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Vikash Organic Store in R. A. Puram conducted a cooking class themed on millets on June 29 at the store. Indra Narayan led the talk and demonstration. A dozen people attended. Vikas Organic Store is on 3rd Main Road, R. A. Puram.

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# NOOKS

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His father was associated with Sastri and Sastri and with D K Murthy, famous jewellers of the old times.

His sons are gold appraisers for banks. The youngest son, Ravikumar, and a relative, support him in his work.

Piercing of the ears / nose is undertaken here.

Report by V. Soundararani



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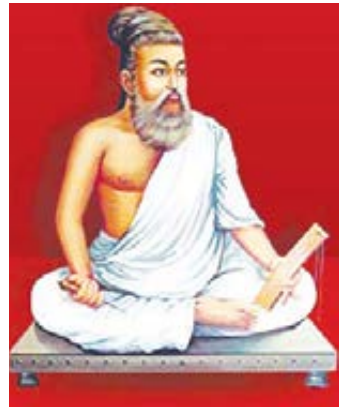
## CELEBRATING MUSIC OF BALAMURALIKRISHNA



Music maestro Dr. M. Balamuralikrishna's 94th jayanthi is being marked with a Carnatic music concert by Amrutha Venkatesh.

It is on July 6, 6.15 pm onwards at Arkay Centre, Luz and open to all.

Akongside Amrutha are Bombay R Madhavan on violin, Delhi Sairam on mridangam and Prasanna Hariharan an ghatam



## THIRUKKURAL CONTESTS: ELOCUTION, ESSAYS, DRAWING

Shriram Ilakkiya Kazhagam, the literary wing of Shriram group, one of India's leading non-banking financial companies, is organising Thirukkural elocution, drawing & essay contests for 2024.

This annual state-level competition is held from July 20 to Aug.25 for school and college students across 12 centres covering Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

The Chennai zone competitions will be held at CSI Jessie Moses Matric School, Anna Nagar on July 20 and at Christ King Girls School, East Tambaram on July 27.

People interested in taking part, can collect the application forms from Shriram Chits office, 145, San Thome High Road, Mylapore. (Ph:4021 4100) or download from [www.shriramchits.com](http://www.shriramchits.com)

Last date for submitting the filled in application form is July 13.

Have info to share here? Mail - [mytimesedit@gmail.com](mailto:mytimesedit@gmail.com)

## BHAJAN SINGING CONTEST FOR SCHOOLS

Bhakthaswaraa Bhajan Mandali and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore is conducting its annual inter-school bhajan singing contests. The pre-lims are on July 20 and 21 and the finale on July 28.

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Kartik Fine Arts sabha, in its 50th year, has been celebrating the centenary of its late founder, 'Kartik Rajagopal'. The finale of this milestone was held on July 3 at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

A short film on Rajagopal's life and work as a sabha pioneer, was screened.

Theatre veterans 'Bombay' Gnanam and TV Varadarajhen were decorated with awards named after Rajagopal.

## U. A. E.-based children to perform classical music

Children based in the U.A.E who learn classical music will present a programme titled 'Guruvandanam' on July 7, 4.30p.m. onwards at Narada Gana Sabha's auditorium in Alwarpet.

Radhika Anand of Team Mohana Dubai said that the age group of the children performing in Guruvandanam

ranges from 6 years onwards. There are a few senior musicians who are travelling from

various parts of India to be part of the Guruvandanam event.

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## VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

There is only one place in Mylapore where you can have the world to yourself. A spot which makes you feel small and big at the same time. A place which can leave us in a time capsule.

For me, that place is inside the tank of Sri Kapaleswarar Temple.

There are three things we must do to have an experience. First, find your

way into the tank. Second, find a spot on the steps of the tank that makes you feel nice and good. Third, be there for many minutes to soak in an experience I cannot describe.

Many, many years ago I used to make my way to the tank often. A small group which called itself Namma Mylapore used to meet on the steps on the south side and converse. Its members were keen to address a few issues that affected Mylapore. I dropped by to listen and add my two-bit.

One issue that made some headway was creating a 'Walk Only' zone around the east Gopuram of the temple on pradosham evenings. Barricades would be set up at street corners to discourage bikes and cars from driving up to the gopuram area. And Namma Mylapore volunteers would be around to gently enforce this regulation, which even the local police had approved.

The group tossed around a few more doable actions but could not move forward. The reason - Mylaporeans who had time and energy on their hands did not volunteer and expand the group. In time, the steam ran out and the group ceased to function.

Community-based volunteerism can do magic in small ways for small and big issues. But people are not willing to step out.

Soon after the last elections to the TN Assembly, which saw discouraging voting trends across Mylapore, a few civic-minded people decided to undertake a dip-stick survey in a few streets across Mylapore. To collect data that would help understand the ground reality as far as voter registration, tabulation and voter behaviour was concerned.

When the call for volunteers went out, only two people raised their hands. All that was needed was for people to conduct surveys for an hour over 2 / 3 weekends.

For many weeks now, the Silent Reading Group has been meeting at Nageswara Rao Park in Luz twice a month, on Sundays. The idea behind this activity is for people who enjoy reading to gather at a common public space, read what they like to, converse after the session and broaden this activity. And meet like-minded people, young and old.

The meetings have been regular but the numbers are not growing. And this discourages the set of people who are behind this community activity. 'We wish parents brought their children to these meets', is what the host tells me.

Community-based volunteerism can do a bit of magic for us and around us. You have to put your hand first!



## LETTERS FROM READERS

E-MAIL your letters to - mytimesedit@gmail.com.  
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This column also contains comments posted on our social media pages.

### Housing Board plot in CIT Colony 'misused'

A property of TNHB in CIT Colony, 2nd Link Street, Mylapore has been lying neglected and encroached by an auto rickshaw garage for the past two decades. Letters & RTI petitions have evoked no response. This yard has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. We request HB authorities to clean up the premises and fence it or, alternatively, they could transfer the property to GCC for extension of the park.



- Ramdas Naik

### Police, marshalls 'missing' at key spots

Neither Chennai Metro traffic marshalls nor Traffic Police are anywhere to be seen at Srinivasa Avenue/R K Mutt Road junction, Nageshwara Rao Park junction and Saibaba Temple area, especially during peak hours. They are needed badly.

- Raghu

### Teacher Prema Raghavan; tributes



Our condolences.

- Sriraman Chandramouli

■ Prema Miss was very supportive to the students at Vidya Mandir. Her teaching methods were unique, explaining difficult math problems in a simple understand-

able way. I attribute my love for maths to her teaching. Above all, a great individual. Farewell Miss.

- Satish Ganti

■ I remember she joined Vidya Mandir when were in high school. She taught us maths and was our class teacher too. She was very soft and ever willing to give a helping hand. We don't get teachers like her anymore.

- Rama Krishnan

■ A former neighbor of ours, I knew her as a very kind hearted person, always ready to help

- Meera Sundararajan

■ She was my teacher as well as my son's teacher in Vidya Mandir. A very nice person; I knew her as well as her family very well.

- G. V. Ramakrishnan

■ Warm, kind and fair. She belonged to that generation of teachers at Vidya Mandir that made it a school where kids of all capabilities could thrive. We are grateful.

- Sweta Hari

## MY STORY



### A Journey of Inclusion and Growth through the Artistic

By Dr. VAISHNAVI POORNA

My parents were celebrating my third birthday. They had invited all

my friends over for a party. That was the day I did my first dance steps with my friend Babli Ramachandran - a Down's Syndrome self-advocate and a multi-talented achiever.

That day we became the best of friends and there has been no looking back. Dance and music has been an integral part of my life right from the time I was born.

I grew up watching my mother Dr Ambika Kameshwar teaching different kinds of fun activities to neuro-divergent

children as well as dance to what we call normal (neurotypical) children.

I have never felt any difference between them. Later, after completing my arrangement, I was a part of RASA - Ramana Sunritya Aalaya - in a small way of taking dance classes. In 2005, I got the opportunity to be an intern at RASA during my first year in college.

I witnessed the unconditional love present in every aspect of the activities in its holistic perspective. I started off as a part-time staff, and slowly learnt about every aspect of the organisation.

I saw RASA grow - this included a day centre for neurodivergent young adults and adults - they had artistic experiences via dance and music classes and participated in art festivals conducted through the year.

The importance of empowering individuals in various art forms through accredited courses was recognised by RASA, hence making it an off-campus center for Tamil Nadu Dr. J Jayalalitha University.

The pandemic did upset the process. However, despite these difficulties, the university has been responsive to all students ensuring that every learner regardless of their geographical locations gets fair access to services.

● Vaishnavi Poorna is Deputy Director of RASA - Ramana Sunritya Aalaya, R. A. Puram. Her doctoral study has been in Sanskrit.



## This Bala Vihar will teach shlokas, Samskrtam and bhajans to Brahmin children. A project curated by Sri Kanchi Mutt

By Our Edit Team

Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham has set up units of “Kamakoti Bala Vihar” across the city and one such is in Mylapore. At the Bala Vihar, weekly classes are being conducted for Brahmin girls and boys between the ages 5 – 15 years. They will be taught shlokas, Samskrtam, bhajans, sampradayams and more.



Says Suchitra, who is co-ordinating the Bala Vihar’s events in Mylapore, “These sessions will help young minds connect with their roots, appreciate the rich heritage and blend it into the present day.”

The content for these classes has been overseen and approved by the heads of Sri

Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham.

For more details on the Bala Vihar’s activities, contact 99400 45965. The Mylapore centre is on Luz Church Road; you can reach out to local co-ordinator Suchitra on 94449 62767

## More students receive funding from Mylapore Times Trust

Donations by Mylaporeans and Mylapore Times have enabled Mylapore Times Charitable Trust to provide scholarships to 12 students who study in various classes at St Francis Xavier School, TTK Road, Alwarpet. These students come from economically poor families and hardly have the finances to fund their school studies.

Meanwhile, another dozen school students from Mylapore area schools who did well in Class 10 and Class 12 exams and sought funding, will be paid scholarships next week.

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The past week, these were donors - Dheepa Raagavan/Mylapore - Rs.10000; R. Natarajan / Mylapore, Rs.5000; R. Kailasnath / Teynampet - Rs.10000 and R. Suseela /Mylapore - Rs.5000.



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The community at St Thomas Cathedral in San Thome got together with the priests here to host a grand event at the cathedral on June 29 evening in honour of Bishop Rev. Lawrence Pius of Dharmapuri Catholic diocese.

He is celebrating the silver jubilee of his episcopal ordination. And since a slice of his early life was spent in San Thome, the congregation felt it was appropriate to host an event here.

Holy Mass was held in the open-air with two bishops alongside the main celebrant, besides some priests. There was a short felicitation after the Mass. Rev. Pius was the auxiliary bishop of Madras-Mylapore diocese. Rev. Pius is seen in the smaller photo, on the left.



## Two Coffee Shops open: in Mylapore, in R. A. Puram

By Our Edit Team

Coffee shops continue to pop up in the Mylapore zone. In recent weeks, one has opened on East Mada Street and another in R. A. Puram.

The one on Mylapore's East Mada Street (at the junction of Pitchu Pillai Street) is called Mirras and is part of a chain. The Mirras group has been in the coffee business for a

century and its retail chain sells coffee powders, which is the core business.

The Plantation B coffee powder was quoted at Rs.176 for 250 gms and premium Assam tea at Rs.165 for 250 gms recently.

Besides fresh coffee that is on offer here, this shop also offers tea and its own brand of ice creams.

A cup of coffee / tea costs



Coffee at Mirras

twenty rupees. The Mirras shop is at No.26, East Mada Street, Mylapore.

The new coffee bar in R A Puram, a franchisee of Chitra Coffee Bar, is managed by Sree Munees Cafe.

This bar serves coffee and tea, 5.30 am onwards and does so till nine at night. Later in the morning, it offers samosa, vada and bajji.

Chitra Coffee also

promotes a brand called Bakshanam for sale of traditional sweets; another brand called Bunzo is for their banana cakes and biscuits.

The coffee bar is located in the Chennai Corporation Complex, 3rd Cross St., R A Puram / near Billroth Hospitals.. Ph.: 98400 16667.

— Inputs by Baskar Seshadri

## New Dental Clinic opens in heart of Mylapore



By Our Edit Team

Clove Dental Clinic is a chain with some 500 branches in India and about 60 dental clinics in Chennai.

Now, a Clove clinic has opened in Mylapore. Dr. V. Shantha Sakthi is the clinic head of the Mylapore unit.

Dr. Shantha says the clinic adheres to a strict sterilization protocol and uses digital AI-enabled proprietary software for its medical records.

She adds that Cloves's imported dental chairs are equipped with retractable valves that prevent oral fluids from flowing back into the chair tubing.

Dr. Shantha has 15 years of experience in the dental field. She received the 'Passionate Pedodontist' award from her alma mater, Saveetha Dental College. She underwent the observership program at Prince Philip Dental College of Hong Kong University.

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**Obituary**

**Meenakshi Thiagarajan** passed away recently. She was 83. She was a very popular teacher of her time.



She lived with her husband Thiagarajan and her daughters Hema and Srividhya in Sankarapuram Colony, Alamelumangapuram for over four decades.

Meenakshi Thiagarajan was born in Vaidyanathapuram, Old Kalpathy, Kerala in 1941. She was motivated by her father to pursue B.Com at Annamalai University where she was the only woman candidate in a class of 40; she went on to become the first woman graduate in commerce from Annamalai University in 1961.

She was also the first woman to secure a master's degree in commerce from the Aligarh Muslim University, as a teacher candidate from Tamil Nadu in 1966.

She also held a technical teacher's diploma (B. Ed) from the Teachers' College, Chennai. She obtained her M.Phil from the University of Madras.

She taught at school, polytechnic and college levels for over three decades.

In 1970, she married Dr V. Thiagarajan,

professor, department of chemistry, Vivekananda College, who later served as the principal at Vivekananda College.

Meenakshi was the first head of the department of commerce at JBAS Women's College when she was appointed here in 1971. She handled accountancy, business studies, business management, banking, entrepreneurship and human relations. She retired in 1999.

In 2020, she published a course titled – Introduction to Financial Accounting on the Udeemy learning platform – to give insights on the subject for students with both accounting and non accounting background, which was well received.

Both her daughters studied in P S Senior Secondary School. While one lives in Chennai, the other lives in the USA.

“My mother was part of the Mylapore community for more than five decades. She had many favourite spots in Mylapore like Bakers Café, Rasi, Sukra Jewellers, K K Garments, Bombay Halwa House and Karpagambal Mess. Gardening was her favourite hobby and she loved to buy saplings from a nursery in the Chitrakulam area,” said Hema, Meenakshi's daughter.

Meenakshi is survived by her daughters and two grandchildren.

**QMC students join Rotary to clean part of beach**

By Our Edit Team

A group of students of Queen Mary's College, Mylapore joined members of Rotary International District 3234 for a beach cleaning drive in Pattinappakkam to mark International

Plastic Bag-Free Day.

The college girls, working in teams, cleared plastic and other waste on the sands here.

T. Vivekanandan, assistant commissioner of police, Mylapore, graced the event and commended the

students' efforts. Bharathi Saravanan of Rotary was also present.

Participants collected several kilograms of waste and significantly improved the condition of the beach in this



sector, said Dr K P Vijayakumar of Rotary in a media release.



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# THIS GROUP, SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE 1990s, RELIVE MOMENTS OF CAMPUS LIFE IN SAN THOME

By Preetha K.

The 1999 batch of San Thome Higher Secondary School had a little party; a formal one. It was a special Re-union. 25 years of meeting up from the time the members said good-bye to this campus run by the Montfort Brothers.

The Re-Union was held on June 22, 2024. Over 75 'old boys' and 35 teachers were present. Brother Arokia Sahayaraj, school correspondent, his colleagues and a few 'brothers' who used to manage and teach in the school in the 1990s were also present.

While the formal event was short and snappy, the occasion allowed the 'boys' to catch up and chit-chat with their teachers too. And later, party.

Mylapore Times spoke to three alumni, who were part of the Re-union organizing committee; asking the trio to unwind.



### R. K. Vishwanathan, GM, Redington



"The first thing that comes to my mind when I think of my school is sports – mainly cricket and athletics. Our school was an incubation centre for sports and fitness enthusiasts.

The school was known for its discipline. We were not allowed to pluck even one leaf from the plants in our campus. We would be punished if we came late to school. Defaulters were asked to kneel down and run around the ground in the hot sun. Our teachers were extremely strict. Complaining to our parents did not help either; our parents would ask the teachers to double the punishment.

### R. Niranjan, zonal head, Aditya Birla Capital



Preparations for this Re-union began several months ago with a small group representing both the commerce and science streams of the 1999 graduating class. We got crucial support from Rev Bro. Arokia Sagayaraj, the current principal. We also launched fundraising drives.

At the Re-Union, besides the old boys and 38 teachers, we had many retired educators from Montfort and San Thome schools. Retired teachers Andrew and Pramila sang for us. The presence of Rev Brother Selvanathan, our principal from 1986 to 1991, lit up the event.

All the teachers were honoured with shawls by the principal. We presented Rs.2 lakhs towards education of deserving but needy students. There was lunch for teachers, alumni, volunteers and school staff. The event concluded with a nostalgic walk around the campus, visiting the classrooms where we studied.

Informally, the group intends to identify ways to support the school management and students as they navigate an AI-driven world.

### Pennan Chinnasamy, associate professor, IIT - Bombay



During our school days, the school had five sections for each class – A, B, C, D, E. About 60 per class. Our batch has high profile people today, each one holding premier positions in big firms, but when we met, we never spoke about our current position! We were just like San Thome School boys! Our school used to have a big park in the Montfort campus and many movie shootings took place there. We were also part of a few scenes! The park is gone. The Montfort auditorium was built during our time in school. We had been part of the fundraising activity for this project.



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This happens only during the cyclonic/monsoon season. But last weekend, the seawater rose high and splattered on some of the empty fish hawkker stalls that line the roadside.

The sea erosion was severe in the area south of Nochi Nagar. Fishermen here said the sea has been rough for some days now.

## Alliance publishes book on actor Saroja Devi's life and times



By Our Edit Team

Naan Saroja Devi Pesugiren. This is the title of a book, in Thamizh, in which one of the iconic actors of Indian cinema, Saroja Devi, unravels her life and times in the world of cinema and outside.

The book has been recently published by The Alliance Company of Mylapore.

Now a resident of Bangalore, Saroja shared her life stories to journalist-writer 'Ithayakkani' Vijayan.

Vijayan has his work published in all Thamizh dailies, weeklies and monthlies. He is the edi-



tor of 'Ithayakkani' magazine. Vijayan gained popularity through his biography series on people like M.G.R., Jayalalitha, Sivaji Ganesan, Rajinikanth, LTTE leader Prabhakaran and Kirupanandha Variyar, spiritual teacher.

Said Vijay Prashanth, partner of Alliance, "Saroja spoke to Vijayan over many months, ran through the drafts and then okayed her story for this publication."

The book has 224 pages and is priced at Rs.270.

You can buy a copy at The Alliance Company (WhatsApp: 928 928 1314) or on Amazon.

## Student leaders sworn in at Chettinad Vidyashram



By Our Edit Team

Chettinad Vidyashram school in R. A. Puram had its investiture ceremony for the current year on June 13.

The newly-elected prefects of the school's student body were sworn in and conferred with badges by Dr. Amudha Lakshmi, principal of the school, in the presence of school vice-principals, teachers and students.

The students' prefectorial team is a large one with students handling various responsibilities on campus..

The newly-elected school captains are Sarvesh R. and Roshan Raj.

The duo and other team members went on to meet the school correspondent, Meena Muthiah and posed for photos.



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