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## The Amrutanjan Mylapore land case

Madras High Court refused to grant relief to Amrutanjan Limited against a Rs.9.7 crore demand made by the state's Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR & CE) department in rental arrears for occupying 33,000 sqft land belonging to the Sri Kapaleswarar Temple.

The court dismissed an appeal filed by the company.

Here is a timeline on the issue -

- The temple had leased 14 grounds and 910 square feet of its land at Luz Church Road to P. R. Sundera Iyer on August 28, 1901. As per the agreement, the lease would be for a period of 99 years and on payment of a monthly rent of Rs. 1,400.

- Iyer, in turn, assigned the lease rights to Amrutanjan

which occupied the land

- After the expiry of the original lease period on August 27, 2000, the temple demanded enhanced rent but Amrutanjan did not pay the enhanced rent

- The temple issued a notice on Sept. 17, 2001 asking Amrutanjan to vacate the property on or before November 1, 2001. When the company did not vacate the land, a fresh notice was issued to it on June 16, 2024. Yet, the company continued to be in possession of the land.

- Meanwhile, changes were made in the Act on rental matters of temple lands. The new legal provision provided for constitution of a committee to fix lease rent for temple properties based on market value. In 2005, the committee fixed

Rs. 3.30 lakh as monthly rent for 14 grounds of land and demanded it with retrospective effect from 2001.

- Amrutanjan filed a statutory appeal before the HR&CE Commissioner.

The Commissioner refused to entertain the appeal unless the company deposited the lease amount fixed by the committee,

- Hence, Amrutanjan had filed the writ petition in November 2005 challenging issues made in the Act.

The company continued possession of the land. The case was dismissed in 2025 by High Court.

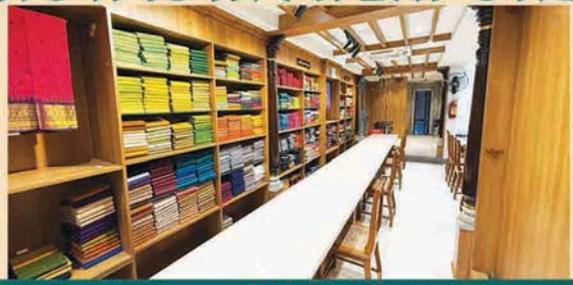
- The company filed a writ appeal. It was dismissed



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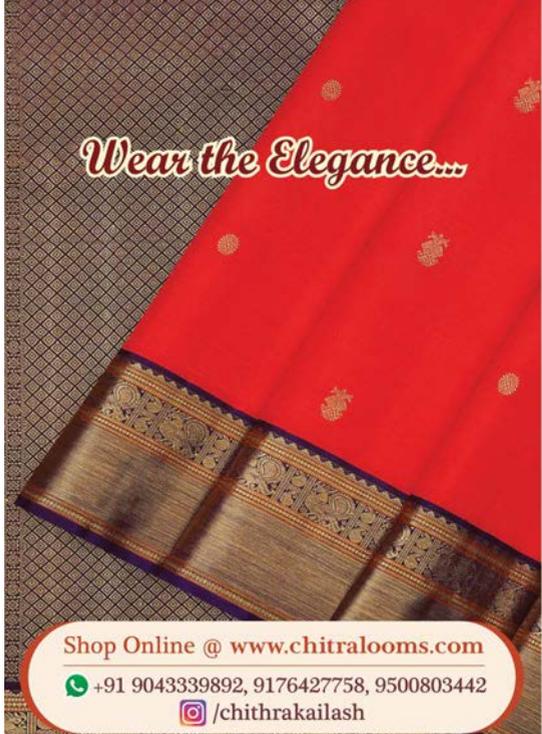
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## VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

*Kadala mavu* and *pachai payaru* maavu. I had to get it done. And I assumed I could get it off the shelf of a local store.

I stepped into a neighbourhood store whose business, the owner and the staff I admire. From the sidewalk and inside it.

They had the first, but not the second.

The owner ( I wouldn't want to call him a Nadar store owner) sensed my predicament. He put away the pack his staff had handed me, went in, sourced the two grams and mixed it up in a bag.

'Hurry!', he told me. "Get it ground next door before the shop closes"

He tugged me, pointed to the gully I had to take and got back to his business.

The 3 feet wide gully was dark. I could hear the whir of the grinding machine. Inside, a rotund woman watched as the wheat got powdered fine in three rounds, the man at the grinder, wiry, maavu-beaten.

"Put it there," he commanded me.

I left it on another cold grinder.

"Not there! It's the chilly powder." He wasn't pleased with my act. "And leave your footwear outside"

I quickly moved my pack to the floor, dropped off my sandals. And stood, quiet. I wasn't going to talk anymore.

The wheat job over, he slowed down the grinder, picked up my pack, tossed the gram mix and whirred the machine alive. Two rounds and it was done.

Twenty rupees.

I stepped back and looked on as a woman stepped in to pick up her 'done' stuff.

In an ever-changing neighbourhood of a metro, some lives refuse to be snuffed out. And some services are precious to many people. Like the nooks which grind wheat and masalas. Like the nooks where music instruments are repaired. Like the nooks that give our travel bags and suitcases a new life. They remain alive when we patronise them. For this, we must rewind to a way of life lived in the past and is still relevant.



## LETTERS FROM READERS

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### Auto garage uses street to wash cars

I noticed a new auto garage on Dr. Ranga Road close to the C. P. Ramaswamy Road junction is using the pavement to park its client's car and wash them in the open and the dirt water flows all around. The shop owner has used cones to mark an area for his use on the road. Local GCC engineers must take action. How can a private services business take over public space?

- Ganesh

### Paan, snacks shops 'hijack' pavement in Abiramapuram

New food/eateries are coming in non vending zones, encroaching on footpaths. The latest example is on Abiramapuram 4th Street, near the Starbucks intersection. One paan shop and three eateries occupy the footpath, placing umbrellas, chairs and tables on the pavement, forcing the public to take the road. Also, cars are now parked alongside Starbucks, making life difficult for pedestrians. Encroachments in non-vending zones cannot be allowed. GCC officials must take action.

K. R. Subramanian

### When fuel crisis affects Mylapore's daily life

The reported shortage of commercial gas cylinders has begun to cause concern among public food outlets. In a locality like Mylapore, the implications could be felt more widely. Small messes, tiffin centres and modest eateries here serve a steady stream of people who depend on them every day - elderly residents living alone, bachelors who cannot cook regularly, daily wage earners and office-goers who rely on quick and affordable meals.

Temple kitchens form another important part of this ecosystem. Every day, prasadam and annadhanam are prepared in several temples, quietly sustaining traditions that many devotees have come to regard as an inseparable part of Mylapore's life. When the supply of commercial cylinders slows, it is not merely restaurant business that is affected. A large network of everyday food support—public eateries, temple kitchens and small community kitchens also begin to feel the strain.

- Sanjeevi A. Joseph

### Beer at TASMAG; overcharged?

When we buy a bottle of beer from TASMAG, the MRP includes the cost of the bottle and the beer. Then, why should we pay Rs 10 over and above MRP as asked by the shop staff?

Logically, should we not get back the cost of bottle (Rs.10) which was already paid when we purchased the bottle. Can someone clarify this?

- R. V. Rao

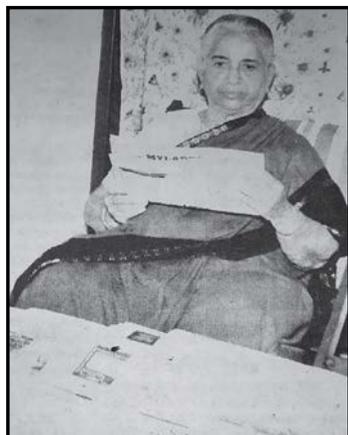
## MYLAPORE REWIND

This column carries excerpts from Mylapore Times, 1996 onwards. This week, we focus on September 1996.

### Rex Fashions opens store for int'l brands (Sept. 21, 1996)

Louis Philippe, Van Heusen and Allen Solly are some of the brands that Rex Fashions, the popular readymade garments store, will now be sold at its new exclusive outlet in Luz. From a 150 square-foot shop, Rex Fashions has transformed into a multi-showroom centre for ready-to-wear clothes. Girish Menon, one of the brothers behind Rex, said that being located in Luz, the only shopping area then, helped gain attention. When we started, the concept of readymade garments was new, added Ramesh, his younger brother. Ramesh identified two practices that had endeared them to their customers. One, they offered to alter sizes for their customers in half an hour. Two, they would take back a shirt from a dissatisfied customer even after a year's use. The brothers work as a team, whether on the shop floor or after shutting shop for the day to plan events such as promos and sales. He also pointed out that in the early days it was difficult to sell a shirt for Rs. 70. However, they are now able to sell even a shirt with a Rs. 700 price tag or a pair of jeans priced at Rs. 1,500.

Ambulu



### 79-year-old Ambulu wins Mylapore Times challenge (Sept. 7, 1996)

In August, *Mylapore Times* had announced that anyone having all the issues of the weekly would be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 500. 79-year-old Ambulu Chandramouli, or Ambulu paati as she is better known, won hands down. A resident of Vasanth Apartments on Mundagakanni Amman Koil Street, she had with her copies of 91 issues, right from November 1994. "I have found a friend in Mylapore Times. I collect them because

once in a while I go back and read some stories," she said. Once, when on a trip to Delhi, she had missed getting a copy. She legged it up two floors to collect one from the weekly's office.

Another time, when the office was closed and there was no issue, she said she missed her new-found weekly companion. Her closest rival was

R. K. Lakshmi from Luz Church Road, who had 73 issues. She too had been collecting since November '94, but a few copies had gone missing.

■ NOTE: Can we at Mylapore Times contact Ambulu's family now? Call 24982244

### Semmangudi to lead panel discussion on Carnatic music (Sept. 28, 1996)

Parampara is an association that focuses on the preservation of classical Carnatic music.

The organisation is conducting a panel discussion at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan on October 2. Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer is to lead the discussion. Violinist Lalgudi Jayaraman will present the point of view of senior musicians, while Gowri Ramnarayanan will set forth the critics' viewpoint. N. V. Subramaniam will bring to the forefront the view of the audience and the organisers. Retired IAS officer V. Ramamurthy is to co-ordinate the panel discussion, which will be followed by a concert by Bombay Jayashree.

● This column is curated by Kanaka Cadambi.

# At Eidgah Mosque, Mandaveli, community Iftar is an organised service

By Our Edit Team

At the Eidgah Mosque on St. Mary's Road, Mandaveli, on March 18, a small set of cooks and helpers get going on the terrace - to prepare the nombu kanji, partaken daily after the break of fasting during this period leading to Ramzan.

The ingredients, a traditional mix, are sourced fresh daily and the cooking, a laborious task, starts around 10.30 a.m.

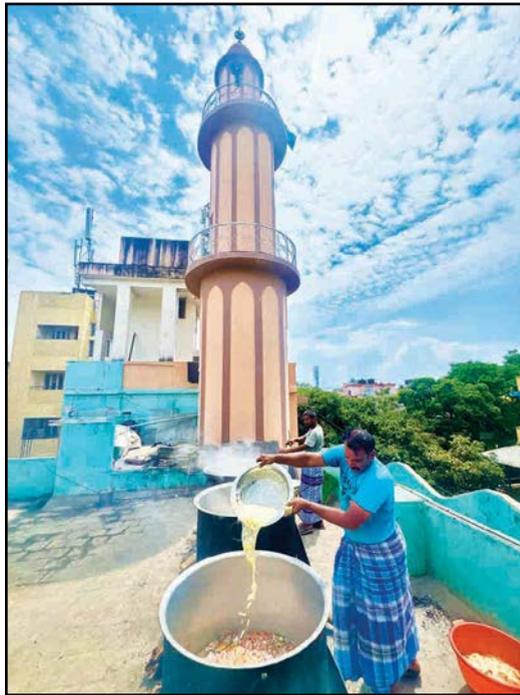
The first set of people who receive the kanji are the poor who line up at the gate of the mosque. Others are also welcome to request it.

"This is the time for sharing," says Imtiaz, an office-bearer here. "The community raises the funds for the Ramzan season Iftar."

Later, around 6 p.m., after the evening prayers the congregation sits for the Iftar - besides the kanji, cutlet, samosas, small appams, a vada and water is served. This makes a full meal.

The dining hall is packed, with some 250 plus people seated for the meal.

Ramzan will be celebrated on Saturday, March 21.



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# Sumithra's dance of Buddhist folktale

By Kanaka Cadambi

Sumithra Subramaniam, daughter and disciple of Jayanthi Subramaniam, recently presented her debut group production, *Angulimala*, to the Chennai audience.

*Angulimala* is a dancer's depiction of a Buddhist folktale. "Some stories are not told; they are transformed," says Sumithra. "Reading aloud from the *Amar Chitra Katha* to my six-year-old daughter, Dhvani, *Angulimala*'s story made a deep impact on me."

Sometime in 2024, she got a call from Cleveland, inviting her to collaborate with a young Carnatic musician for their festival's *Dvayam* series, which focussed on two opposing emotions. Said, Sumithra, "Out of the three themes that I was offered, the combination of Grief and Peace appealed to me. Though they seem to be opposites, they are intertwined. I gave a lot



of thought to this theme and looked for inspiration in the *Bhagavad Gita*, *Sankhya* literature and Buddhism."

But the story of *Angulimala* kept beckoning her. "I discussed it with scholars, and they advised me to drop the idea because there was no literature available in Sanskrit. The only available literature was in Pali, Chinese or Tibetan. The existence of the story could be authenticated. There was one reference in the *Buddha Charitam*. Beyond that, we drew a blank," Sumithra said.

It was an unexpected meeting that decided it would be *Angulimala*. "I follow a dancer, Himanshu Srivastava, on Instagram. He's also a talented painter. He was performing at a hall in Alwarpet in December 2024. After the show, I called him home, and he graciously agreed. He came home the next day. On January 1. I discussed with him the *Angulimala* idea and the challenges that I was facing. He gave me tremendous encouragement. 'Go after what your heart says,' he advised me."

Sumithra scripted the piece through the lens of grief and peace. Dr. S. Raghuraman, senior Tamil scholar, was extremely helpful here. *Angulimala* marked a few firsts

for Sumithra. For one, it was her first group production and collaborative work. Besides, for the first time, songs were specially written and composed in Tamil by the lead singers, Vishnu Dev and Lakshmi Raghavan.

The show first premiered at the Cleveland Thyagaraja Festival, USA, in 2025. "I was assigned four dancers from different dance schools. They were all Cleveland prize winners. I would send the dancers videos of Kala Darsana students performing the various scenes. In-person rehearsals were for hardly two or three days."

Sumithra faced it all unfazed. "I've been resonating with music and dance since the time I was in the womb. After marriage, I left for the US. Luckily for me, my husband and in-laws have been extremely supportive. I wouldn't be where I am today without their support. Even though we got our green card, my husband, Madhusudan Srinivasa Raghavan, decided that we should come back to India. At heart, we are all hardcore Mylaporeans."

"My calm in the storm" and "my Buddha" are how Sumithra describes her guru and mother, Jayanthi. "I share her with my Kala Darsana sisters. It's my chithi and mother-in-law who play the role of the mother."

Sumithra Subramaniam may be reached at 9600024845.

## Clarke School for the Deaf hosts state Deaf Chess championship



By Our Edit Team

The 15th Tamil Nadu State Deaf Chess Championship – 2026, organised by the Tamil Nadu Sports Council of the Deaf (TNSCD) and hosted by The Association for the Deaf, Chennai, was conducted on January 25 at The Clarke School for the Deaf, Mylapore.

About 100 players from 10 districts across Tamil Nadu, competed in the sub-junior, junior, and senior categories.

Students of The Clarke School for the Deaf did well, securing top positions in their respective categories. Two of these students were selected to represent Tamil Nadu at the national-level Deaf Chess Championship played at Nagpur.

The championship was organised by Shobana of TNSCD, and A. Ponnuswamy, secretary of TNSCD. Office bearers from TNSCD and The Association for the Deaf also lent their hands.

Srikanth, secretary of Clarke School says the school provides chess coaching to students here through the Mylapore Chess Academy.

## Mylapore Times Trust welcomes donations. To support students

Donations from Mylaporeans made to the Mylapore Times Charitable Trust (MTCT) have started.

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## R. A. Puram church group goes on Lenten pilgrimage



By Juliana Sridhar

200 parishioners of Our Lady of Guidance Church in R.A. Puram went on a Lenten pilgrimage to Emmaus Spirituality Centre at Villupuram on March 8. This retreat centre is maintained by the Tamil Nadu Bishops Council and many people go there for retreats and spiritual renewal.

Church groups undertake such short or long pilgrimages during Lent, a time to reflect on the suffering of Jesus and on our own shortcomings.

On this tour, the group made a stop at Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine at Acharapakkam. This pilgrimage was organised by parish priest Fr. T. Anthony Raj.

Thilaga Ravi, a parishioner said, "It was a good initiative since the place was away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. We were led into a profound spiritual experience."



# Maha Samprokshanam of Sri Vedantha Desikar Temple held

By Padma S. Raghavan

The Maha Samprokshanam of Sri Vedantha Desikar Temple, Mylapore was held on March 16, from 9 to 10 am. This was last held in 2013.

This year, three additional gopurams were built in recent months – one for Shri Lakshmi Narasimhar sannidhi, one for Shri Ramar sannidhi and one for Shri Andal sannidhi. The ankoorarpanam, followed by the three-day yaga salai were held.

Days earlier, people thronged the temple to get the blessings of the presiding deities lord Srinivasar and Alarmelmangai thayaar by touching their feet, the abhaya



hasthams et al. Bhattachariars from various temples like Kanchipuram chanted the Vedas and mantras for three days during the yagam. Srimad Andavan Sri Varaha Mahadesikan of Sri Andavan Ashramam was present at the event.

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## Traffic jam outside, Bombay Gnanam's housefull-play inside

By Our Edit Team

Musiri Subramaniam Road is clogged. It is a shade after 6 p.m. on a weekday. Cars, autos and bikes run both ways.

"It is a one-way road but who cares," says a cyclist weaving his way at the gate of St Isabel's Hospital.

"All because of Metro work," chimes in the hospital's gatekeeper.

Two women at the gate of Mylapore Fine Arts Club (MFAC) look flustered.

They seem to have got out of their car and walked to the sabha but wonder if the man at the wheel will find a place to park and be on time for the play.



that helped build the script.

"Bhagavan Sri Panduranganin Purandaradasar" (March 2 to 8)

The production costs but it is free to watch because "we want even those who cannot pay to watch this drama", she says. But you are welcome to donate. We accept five and five hundred rupees, she adds.

Looking around, it is clear everybody present can pay 25 or even 50 rupees.

The curtain goes up. The drama takes place in parts in three zones of the stage, as lights switch on and off and on. Theatre, dialogues, music, songs sandwiched – to take forward the life of

a fascinating character. A story which makes better sense to what must be an audience which also relishes Carnatic music concerts and Purandaradasa songs, though less sung, at sabha music concerts. A drama by an all-women cast, from 18 year olds to a 70 year old, we are told.

The a/c unit is struggling at 18 degrees. It isn't uncomfortable though. The break is welcome. Fresh air and a cup of coffee at the makeshift stall outside.

The traffic is still jamming on the road.

"If the sabha has events, the jam is worse," says St Isabel's Hospital's gate-keeper. Must have been so all days of Bombay Gnanam's play at MFAC.



Inside the TAG- MFAC hall, only the last four rows of seats are empty. And a few here and there. Maybe 'reserved'.

In 15 minutes, the rows are also packed. The air-conditioning is trying to hold good. It shows 19 degrees in one unit.

People continue to stream; many are seniors, and a senior with a daughter. The gallery is full, a steward says. One man shuffles out – in two minds – to get a front row seat or strain and watch from the far end?

The bell goes. Bombay Gnanam takes her place at the lectern. She tells the audience about her play, based on Carnatic music composer Purandaradasar, sharing the sources

## THREE SHORT, ENGLISH-TAMIL PLAYS. BY MASQUERADE. MARCH 27

Masquerade – the Abiramapuram-based amateur English theatre group has been celebrating World Theatre Day almost every year since 1998, This year the group is putting up a bi-lingual live theatre performance comprising of 3 short plays – inspired and adapted from three of contemporary Tamil literature's engaging, humorous and intriguing short stories. Narratives with twists, earthy day-to-day humour and surprise at the tail.

The group's artistic director Krishna Kumar S (KK) says the plays are bilingual - a mix of English and Tamil.

There is only one show - at 7:15 pm on March 27 (Friday) at Medai – the Stage, Alwarpet. For tickets, log on to all events.in



## Sri Ramanavi celebrations

Sri Ramanavi celebrations are on at Sri Madhava Perumal Temple, Mylapore from Mar 18 to 27.

On Mar.21 evening is the grand sita kalyana utsavam.

On Mar.27, festival day, from 9 a.m. is abishekam and at 6 p.m. is Hanumantha vahanam procession, to be held inside the temple.

Similar events are held at Sri Adi Kesava Perumal Temple, Mylapore.

The utsavam started on Mar.20. All the vahanam procession and puja happen in the evenings here.

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## Sri Kapali Temple's Panguni fest starts Mar.23

The annual Brahmostsavam of Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple, Mylapore, called the panguni festival, will be on from March 23 to April 1. Preparations are in full swing inside and outside the temple now. The 'ther' is getting special attention, the shutters of the shed have been rolled up.

The key festival days are -

Kodiyetram -

March 23, 6.30 a.m. ; Adikara Nandi - March 25, 6 a.m.:

Rishaba vahanam - March 27, 10.30 p.m.: Ther procession

- March 29, 6.30 am onwards: Arubathumoo var procession -

March 30, 3 p.m. onwards: Thirukalyanam - April 1,

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# Elections 2026: updates

● Staff contracted by the Election Commission of India have started visiting houses of senior citizens who are eligible to vote from home. Those above 85 years and persons with physical disabilities ( PwD) can vote from home. R. V. Rao from Abiramapuram reports that Kaushalya, a. ECI-designated staffer visited his flat on Tuesday and asked if he would wish to vote in the 2026 Assembly election; she sought his signature of his willingness. Rao said the job was done in 15 minutes. On the eve of voting day, the staff will visit again with the ballot paper and he can cast his vote at home.



● The current MLA's office in the GCC complex, C. P. Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet has been closed in line with the ECI code. Petitions will not be processed here. The buzz has shifted to the DMK party's local office in R. K. Nagar.

Sitting MLA, Dha Velu has applied to contest again; chances seem bright.

● A plot in Saradapuram, Mylapore has been marked out as the BJP's local office for the elections. A large arch featuring all the national leaders of the party has been erected. The buzz is two people are in the running for the ticket.

● Following the ECI code, all posters of political parties were ripped off walls, promos of parties and of party men and women at bus stops and public utilities have been masked.

● The TVK party held a public meeting recently on Mandaveli Street, alongside the market (photo above). On stage were lots of young men and some 500/700 people attended the meeting that night. The party's local office is off P. S. Sivaswami Salai.

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The event at St Raphael's School

## 'Peace Clubs' for students of Mylapore schools. Finale held in three campuses

By Our Edit Team

Gandhi Peace Foundation, Madras recently completed the 'Peace Clubs in Schools' project for the academic year 2025-2026 in some local area schools.

The schools included Lady Sivaswami Girls Higher Secondary School and St. Raphael's Girls Higher Secondary School.

The project also covered Children's Garden School, Mylapore. Here, the programme included a prayer, a skit, singing, talk on Six Rules for Peace and on Mahatma Gandhi and a snappy play – all presented by the students of class 5. Students from Grades 5 and 6 participated as Peace Club members.

S. Kulandaisamy, secretary, Gandhi Peace Foundation, said that at the club

meetings, resource people discuss with students their daily life experiences and share Gandhian principles that they can apply in addressing them.

Certificates were distributed during the valedictory functions held in these schools in late February. The Foundation functions from Srinivasa Gandhi Nilayam, Alwarpet.

At Lady Sivaswamy Ayyar School



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Mylaporean Ganesh Natarajan's double exposure shots - shot at dawn on March 14. "We can get this image by merely shooting in the camera or by using image editing software," said Gamesh. "This set was shot on my camera."



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A summer breaks in, a set of flowering plants boom. Most commonly seen are the bougainvillea - in a variety of flaming colours. Here are pictures of flowers in the gardens of some Mylaporeans. (1) Flowers in Mahadev Apartments Baskarapuram photo by Janaki Thiagarajan (2) Adenium of Dr. R. Chandrasekaran, R. A. Puram. (3) Hibiscus of Ganga Sridhar, Mandaveli. (4) Paneer rose, commonly known as the Damask rose or Rose Edouard in the terrace garden of Bhanu, M. K. Amman Koil Street zone, Mylapore and (5) Bougainvillea of N. Sanjeevi of 5th Main, R. A. Puram

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## AU Bank donates traffic police booths, barricades

By Our Edit Team

AU Small Finance Bank, as part of the bank's road safety initiative under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, recently installed two traffic police booths in the Mylapore zone and deployed 30 traffic barricades across high-density traffic zones in Chennai.

The traffic police booths have been installed at two junctions - MRC Nagar junction (near Sun TV Network traffic signal), Karpagam Avenue Road and at the San Thome cathedral traffic signals junction.



In addition, 30 barricades have been placed along North Mada Street, Kutchery Road, R. K. Mutt Road and Dr Radhakrishnan Salai areas.

The bank's branch is at No 320, Preethi Towers, Royapetah High Road Mylapore.

## Gym for women in Mandavelipakkam. Councillor says work to start soon

By Our Edit Team

A final plan is being processed by GCC for a gym for women in ward 126, to be located near the Infinity Park, Mandavelipakkam.

Councillor Amirda Varshini, who made this proposal, says work should start soon on this project.

Women of this area who go for walks say that a part-time trainer at the gym will be useful. They point to the case of the gym for women in Nageswara Rao Park, Luz where women are using the facility but feel the need for a proper trainer.

The councillor also said that the GCC playground on South Canal Bank Road, Mandavelipakkam is getting a new compound wall. ( This place is commonly called Alphonsa ground)

The old one has been demolished and work on building a new one will start soon, said ward 126 councillor Amirda Varshini.



## Radha Kalyana utsavam of Abhiramapuram

By Our Edit Team

Radha Kalyana utsavam of Abhiramapuram held at Sankara Gurukalam, C. P. Ramaswamy Street, Abhiramapuram was attended by some 1000 people over three days in late February.

The event started traditionally with chanting of slokas and some ashtapathis by Srivanjiyam Murali Bhagavathar and group. This was followed up the next day by

O. S. Sundar Bhagavathar - from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. completing the ashtapathis.

Following that was this year's highlight, a bhajan sandhya by children of Mylapore, held on Saturday. 12 children ( 5 and 14 years old) from the neighborhood took part. They were trained by Dr. Kalyani Harish.

Saturday's events came to a close with Divyanama sankeerthan ( dancing around a lamp while singing bhajans) by O. S. Mukund followed by dolotsavam ( putting the lord to sleep)

On March 1, the wedding of the lord was conducted by Ganananda Mandali, Mandaveli. Finally, the evening featured bhajan-dramas.

Cuddalore Gopi Bhagavathar made the children perform Prahlada Charithram.

The annual event is organised by Abhiramapuram bhakthas with contribution of devotees.



- Inputs for this report by Sriraman C.

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# Focus on Women

Some events held in Mylapore zone to mark International Women's Day

**1.** Thiruvalluvarpet Magalir Sevai Udhavi Kuzhu in Thiruvalluvarpet ( behind Jeth Nagar, Mandaveli) raised a Woman's Day event in their area. Local councillor Amirda Varshini was special guest. 15 women make this group; they avail loans from banks to run local, small-scale businesses like selling saris / idli batter.

**2.** A small group of members of 'Voices of Mandavelipakkam' went on a morning walk inside Tholkappia Poonga in R. A. Puram to mark's Women's Day.

**3.** Senior women residents of Ragamaliika Apartments, Mandaveli, went on a nature walk inside Thokappiya Poonga which is close to their locality. There were 30 in this group. They treated themselves to snacks and coffee at the Poonga snacks place run by women.

**4.** Raja Annamalaipuram Residents Association (RAPRA) in association with Soropti-



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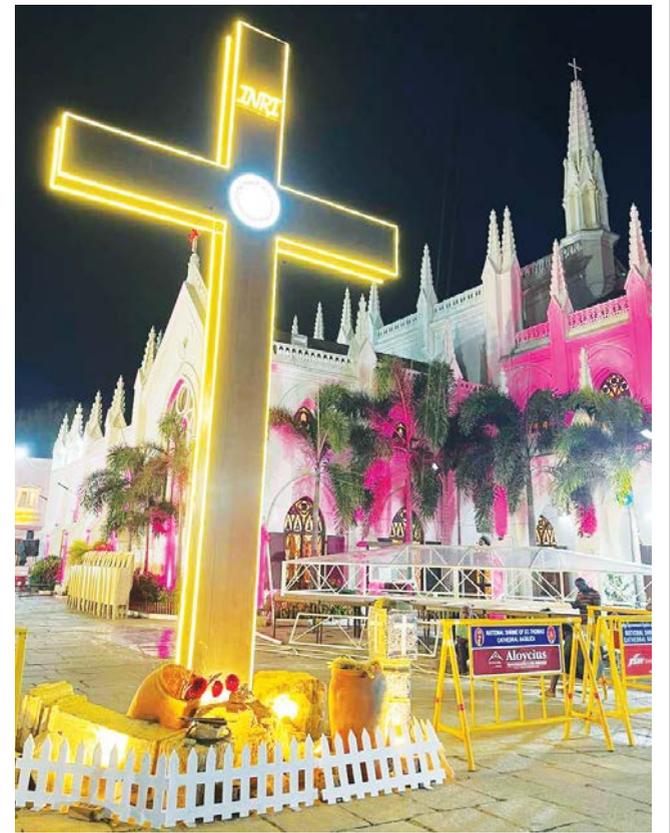
mist International (SI), Chennai Downtown and Rotary Club Naureen Musvee, secretary of Soroptimist did the honours.



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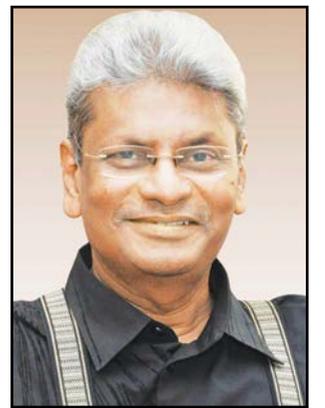


A giant, 26-ft tall cross has also been erected in the centre of the St. Thomas Cathedral campus; it is lit at night. This is a symbolic installation for the Lenten season when Christians reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus and on their own lives. Also installed in the campus is a giant, extra life-size sculpture of Mother of Sorrows - unveiled by Dr. George Anthonysamy, archbishop of the Madras-Mylapore archdiocese. Rector of the church, Fr. Vincent Chinnathurai said that this image would help people meditate on the themes of the Lenten season.

## Scholarships for students keen on architecture study

In memory of Prof. Solomon Vedamuthu

By Our Edit Team



Dr. Prof. Solomon Vedamuthu was a well-known architect and a unique educator in the field of architecture and design.

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The Live Lines NATA and Design Centre in Alwarpet was founded in his honour, as a tribute to his life, his teachings, and his extraordinary contribution to design education.

Led by Mylapore-resident Bhavna, who was mentored by him for a decade and taught alongside him for years, the centre is built on the same principles he lived by — observation, discipline, independent thinking, and integrity in design.

As its first initiative, the centre has established the Prof. Solomon Scholarships. Aspiring students undergo an entrance test, and the top five performers are awarded scholarships toward their coaching fees, ensuring that dedication and potential are supported and encouraged.

The next batch for NATA and JEE B. Arch entrance exam preparation at Live Lines NATA and Design Centre commences on March 28, offering structured guidance rooted in observation, creativity, and independent thinking.

The entrance exams for architecture – NATA – will come up in April – June. This exam can be taken on any Friday/ Saturday from April 4, until June.

For admissions and scholarship test details, interested students may contact 98413 75423.

# Try Badam rose laddoo. At Shree Anandhaas

By Our Edit Team

Three top picks at the recently-opened Shree Anandhaas Sweets and Snacks on North Mada Street, Mylapore.

Badam rose laddoo, Gul-kand-cashew biscuit. Anandhaas special fixtures.

A tip from a consultant to the owner of this 1998-launched brand of Coimbatore.

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## ATM at Mylapore Post Office functions now. 24 hours

By Baskar Seshadri

For the convenience of post office users and the public, Mylapore Head Post Office had opened a ATM centre in November 2025

Due to some initial glitches, it was shut for sometime and was re-opened recently. It is open 24 hours.

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