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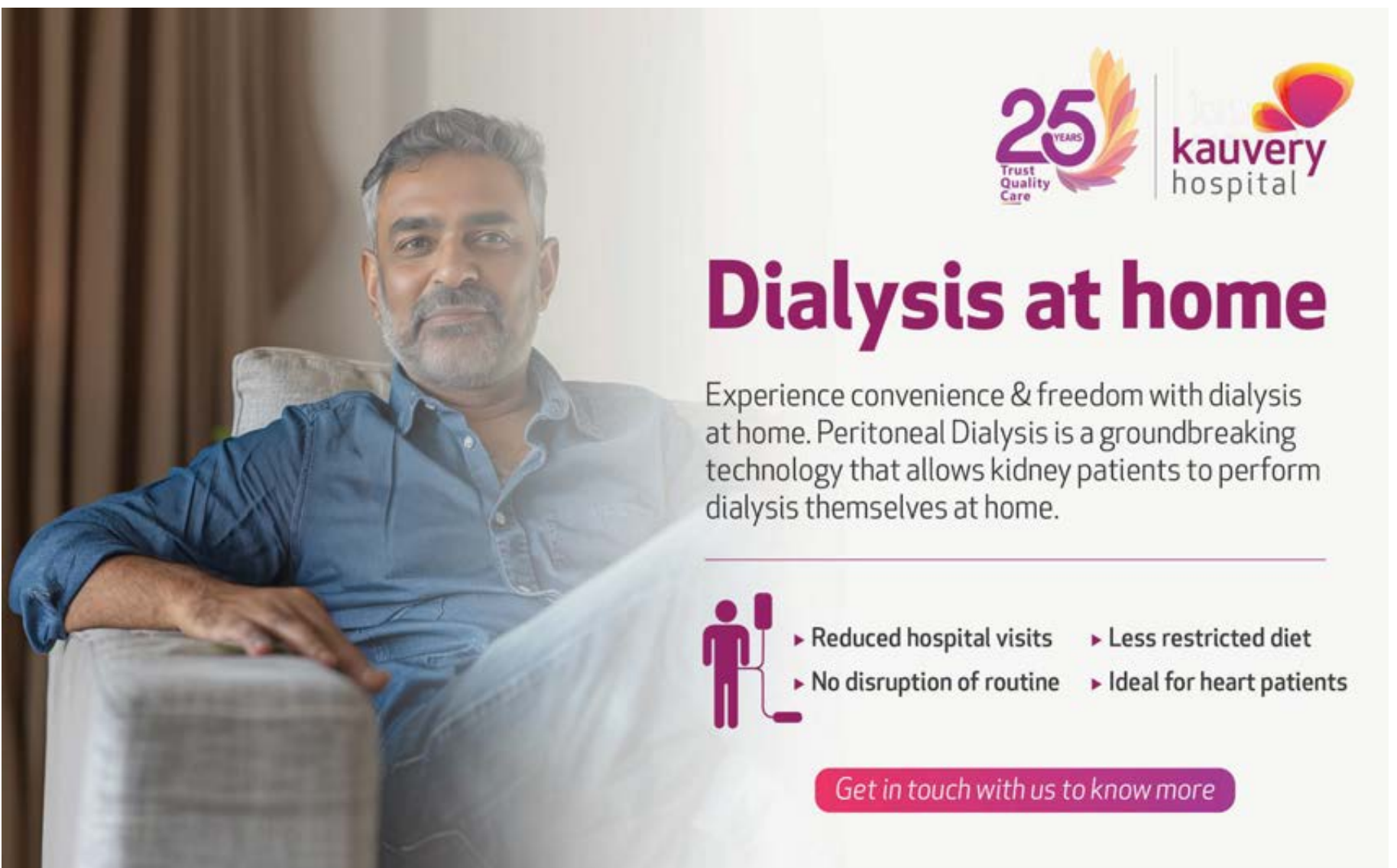
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Vasant Utsav

The annual Vasant Utsav dance festival at Sri Kapali Temple, Mylapore ends on May 11. Dance concerts, two daily, are held in the evening. On May 8, Bharatanatyam teacher and artiste Srekala Bharath and her disciples performed here.

This fest is hosted by Saraswathi Education, Cultural Charitable Trust of the Gariyali family.



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Owned by Sheela Sekar, the shop also sells rare specimens like vetpalai, vettiver, karuavuri(indigo), mahavilvam, vegetables and keeral seeds. Potting mix, vermicompost, indoor plant soil, cactus soil manure, kadalpasi for fertiliser spray and gardening accessories are available here. Sheela also delivers plants for gifting.

"I undertake landscaping work for houses and apartments in the neighbourhood," says Sheela.

Sheela's passion for gardening started when she was residing at the police quarters in Mylapore.

Sheela can suggest suitable soil mix for plants and share tips on what grows best in Chennai's climate!. "There is a different soil mix for summer and for the year-end season. I suggest plants as per the growing environment and condition," she says.

Prices of plants start from Rs.60.

Report by V. Soundararani

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BADAVA GOPI's SHOW

Comic and actor Badava Gopi presents a stand-up show on May 11 evening at Medai - The Stage in Sriram Nagar, Alwarpet. Themed 'Gopi Funchurian', the actor promises to share slices of the fun and not-so-fun side of his career and life experience. Ticketed. Rs.499. Starts 7 pm



DANCE, LIFE TIPS FOR YOUNG MOMS

A dance movement workshop curated for Mother's Day is to be held on May 12 at The Little Gym in Alwarpet.

It will be on from 9am to 11am and is hosted by Deepthi Ravichandran (CID-UNESCO certified DMT facilitator) & Divya Ramesh (CAPP certified birth educator & lactation professional)

This is what is planned for that morning - fun dancing & movement based activities to destress; learn some tips to cope with daily challenges at home; creating a safe, sharing space for mothers to bond & connect with other women and knowledge sharing on motherhood and self-care techniques for the mind-body

This event is open to mothers of all ages. Registration is mandatory and can be made by calling 9500165433 or dmtwithdpt@gmail.com

CREATIVE JOURNALING WORKSHOP

Artist Fazila Fahzath is hosting what she calls a Therapeutic Journaling Workshop that allows you to express yourself, your feelings... via creative exercises. Fee - Rs.1500. May 11; 9 am to 11 am. At The Board Room, Bheemasena Garden Street, Mylapore.

This place offers guests over 500 games to choose and play; it also serves milkshakes, teas, pastas, pizzas, rice bowls and snacks.

MUSIC CONCERTS THEMED ON KSHETRAS

This Carnatic music concert series is themed on the kshetras. Titled 'Kshetra Sankirthana Vaibhavam', each day's concert by young artistes will cover songs themed on three kshetras - and these cover places like Srirangam, Tiruchi, Thiruvanaikaval, Rameswaram, Thanjavur, Kanchi, Chidambaram and Chennai zone, besides others.

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Needlework daily keeps the mind off health problems for this senior

By Preetha K.

Meenalochani Ramadurai, 89, rekindled her interest in cross-stitch and needlework to move her focus away from the pain and bother that her body was experiencing.

Daily, encouraged by her daughter Shymala, she picks up needle, thread and the rest and engages in what used to be a hobby which turned into a passion.

"I used to do artwork when I was in Rosary Matric school," she said.



dubbing artiste, says that her mother had to be distracted from her ailments in recent times.

Meenalochani had osteoporosis and has survived several fractures.

Post-pandemic, she developed palpitations and was diagnosed with an arrhythmic heart. All this bogged down the woman. That is when the daughter took charge.

"My mother is a lover of arts. She is an excellent cook and a great homemaker. She started focusing on arts

to overcome her health issues and she has been largely successful," says Shyamala.

Shyamala adds that the second stint of her mom's tryst with craftwork started with her making small cane baskets which she gifted people during Navaratri.

The helper at the Meenalochani residence is a skilled artist - she draws well. "So this has further encouraged my mom.

She had drawn lots of images of gods and goddesses," says Shyamala.



"Over the years, I got busy with domestic responsibilities and lost track of the creative side."

Shyamala Lakshmanan, a YouTuber and a

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VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

This summer, may I suggest a few areas in the city you could explore. With children who may be enjoying their holidays now.

I will start with Mylapore. Very few of us really know the real Mylapore; most assume that the Sri Kapali Temple zone is the heart beat and life revolves around it.



I would suggest a Walk Tour on any morning, perhaps best on a Sunday morning, starting 7 a.m. A Tour that can start at the arch adorning Sri Mundagakanni Amman Temple Street, winding through the smaller streets and lanes, around the Amman temples and the Madhava Perumal Temple, taking in the facades that survive and the lives we rarely notice today.

Next up, I would suggest a Tour of Tholkappia Poonga, which needs a reservation online. This is one of our best maintained nature reserves, resurrected from what used to be the Adyar river's estuarine zone, which became the neighbourhood's dump zone and was finally saved. The variety of plant, bird and flower life here is fascinating as is the water body.

How about seeing / observing / watching the city from a train?

If this excites you, then you should head to the Thirumayilai MRTS station, travel to Velachery on one side and then come back towards Chintadripet, on the other side. A window seat will offer glimpses of the city's landmarks, neighbourhoods as well as the eye-sores. (I love the stretch between Light House and Chepauk, looking eastwards). You cannot get a much cheaper, easier look-around of a part of the city that you must know well.

Here is another fun option. A family car ride from the south end to the north and back. Hit the Marina beach road; stop to take in the heritage spaces around you as you motor down. Get down and wander in places that appeal to you; inside Queen Mary's College or Madras University campus. Go north, beyond the Madras High Court and towards Royapuram, go down to Kasimedu, to the fishing harbour. Then turn back.

A walk around Fort St George is a great option too. Head there by 9 a.m. on a Sunday when the place can be yours. Read beforehand, a bit about the major points inside; helps you soak in in each place - the old bungalows, the church, the Armenian-built house, the fort ramparts and the museum.

These suggestions are not exhaustive. I don't want to sound like a tourist guide here. But if this information has motivated you to explore our city, I'd be happy.

LETTERS FROM READERS

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Provide full name and short address.

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

What use are shamiana bus shelters?

Chennai Metro woke up months after it forced bus commuters to roast in the sun because neither CMRL nor MTC thought it was their responsibility to set up bus shelters on routes of diversions in Mylapore. But what use are these shamiana shelters? Will they last for 3 years?

- R. Prabha



Thank you!

Thank you *Mylapore Times* for letting me be a part of the 12-day journalism course. It helped me communicate better, write better and made me look at things from a new perspective. The way the editor guided me also played an important role in the way I learnt these life skills.

-Vihaan Venkateswaran

GCC, address violations; refer D'Silva Road

Many buildings ramps extending into the road like in D' Silva Road, Mylapore. This is hampering pedestrian movement and is dangerous for walking. GCC must impose stiff penalties on people violating the platform space created by the civic body. Other violations like parking vehicles on the platform and fencing off gardens which include public space, should also be dealt with severely.

- D. Murali

Postpone re-opening of schools

It would be good if schools in Tamil Nadu, including the CBSE ones, reopen after June 6, keeping in mind the heat.

- T. B. Siva Shanmugham

Cattle wander on Greenways Road

Cows are wandering freely on Greenways Road. They are a hindrance to the traffic and also people going for a walk in the morning. Why isn't GCC taking action?

- Dr. Ayyappan

Change bus routes in Mylapore zone

It is best to consider alternate routes for buses plying from Mandaveli. The meandering in the Mandaveli market zone and South Mada Street area is difficult for all motorists and leads to traffic snarls. Focus must move from shifting of bus stops to changing the route.

- T. Chandramouli

Chennai Metro: pedestrians, commuters most affected

Chennai Metro work has affected pedestrians the most. Pavements and bus shelters are lost and commuters have to compete with two-wheelers and four-wheelers to board a MTC bus. Development should not be so skewed.

- Latha Lakshminarasimhan

Needed: bus services between Mylapore and Koyembedu, Adyar

There is no direct bus service from Sri Kapali Temple tank zone to Vadapalani, Koyembedu, Adyar or Thiruvaniyur. Senior citizens cannot walk long distances to get a bus stop and auto drivers charge exorbitant rates for short distances. I request MTC to operate mini buses around temple tank zone to Alwarpet, Teynampet Metro and Adyar. Can the Mylapore MLA look into this?

- Ramamurthy N.

MY STORY



Five years as parish priest

By Fr. Y. F. BOSCO

I have been a parish priest at Our Lady of Guidance Church, popularly known as saint Lazarus Church for the past five years. And now I am on transfer.

I move to a small parish in north Chennai.

These five years in the parish in R. A. Puram have been eventful years. Of course, the two years of the pandemic affected religious services and events at our church but the rest have offered new opportunities to a priest like me.

This is a very large parish. There are close to 1000 Catholic families who come under it. So catering to this large community can be demanding and satisfying too.

One big challenge that I handled was to bring the people closer to each other. This was done in different ways - through the sermons at Holy Mass, through small group counselling, through one-on-one conversations.

I emphasised the need to have peace in our families. Only then, there would be peace around us and in the community. This is what I stressed and I think it had some positive outcome.

One other good thing that happened was getting families to send their children for Catechism classes we hold every Sunday in the church. Catechism provides the foundation of

faith and belief and is vital for the religious and personal growth of a person. It has to start at a young age.

We used different ways to get all our children to attend these classes. There would be competitions, picnics and fun sessions. Sometimes, they would be given snacks since the children stayed back after Mass for the classes. Our resource teachers helped a lot as did the church community.

We have had over 300 children attend these classes regularly and this is a pleasing thing to have happened.

I asked the archbishop for a small and new parish so I could focus on that kind of a community and I now go to such a place.

● Fr. Bosco is a Catholic priest of the Madras-Mylapore diocese.



Vaikasi vizha at Sri Veleswarar Temple starts May 14. On till June 3

The annual *vaikasi vizha* at Sri Veleswarar Temple, Mylapore is starting on May 14 and goes on till June 3 this year.

Here are the highlights of the fest -

May 14 - 8 am - kodiyaetram. May 15 - suryavattam / chandra vattam processions: morning / evening

May 16 - 5.45 am - Adhikara nandi procession. May 18 - 9 pm - rishaba vahanam procession

May 19 - 4 pm - 108 sanga abishekam. The pancha-murthy vahanam procession starts 9 pm

May 20 - 7 am - Ther procession.

May 21 - 2.45 pm - sukra bhagavan kan-perudal.

May 23 - Thiru-kalyanam

From May 14 - 23, there are nagaswaram concerts by senior artistes (mostly held in the evenings).

May 25 onwards is vidaiatri vizha - classical music and dance concerts are held in the evenings; includes nagaswaram by Aridwaramangalam A K Palaniswami and vocal concert by Nithyasree Mahadevan

State governor was chief guest at Maharashtra Day event



By Our Edit Team

The Maharashtra Association Chennai celebrated Chhatrapathi Shivaji jayanthi and Maharashtra Day on May 1 at Sanskrit College auditorium, Mylapore.

The governor of Tamil Nadu, R. N. Ravi was the chief guest and Sivaji Rajah Bhosale, prince of Thanjavur Maratha royalty was the guest of honour.

Abaji Rajah Bhosale was also present during the function. Dr. R. Vasudevan, former director of DRDO was honoured with the 'Great Maratha' award.

Four children were awarded 'Young Maratha' awards for their outstanding performances in education, sports and arts, said a note shared by Dr. S. Devaji Rao, hony. secretary, The Maharashtra Association, which had its base off TTK Road, Alwarpet.

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A service to support people who have lost someone to suicide

By Our Edit Team

SNEHA, a suicide prevention social organization based in R. A. Puram has launched a new platform – Support after Suicide (SAS).

The SAS platform has been created by SNEHA to provide support to people who have lost someone to suicide.

Through this channel, affected persons can share their feelings openly and confidently with SNEHA volunteers who will in turn help them to come to terms with their grief and move forward.

For more details, contact SNEHA, 11, Park View Road, R. A. Puram, Chennai – 600028. Ph: 24640050. E-mail: help@snehaindia.org



Mangoes from Salem's organic farms



By Our Edit Team

Uyir Organic Farmers Market store in Mylapore is now selling organic mangoes.

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It has also received a request from St. Francis Xavier High School, Alwarpet, seeking support for 15 students whose parents are low-wage earners and need financial support.

With the results of Plus Two Board exams published, local area schools will also seek support for poor students who need support when they get college admission.

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The past week, Vasantha Muthuraman, Kotturpuram donated Rs.1000.



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Remembering vidwan Karaikudi Mani

Carnatic music guru and mridangam vidwan late Karaikudi Mani was remembered at a Laya Aaraadhana day-long music event held on May 4 at the vidwan's space in Jeth Nagar, Mandaveli.

Artistes who study music at the Sruti Laya Kendra centres that the vidwan founded in Chennai, Kumbakonam and Thrissur performed here.

“It will be overwhelming”

Nethra Kumanan from Alwarpet will represent India in sailing at the Paris Olympics

By Preetha K.

Alwarpet-resident and sportsperson Nethra Kumanan, a member of Tamil Nadu Sailing Association (TNSA) has secured a berth at the Paris Olympic Games. This is her second consecutive qualification for the Olympics. Mylapore Times spoke to Nethra before she flies to Europe for training.

What do the next few months look like?

I am going to France on May 16, after which I will head to Spain to train for half a month, and then to Germany. I will be training in France before the Olympics.

What is the schedule when you train?

As of now, the focus is only on sailing. When I am home, I am only working in the gym. Warm-up, sailing and recovering is the usual schedule.

Tell us about your coaches.

I have a coach from

France and one from Hungary. They have worked with me before and they know me well.

What is the kind of food you take?

I prefer whole balanced foods and I try to keep my carbs up. I need to keep my weight up because I am short for the boat.

What are the challenges you have faced?

I am lucky as I have not faced many challenges. I am doing my best with what I have.

How do you feel now?

I have been waiting for this for a year. I was good enough last year. I have got an opportunity and I will be going there and having fun.

How do you foresee the Olympics experience?

It will be overwhelming. There is a lot going on. It can be very exciting; it is like the whole country knows what you are doing. Before they did not even know sailing was a sport. There is a lot of sudden pressure but pressure is a huge privilege.



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BHARATANATYAM

ABHAI is hosting a camp for classical dance students from May 25 to 29. Jayanthi Subramaniam will handle classes for senior dancers and Chinnamanur Chitra for juniors. Classes are to be held in the mornings (for seniors) and in the afternoon (for juniors) at TN Iyal Isai Nataka Maniam, Greenways Road, R. A. Puram. Call Aishwarya - 8903717751

This popular Udupi food place opens at new address

By Our Edit Team

For tasty, wholesome Udupi food, foodies banked on Chaitra restaurant at the east end of P. S. Sivaswamy Salai. The idli-vada combo topped the menu. The prices of food-stuff here suited the common man. No frills: just good food ucked in, on the go.

Then, work on Chennai Metro's project began on both ends of Royapet-tah High Road, traffic was diverted and footfalls dropped. Chaitra's promoter, Raghavendra Rao shut this operation and has now opened

Sri Durga Bhavan, close to Vivek's store near Luz Circle.

“The food remains Udupi,” says Rao. “For lunch, we offer varieties of rice. I hope this location does well for us.” Rao, who hails from the Udupi region in Karnataka, came to Chennai when he was about 18 years old, worked as a cook in some restaurants and then launched Sri Durga Coffee House on North Mada Street, Mylapore, in 2013.

That food nook still exists, though it is now being renovated. It caters to regulars at Sri Kapali Temple as well as tourists.

Sri Durga Bhavan on R. H. Road opens at 6.30 a.m. and offers coffee right away; breakfast is ready, 7 a.m onwards. The shutters come down after 10 p.m. Open all days of the week.



Montessori primary teacher training course: admission open

By Our Edit Team

Admissions are open for the 52nd Montessori primary teacher training course from the Indian Montessori Training Courses, which is celebrating its 26th year. This centre is based in R. A. Puram.

The course will run from July 10, 2024 to April 2025.

In-person classes will be conducted from Mondays to Thursdays from 9.30am to 3.00pm and will focus on theory of Montessori method and child psychology and will also provide hands-on experience with Montessori materials. The diploma will be awarded by the Indian Montessori Centre.

People interested in becoming a Montessori teacher can call 9444936263/ 044-24614301 or send an email to admissions.imtcc@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can also visit www.imtccennai.org.

Indian Montessori Training Centre is at 2/1, Habib Complex, 5, Durgabai Deshmukh Road, R. A. Puram



Teachers, nuns and students were in a celebratory mood at St. Antony's Girls Hr. Sec. School on May 10, the day the results of Class 10 exams of the state Board were announced. The school topper is Darshini K. who scored 490 marks; she is a resident of Gurupuram, R. A. Puram

'Big Boss' bags five top prizes, 'Katchi Pizhaigalo' wins eight at Kodai Nataka Vizha

By Our Edit Team

The awards for dramas, artistes and others featured in the annual Kodai Nataka Vizha of Kartik Fine Arts which was held recently have been announced.

produced by PMG Mayurappa – the producer, Ganapathy Shankar, is a Mylaporean.

'Katchi Pizhaigalo' of thRee was chosen as second best play. The best comedy play chosen for an award was 'Meendum Thanikudithanam'

and a trophy. The awards are to be presented at a function on June 1 evening at Narada Gana Sabha hall in Alwarpet.

■ Photo shows the full house for the play, 'Katchi Pizhaigalo' when it was staged for the Nataka Vizha



'Katchi Pizhaigalo', the play which engaged a house-full audience at the venue – Narada Gana Sabha hall – won eight awards including best actress for Lavanya Venugopal.

The best actor award is for Girish Venkat (for 'Ambi Mama'); best playwright and dialogue writer for P. Muthukumar (for the play 'Big Boss'); best direction for Sridhar Ramaswamy, who made his debut for 'Thotra Mayakkangalo' and best play award for 'Big Boss'

of JC Creations. The story, dialogues and direction for this play is by V. P. S. Sriraman who is a Mylaporean. This troupe took part for the first time in the festival.

Best lighting award went to Mylai Babu ('Thotra Mayakkangalo').

Out of 32 prizes, 'Big Boss' bagged five top prizes, 'Katchi Pizhaigalo' won eight, 'Thotra Mayakkangalo' of Dummies Drama accounted for seven prizes.

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Mangoes from orchards

By Our Edit Team

Radha sells mangoes in front of her house at the east end of P. S. Sivaswamy Road, Mylapore.

She says that the fruit is sourced from the orchards near Oragadam and brought here periodically.

She says she has been selling mangoes every year during the season and has a regular clientele. Prices range between Rs.180 to 190 per kio.

Contact her at 9094860844

Students coached in R. A. Puram project do well in exams



By Our Edit Team

Raja Annamalaipuram Residents' Association (RAPRA) has been awarding scholarships worth Rs 1.80 lakhs every year to less privileged students of neighbourhood who study at Chennai (GCC) and government aided schools.

For the past two years RAPRA has also been conducting free coaching classes for 10 students in accountancy, commerce, economics and business math. The classes are handled by two chartered accountants.

All the students who attended this coaching have fared well in the subjects for which they had extra coaching in the Class 12 exams results which came out on Monday.

Kanimozhi of Rani Meyyammai Girls School scored centum in accountancy.

RAPRA's senior members say their aim was not only to help these students to score high marks but to make the students understand the subject deeply so that this would help them in their higher studies and career.

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Admission to P. S Senior

Admission to P. S Senior Secondary School, Alamelumangapuram, Mylapore which opened in January, is still open.

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For admission to Pre-KG, LKG and UKG, a copy of the birth certificate and address proof of parents must be submitted. The age criteria is mentioned in the school's web site. For admissions to Classes 1 to 9, there are separate admit guidelines to follow. For Grade 11 admissions, follow the guidelines given online.

After presenting these documents, the student may receive a call from the office to write an admission test, following which admission may be granted.

The residence of the applicant should preferably be within a 4 km radius from the school.

P. S. Senior Secondary School is affiliated to the CBSE Board.

As the iconic St Isabel's Hospital celebrates its diamond jubilee, three women share their memories of life experiences intertwined with this place.

This feature is by Preetha K.

Rajeswari Umanath, 58, homemaker



I was born at St Isabel's. Dr Shymala Reddy was my mother's gynaecologist. My daughter was also born there.

Though I wanted my grandchildren to be born there, circumstances did not allow for that. Dr Prema Krishnaswamy, my doctor, was such a sweet person. Dr. Meenakshi was also there.

My delivery was over in about 30 minutes. My grandmother, Dharmambal, used to share fond memories about St Isabel's.

I get a homely feeling whenever I step in there. More than 90 children in my larger family were born in this hospital. For pregnancy and delivery, we always head to Isabel's.

We have had a joyful experience there, visiting the new-borns. Whenever I pass down that road, images of our experiences come to my mind.

Vimala Varahan, 79, retired science teacher



St Isabel's is like a home to me. The nurses at St Isabel's are kind and considerate.

They respond to queries patiently. It was my doctor, Dr Lakshmi Kumari, who referred me to St Isabel's initially.

I delivered my child after 13 years of my marriage at this hospital and I have a special place for it in my heart.

Every time my child fell sick, I would rush to Isabel's. I fondly remember how the nuns used to come every night to the ward and pray. The charges in this hospital are also nominal.

We consider this hospital to be a lucky one. Not just for maternity, we go there to be treated for every ailment. When I heard that St Isabel's is 75, I immediately thought about the moments my child was born. Many of my cousins head to this hospital, majorly because I strongly recommend it.

Sailaja Venkataramanan, 65, retired banker



My twin children were born at St Isabel's in 1984. I came here from Bombay for the delivery. I was not registered at St Isabel's for the delivery but circumstances forced me to rush to St Isabel's when I was in the eighth month.

It was the chief matron here who helped me deliver my son. The resident medical officer, Dr Subhashree Rajagopal, came in just before I delivered my daughter. My children were underweight and were kept under the guidance of pediatrician Dr.Ranjani.

I stayed at St Isabel's for a month. I made friends with the new mothers and saw them come in and go out. I was also born at St Isabel's in 1958.

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