The concerts are on till Feb.9 and present some of the country's best artistes. The dancers of Sheela's dance academy will present their spectacular 'Shadaksharam' dance drama on Feb.9 evening.

Open to all.

Nageswara Rao Park: revised plan gets OK nod

By Our Edit Team

So what does the revised plan for Nageswara Rao Park have for Mylaporeans?

The food courts have been yanked off the first plan. The herbal garden is cancelled out.

There will be a badminton court, a community centre (open to sky) for meets / concerts, an open-air gym (in addition to the two, huge closed gyms for men and women constructed recently, two small fountains (the plan for a large, fancy fountain has been dropped), a children's play area and two soak pits where excess rainwater can store and sponging takes place.

The walkway will be in the shape of a foot-print. One section of a walk path will be



elevated on the far east side, to run above the recently-constructed storm water drain.

Glency Docmra is the architect firm that Chennai Corporation is consulting for the park project. Its staff say that the revised plan was submitted and the company has been asked to develop detailed plans for the structures it has envisaged.

WHO WERE THE PEOPLE WHO DONATED TO CREATE STEPS OF TANK OF SRI KAPALI TEMPLE?

Next week, as the teppam gets celebrated over three days, hundreds of people of Mylapore will sit on the steps of the tank of Sri Kapali Temple and pray and watch the spectacle.

How did this tank get all these massive steps which hold good today?

In the early 1920s, many people came

forward to donate one hundred rupees towards the building of the steps of the tank of Sri Kapali Temple.

The drive was launched after even rich devotees wondered if they could fund a budget of one lakh rupees needed to construct the temple tank steps.

The small, symbolic

donation request clicked and it earned the donors the reward of their names being inscribed on stones used inside the tank.

Those stones remain to this day. Some of the donors' names survive.

Are there people in Mylapore and around, whose family/families made this donation in the 1920s?

Descendants who Mylapore Times can talk to now?

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Obituary

Retired All India Radio news reader, **R. S. Venkatraman** (102), passed away on February 4 at his daughter's residence in Mandaveli.

He is survived by his three daughters, Bhagyam, Manorama and Bhargavi.

Venkatraman joined the Tamil news division of Akashvani (AIR), Delhi, as a translator-news reader in 1945. Much of the news he read on radio in his early years at AIR was on India's road to independence.

He read the news bulletin in Tamil which announced India's independence. This bulletin went out early on August 16 on the south-east Asian channel of AIR.

Venkatraman went on to head the news department for 20 years.

After retirement in 1985, he continued his association with AIR as a casual news reader for nearly 20 years.

He was specially invited to read the news during the golden jubilee celebrations of India's independence.

Venkatraman spent the last years of his life in Robertson Lane, Mandaveli, staying with his younger daughter, Manorama.

He was a prolific writer of short stories in Tamil.

"My father used to write short stories under the pen name Gajamukan," Manorama said. "He was active even in his last years."



Worker at high-rise in Abiramapuram falls to his death

By Our Edit Team

A worker at a construction site off C. P. Ramaswamy Road fell down from a top floor spot where he was working and was declared dead later.

This accident took place last Wednesday, noontime.

An ambulance called to the spot rushed him to a local hospital.

Workers at the site, located opposite Dina Colour Lab, said that the Vysarpadi worker was painting when he lost his balance. It is not clear if safety protocols were in place.

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Teppam in the Chitrakulam

The teppam utsavam of Sri Adi Kesavaperumal Temple which ended on February 2 evening evidently had a special colour and feel to it. Perhaps, this had something to do with the grand kumbhabhishekam of the temple held in late November last year.

For, a lot of time, funds and energy had been dedicated to restoring the old temple, giving artistic touches all around it and provide adequate lighting.

So when the teppam here got underway on January 29, the five-day event also presented colour and devotion all around.

Every evening, after the decorated deities were seated inside the colourful float, people gathered in good numbers in the spaces around the tank to enjoy the teppam.

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Street food hawker works her way up

By Baskar Seshadri

Small food joints keep popping up in the south zone of Sri Kapali Temple. Because there is a steady, large movement of people on the streets and lanes this side.



When Durga started a roadside eatery on Pitchu Pillai Street, best known for Mami's Mess, the sales were thin. Then, she began serving breakfast - idlis, vadas and dosa as early as 5 a.m. This drew more people to the joint.

Recently, Durga has moved into a rented space in the corner of this street which links up at one end, the ever-busy Ponnambala Vadyar Street that takes people to the temple gate.

Durga's menu has also expanded to serve people post-breakfast time.

A warm story of a woman who is working her way hard in Mylapore's busy zone.

Retirees of Indian Bank's Mylapore branch have their annual party

By Our Edit Team

The annual get-together of retirees of Indian Bank's Mylapore branch was held on January 25 at a hall on Norton 2nd Street in Mandaveli. About 50 persons participated.

WhatsApp drives the energy of this group made of about 100 retirees of this Indian Bank branch which has a deep history of its own. Retirees of all cadres, from the peon to general manager, can be members.

"This group is not a formal body, so there is no leader or office-bearers and all are equal," said S. Shankaranarayanan, a resident of Solaiappan Street, Mylapore and live wire of the group.

So what keeps their WhatsApp life active?

Sharing photos and news on social,



family and religious events and trips, debates on banking issues, discussions on Indian Bank; but nothing on politics is allowed.

The retirees meet in Mylapore once a year, in the last week of January; this has been on for some 20 years.

At this year's meet-up, three 'super seniors' were honoured.

Shankaranarayanan's contact - No. 25, Solaiappan Street, Mylapore. Phone: 9381003278

Shree Radha wins top prize in national-level debate. She competed soon after a surgery

By Preetha K.

Shree Radha Sanjay, a Class 9 student of Sri Sankara School, Adyar was part of the three-member team that won a national-level debate meet. The semifinals and finals were organised by IIT Madras Debating Society and Indian Debating League at IIT Madras campus on January 26.

The selection rounds were held all over India in the online mode.

Shree Radha's other team members were Vihaan Gupta, a Class 11 student from Rajasthan and Vedika Babbar, a Class 9 student from NCR area, Delhi.

Shree Radha had undergone a surgery on her left foot and had to attend the event in a wheelchair, but she was in high spirits all



through and winning the debating contest was a big reward.

This R. A. Puram resident has won several debate competitions. She was the national Top 24 speaker in India and finalist for Team India Debate team selection by ISDS, was winner of IIT Mumbai Speech and Debate league, first runner-up in the Junior Iron Person Triathlon by ISDS, among others.

She is also the recipient of the Lumiere resilience in debate and

education award given by Lumiere & ISDS, founded by Harvard and Oxford graduates. The award grants a full scholarship worth \$3000 for a research paper writing three-month programme guided by Ivy league doctoral scholars.

When students made a Q at Post Office

By K. R. Jambunathan

People who were at the Mylapore Post Office last Monday morning, noticed that there was a queue that had been formed in the campus, rarely seen in the mornings.

On enquiry, we learnt that school students were in this queue because they needed to update their Aadhar data and also open a savings bank account, obviously for personal reasons.

Nowadays, all Aadhar card work is handled by post offices; reason why they have become busy hubs. The E-Seva hubs in neighbourhoods seem to have been relieved of the Aadhar work, Also, since all banks now

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