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- By V. Soundararani

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Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore launches its annual music and dance festival on Nov. 25 evening, with the Tamil Nadu governor being the chief guest at the formal event where famed singer, Vani Jayaram will be decorated with the Legend award.

Later, arts producer-anchor Subashree Thanikachalam hosts a North-South fusion concert. Concerts every evening, featuring all top artistes. Open to all.

### MUSIC FEST AT LUZ

Arkay Centre is celebrating its 12th anniversary with a Carnatic music fest at its hall in Luz.

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## Alumni of Savithri Ammal School to meet on Nov. 20

The Alumni Association of Savithri Ammal Oriental Hr Sec. School, Mylapore is hosting a meet on campus on Nov. 20 to honour teachers, especially the retired ones.

The event starts at 3 p.m. with high tea and informal conversations. The formal event follows, 3.30 p.m. onwards.

The Association invites all alumni of this school to attend – teachers and senior alumni will share warm anecdotes of school life at the event.

Said T S Ranganathan of the alumni group, “We have held events in the past to honour our teachers but there was a break due to the pandemic.”

Alumni Association contacts – T S Ranganathan – 9841019891/ Baskar – 9840686004.

## Alwarpet company launches online booking for December Season concerts

By Our Edit Team

MDnD, the Alwarpet-based online ticketing company which focuses on music, dance and theatre, has launched its window for this December Season. Rasikas, locally and outside the city, can now book concert tickets online.

Over a dozen leading sabhas of the city have tied up with MDnD, and a few more are expected to join this party, making it easy for rasikas to enjoy concerts of their favourite artistes.

The company's CEO, K. Kalyan says that besides selling tickets online, his team is training a group whose members will also work at the sabha gates to facilitate tickets buying and reservation. “We want to give rasikas a good experience,” says Kalyan, a leading chartered accountant. “When people are so used to booking food, travel and accommodation online, they now expect this service at the December Season.”

The site has already seen a steady sale of tickets for Madrasana's music fest at a modern auditorium on the campus of Asian College of Journalism, Taramani.

Kalyan's company also offers a bonus to rasikas – they can now book a seat to enjoy ‘sapid’ at the famed sabha canteens that are at the core of the cultural festival. Two leading caterers, Sastha and Sasthalaya – who operate from Mylapore Fine Arts and Narada Gana Sabha, have signed up.

“The caterers were a bit hesitant at first, unsure if they could honour the commitment,” says Kalyan. “But they too agreed clients want a smooth process.”

While elai sapad, which draws a big crowd, not necessarily rasikas, will be offered at MFAC sabha premises, diners must settle for mini-meals and rice varieties and snacks at Narada Gana Sabha.

MDnD also has plans to pepper its online space with snappy videos and visuals this December Season.

For support, people can WhatsApp ‘Hi’ to 8072 336688 or email to – events@mdnd.in or WhatsApp 9940152520 / 9841088390. The URL – www.mdnd.in

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## VINCENT's JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Two weeks ago, local area councillor Amirda Varshini shared a file. It contained Useful Contacts at monsoon time meant for residents of her ward. This ward covers Mandavelipakkam and its fringes.

I shared this file with a few community activists of Mylapore. One group got their ward councillor to collaborate and, with her image attached, this note began to be circulated among residents of her ward.

I then shared these ideas with a bigger circle of mine, asking members of the circle to get their local councillors to copy the effort. While one person got back to say that their area councillor hardly communicates with the community and their local MLA is keen to be seen at political and state events, another said she didn't know who her area's councillor was.

Another resident wondered what purpose this list would serve if engineers, officials and service heads did not answer phone calls or respond to SOS messages.

I often suggest to people that even if their local elected Reps or area officers choose to ignore calls, messages and mails, they must record the efforts made and put out a summary on social media pages and on pages managed by various state agencies; put it out in the public space, so this becomes a record that sets a record straight.

Mid-week, I received two calls from Mylaporeans who shared photographs of the pathetic state of some busy and key roads and streets of the neighbourhood. They were filled with Martian craters, potholes filled with rainwater and mud.

I shared these with the local MLA.

He got back quickly, flooding us with 42 photos of the civic work that was being carried out in the constituency.

I had to politely remind him that even the state minister had asked the civic body to start filling up large potholes with 'rubbish'.

Obviously, all the civic workers have one order to pursue - do all you need to to ensure there is no flooding when it rains hard.

And the MLA must be fire-fighting all over the place, or in places where the calls are not polite!

This far, I must appreciate the fact that the city's civic body has done more to address the problems a city like ours faces during the monsoon. But these are mostly stop-gap measures. Little is done through the year.

Take the issue of pruning trees along public roads and streets. Many could pose dangers when the weather is cyclonic and the rain batters us, hour after hour. But we never come across civic workers regularly pruning trees, tending to root systems and knocking off dead wood. Query the local GCC unit and the answer is 'no staff'.



## LETTERS FROM READERS

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### Ganapathy Colony community's plea

We live in Ganapathy Colony which is located behind the ration shop and the Mylapore Police Station on Kutchery Road - some 30 families reside here. A new building (associated with the Jain community) is coming up in the corner of our lane.

On Sunday, Nov. 13 evening, there was some kind of celebration in that building (its construction is not fully over). Guests to that function parked their vehicles in the lane leading to our colony and blocked vehicles coming in or going out.

This development is not good news for us. Imagine a state when we encounter an emergency and have to rush out of the colony - we will not be able to do this. Also, music was played for this event on the speakers till late into the night - this became a nuisance to residents. There are many senior citizens living here.

I request the people in charge of this place to take necessary steps before organis-

ing events - to ensure vehicles are parked such that this does not affect our movement.

- Sivakumar



### On the Chitrakulam today

● The photo of a water-filled Chitrakulam posted on *Mylapore Times* social media made me recall the days when I was growing up, a tank that hardly held any water but lots of waste. I hope something like this can be preserved as a treasure.

- Akila Ramakrishnan

● Lovely to see the Chitrakulam full. We request vendors and residents not to throw garbage in the tank. It is our natural heritage.

- Urvashi Rajmohan

● It will be so good if waste is not thrown into the Chitrakulam by the vendors/hawkers.

- Shrimathi Mohankumar

● After a lapse of many many years, I get to see the Chitrakulam tank full, with water from the rains. I used to come to this area in the 1940s, during my school summer vacation to my uncle's house at Arisikaran Street and was familiar with all the shops like Kalathi. I remember there was one Srinivasa Typewriting Institute above Kalathi and during my summer holidays, I used to go to the institute for typewriting classes.

- Soundar Rajan

### Police turning a blind eye

Chengalaneer Pillaiyar Koil Street and Mathala Narayanan Street are parallel to each other. Both are designated one-way. But people are happily ignoring the one-way rule. On Chengalaneer Pillaiyar Koil Street, which has mostly jewellers and cloth merchants dotting the narrow lane, there are hardly any houses. Two-wheelers parked on both sides are a pain. It's the same story in Mathala Narayanan Street.

The E1 police station is just 50 meters away but no one checks this menace. Hope at least now they will do something.

- K R Jambunathan

## MY STORY



### 12 years of a chamber for music

By A. S. RAMAKRISHNAN

It was my desire to have chamber music and talks at Arkay Convention Centre, a space I set up in Luz.

I wanted to do this on a regular basis without much expense.

I had office space of some 3000 sft. and a time had come to down-size as my office operations had been computerised. I reorganised the entire space, keeping aside 1000 sft for my office and 2000 sft space to create an acoustically-right music hall. Thanks to architect friend Sekar, he designed one that was well suited for music concerts and as well as talks.

I named it Arkay Convention Center (ACC); it was inaugurated on Nov. 26, 2010, coinciding

during the daytime and host concerts on weekend evenings. But soon, many people began to attend our own concerts and others used the space for talks.

I also started my own sabha, calling it Madhuradhwani, in 2012.

I like to adopt technology that is essential for better functioning. From day one, I have been video recording all the programmes happening here; when I came to know the possibility of live webcasting of programs through a service provider, I immediately jumped on to the idea and started it in November 2012.

In 2013, when YouTube started offering

with the December music season. On seeing this place, artiste K N Shashikiran of Carnatica conducted a ten-day music festival and people got to know of this new venue for concerts.

I had planned to let out this place to corporates

channels free, we made use of it. Live streaming had thrown open many possibilities; young artistes could be seen and heard by rasikas across the globe and the online chat gives instant feedback on their performances.

More concerts took place - we had 20-plus programmes. Due to my personal interest in other fields viz., literature, temple architecture, Pravachanam, history and cinema, I started arranging talks here. The Hollywood Vintage Movie Club screened English classics made in the 1930s-1960s period. Randor Guy spoke on each film we screened.

We also introduced single mike concerts in 2017 and this has been well received.

This week, ACC completes 12 years. We have had over 3000 programmes; 2500 live webcasts are archived.

I have one appeal to all rasikas: I ask them to support our efforts with any form of donation. This far, the response has not been good.

● A. S. Ramakrishnan was an active stockbroker for over 30 years.  
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## P. S. Senior’s A-Day

Annual Day forms an integral part of a school’s activities. It is an occasion of celebration, felicitation and festivity.

P. S. Senior Secondary School celebrated its 46th Annual Day at Narada Gana Sabha on November 6 and 7.

The cultural programme was based on the theme ‘Raja Raja Cholan’; it was conceived by school principal Dr. Revathy Parameswaran.

Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy, Chairman, Division of Plastic Surgery and Director, Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore and Dr. S. Vaidhyasubramaniam, Vice chancellor, Sastra deemed University, Thanjavur graced the occasion as chief guests on Nov. 6 and 7 respectively.

The functions were presided over by P. C. Ramakrishna, Chairman, P. S. Senior Secondary School and K.V.S. Gopalakrishnan, President, P. S. Educational Society. The

other dignitaries present included the Board members of P. S Educational Society and the heads of the group schools.

The correspondent, P. S. Prabhakar welcomed the dignitaries, the principal presented the annual report which included the extensive achievements of the school – both academic and co-curricular.

The Vidya Ganapathy meritorious awards were given to teachers who had rendered invaluable service to the school. Long service awards were also given to teachers completing 15 years of service. Students who had distinguished themselves in various fields were also felicitated.

The students showcased their talents through various forms of art like music, drama and dance to bring out the achievements of Raja Raja Cholan - and this was presented as one continuous ensemble.

## Citi Centre mall, in limbo, is getting new look. The buzz is kept alive by theatres, food court

By Our Edit Team

Since the time the pandemic set in in the city, Citi Centre shopping mall, like all other shopping and cinema complexes have seen dark days. And has taken some time to re-open and recover, business-wise.

Citi Centre, located at the east end of Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore never resurrected itself. It remained in the dark, save for some lively activity.

Today, its promoters seem to be banking on a new avatar taking off. The major part

of this complex is under extensive reconstruction. Only the Westside lifestyle store in an independent block on the west side of the complex is well lit, spacious and welcoming, with shoppers checking it out.

On the top floors, the INOX theatre screens have been abuzz, mostly kept alive by some popular movies screened here, like Part 1 of Mani Ratnam’s *Ponniyin Selvan*, that was drawing movie-goers and was sold out this Deepavali season.

The food court above this floor, is also abuzz, mainly patronised by movie-goers.



## MONSOON TAB

### Water oozes out of ground in Dr Ranga Road. Worse can happen if monsoon is severe, says expert

By Our Edit Team

The basement or water sumps in some buildings in Mylapore zone are already filling up with water following recent steady rains. This is an indication of the possibility of ground-water posing problems inside apartment campuses.



This oozing out of water is primarily because the ground-water level in many areas of Mylapore is at about 4/5 feet, which means the ground cannot soak in extra water if the rain is steady and over prolonged periods. It seeks outlets.

One campus off Dr Ranga Road is facing what is now a perennial monsoon-time problem – the sump here is filling up so fast when it rains that the water must be drained out continuously, else it will flood their parking lot and campus.

This happened during the last monsoon.

The house owners have stationed a pump and use long, heavy-duty water pipes to drain the accumulated water, and this flows on to Dr Ranga Road; the pipe cannot be led into the newly built SWD because the drain is on the opposite side.

Passersby and residents are complaining at the wasted water leading to some civic issues locally.

Rain water harvesting expert Shekar Raghavan says this situation is an indicator of worse to follow if the monsoon strengthens in late November – since ground water here is at the level of 4/5 ft., water will begin to force out inside parking lots, campuses and even affect ground floor flats.

“Water will have to force itself out and flooding internally is a real possibility,” says Raghavan.

## TAP GROUNDWATER IN YOUR CAMPUS

Rain water harvesting expert Shekar Raghavan says people must tap groundwater when the levels are high. Many have ignored this huge storage and enjoy Merowater, using it for all purposes, he says.

Sinking a simple tubewell, some 20 ft deep, can do the job and this job can cost about Rs.25,000. “This way, tapping water available at the top level in the ground will deplete it and prepare the ground to absorb water from a normal monsoon,” says Raghavan.



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## Obituary



**J. Jayakanth**, a long-time resident of Mylapore passed away at his home in Warren Road on November 8.

He did his schooling in Children Garden School, Mylapore and later at DAV, Gopalapuram. He did his graduation in commerce in Vivekananda College and was a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and ICAI since 1987.

After a brief stint at Arthur Andersen in Muscat, Oman, Jayakanth returned to India to take care of his aged parents.

He was a financial advisor to many people. He is survived by his wife and son.

The family is at No. 22/66 Warren Road, Mylapore. Phone: 9791284222.

**A. R. Balasubramanian** passed away in Mumbai on November 9, at the age of 91.



He was a resident of Gokul Flats on R.K. Mutt Road in R.A.Puram for the past 10 years and before that resided in Sri Vinayaka Apartments off Devanathan Road in Mandaveli

from 1991.

He was born and brought up in a small village called Alampallam in Palakkad district of Kerala.

After completing his SSLC in Alampallam, he came to Madras around the time of India's Independence to study typewriting, shorthand and basic accounts. He moved to Bombay after that to join WIMCO Limited in a junior position. Alongside work, he completed his intermediate, B.A., M.A. LLB by attending evening classes.

He served for over 40 years in WIMCO in Bombay, Bareilly (U.P.) and finally in Tiruvotriyur, Chennai where he retired as Regional Controller in 1991.

He was very spiritually inclined, mainly influenced by his wife, Sita who predeceased him in 2013, his family said. They were members and regular participants in activities of the Sri Guruvayurappan Sankirthanam Trust (SGST) with regular visits to Guruvayur as well. He was mainly attracted to the Narayaneeyam and till his last days, he used to recite the complete Narayaneeyam consisting of 100 chapters with a total of 1035 stanzas every day, his family said.

He is survived by his three sons and their families. His youngest son stays with his family in Gokul Flats, R. A. Puram and can be reached at 24958289 or 98408 95838.



Photo: Arulvel

## Plot where Abhiramapuram police station once stood is now garbage dump

The plot of land where E4 Abhiramapuram Police Station was once located is turning into a local area garbage dump and residents of this area are wondering why the plot owner has not secured the plot and saved them the stink of this dump.

Local area resident Arulvel says in an e-mail that "since the time the police station structure was pulled down, the place has been converted into a garbage dump much to the inconvenience of the public. To top it all, the garbage overflows into Bheemanna Garden Road, obstructing movement of traffic, other than being a health hazard to the residents and an eye sore to all passersby."

Urbaser Sumeet, the private civic agency, has also lined a few of its garbage bins here – so the waste is spread.

## Tamil Nadu food fest at Hotel Savera restaurant

Malgudi restaurant at Hotel Savera, Mylapore is hosting a Tamil Nadu food festival. Diners can choose from a curated menu with an array of cuisines which are popular in different regions of this state.

A note from the hotel says its chefs have sourced the best food known to each region. From Kurinji and Mullai – Nilgiri khorma, Chinatamani chicken, Pallipalayam chicken, Seyam, Therakal, Mandi and Kootan chorru.

From Marutham Chettinad region: Mutton kola, Aatu kaal pelage roast, Kuzhi paniyaram, Aadi kumayam and Paruthi paal.

From Neithal region: Kuchi yeral, Vaaval meen, Porippu, Sura puttu and Muskot halwa.

The food fest is on from November 18 to 27. For lunch and dinner.



## Civic workers trim trees only when monsoon arrives. Little done at other times

By Our Edit Team

It was 3 p.m. last Saturday when we were on Dr. Ranga Road, on our way to the junction on C. P. Ramaswamy Road.

Under almost every roadside here, we found mounds of branches chopped off the trees that line this busy road – some must have collapsed in the rain, but most must have been the waste generated after workers engaged by the civic agency cropped the trees that may have tilted or posed some danger to people using this road.

Local people inform us that the cropping was carried out that Saturday morning – hours later, there is no sign of civic workers clearing this busy road of the green waste.

Some residents here said that GCC unit members should have trimmed the avenue trees long before the monsoon set in. They say they have not noticed any GCC worker making the effort to inspect roadside trees and act on those that pose some danger or can disrupt life.



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## Post-crossers to meet on Sunday at Nageswara Rao Park

By Our Edit Team

Post-crossers are meeting this weekend at Nageswara Rao Park in Luz. Due to heavy rain, last week's event was postponed. The Public Service Broadcasting Day post-crossing meet-up event is now on Sunday, 4 pm at Chess Square, Nageswara Rao Park. Open to all and to post-crossers.

J. Shaktivel, journalism professor at University of Madras and post-crosser says, "We will release two interesting post-cards that day. People interested to know more about Post-crossing, philately and letter-writing may come and participate. All the participants will get one Magadoot postcard free of cost with special permanent pictorial cancellation."

Call Shaktivel at 9841366086.





## Three sisters, alumna of Rani Meyyammai Girls School fund new computer lab

By Our Edit Team

Three sisters have put their monies together to fund a full-fledged computer classroom at Rani Meyyammai Girls School in R. A. Puram.

All of them, now residing outside the city, studied in this school. The eldest, who studied here in the 1960s is now in the USA.

They chose to make this donation "to provide the best facilities that enable students to excel and bring laurels to the school and maintain the standards that used to exist in our time."

The three wish to remain anonymous.

They have dedicated this classroom to their late father, G. Sundaram. Their mother, Parvatham made it to the simple, formal opening of this space which was

done a fortnight ago.

The 21 PCs, fitted with software, are for students of the Plus Two level. Though the school had a computer lab it was outdated. Since computer science is part of the Plus Two studies, teachers here said the new facility is welcome.

Headmistress Amudha said she was hugely grateful to the three sisters for this handsome donation.

She says she communicates with the active school alumni, most of whom studied here in the 1960s and 70s, on ways to support the school.

The school now wants to upgrade its library - the shelves are old and the books have yellowed badly. The headmistress says she welcomes donors to fund the library improvement. They can contact the HM's office.

"We have a library hour for students; so the library is well used," said Amudha, the headmistress.

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## Woodlands restaurant in Alwarpet re-opens

The popular Woodlands restaurant counter in the campus of Narada Gana Sabha's auditorium on TTK Road in Alwarpet has re-opened, long after the pandemic shutdown.

Its staff, small in number, are finding their way; they are new to this place.

So the menu for now is limited - dosa, kichidi and oothappam besides coffee and tea. More items will be on offer soon, as the staff settle down, the manager said.

It is open now from about 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.

Narada Gana Sabha's secretary Harishankar said that he had to firmly nudge the Woodlands owners to re-open the food counter because regulars to the events at this hall were nudging him.



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# Ramkumar’s Bonsai garden covers large terrace. In Mandaveli

By Kanaka Cadambi

What is common between protecting oneself from the Corona virus and growing bonsai? The mantra of good aeration, safe practices and social distancing, according to M. K. Ramkumar, the bonsai expert who has a 2,400 square feet area bonsai garden on the common terrace of the four-storied building where he resides in R. K. Nagar, Mandaveli. How did Ramkumat become a bonsai master?



It all started around 2012 when Ramkumar decided to give expression to his interest in growing bonsai. During the first four years, it was an experimentation phase, with Google being his guru. “I learnt some theory, some general practices, and the lessons that we need to adopt with localised plants here,” he says. Then, in October 2016, he was at the Bodhi exhibition and met George, a city-based bonsai specialist. “I was drawn into joining the group. After that, things were so different.” The group includes around thirty-odd people interested in one hobby - bonsai. Other commonalities are garden walks,

road walks and things green. “The Bodhi group meets every month. We exchange saplings and best practices.” There was a lot of learning here. Ramkumar followed the rules, moved up in the cultivation and reached the excellence stage. And at one point, he says he realised that he had the “liberty to move the pendulum.” Ramkumar’s dream is to populate R. K. Nagar colony with stunning bonsai, just like it is being done on the roads in Vietnam. Local varieties can be grown here, such as ficus, mar-dani (henna), pooarasam, bougainvillea, kodukapuli, kiluvai and nochi, he suggests. “The pandemic-time advice is applicable to Bonsai cultivation, the mantra being: good aeration, safe practices and social distancing. A certain measured distance needs to be maintained between the pots. Besides, the pots need to be kept elevated,” he says. This engineering graduate, with a diploma in international trade, comes with a huge cache of experience. He appreciates good art in any form and enjoys watching good movies. After retiring in 2017, he became involved in a Rotary-run vocational centre. Whatever the demand on his time, he devotes at least an hour every day to his primary passion, the bonsai garden on the terrace. M. K. Ramkumar’s contact - 9840067749.

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## TO GROW BONSAI: HERE ARE A FEW TIPS



- These are tips from Ramkumar
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  2. Do not start spending on fancy plants and pots when you begin.
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  5. Join a Bonsai Club.

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## Playback singer P. Susheela regales audience with anecdotes



By Our Edit Team

Popular playback singer P. Susheela was in a very expansive mood on a rainy Thursday evening the past week at a book release event held at Arkay Centre in Luz.

Though she got in late due to the pounding rain, and she braved age-related physical

problems, Susheela was in her elements that evening, regaling her small audience of some 50 people with snappy remarks that surprised people.

She sang snippets of her hit songs, laughed away on some anecdotes, took people back to the 60s and laced her conversation in Tamil and Telugu.

This event was got up by the A. M. Rajah and Jikki

Fans groups - to release a book on songs of P. Susheela that did not make it to the screen.

The book release formality was done in minutes and Susheela, who now needs help to move around, was the star story-teller; she was egged on by two yesteryear actors, Rajashree and Sacchu who sat in the front row and added their spice to her narrative.

"I am 80 plus so don't ask me to sing songs," Susheela said as others sent in requests. (Susheela's birthday fell on April 13).

Someone said that the songs she had sung for heroines were evergreen. Susheela said that these songs gave character to the artistes who acted out those songs. Sacchu said that when people listened to these songs they could visualise the scene, the artistes and the mood, that they did not need to watch the songs.

The two artistes and Susheela went back and forth, lightly, making this event a warm one.

As Susheela said, "Since this is a small, cosy event we can talk freely. I will not get requests to sing my popular songs!"

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