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- Report by V. Soundararani

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Sruti magazine celebrates its anniversary with a fest at the Sunaadalahari garden concert space on C. P. Ramaswamy Road, Alwarpet (next to Niligiris store) with two concerts daily, starting Oct. 14, on till 18th. On Saturday, Sruthi Sagar on flute and L. Ramakrishnan on violin play a unique jugalbandhi. Other artistes featured in the 6.45 pm concerts line-up thereafter are Nisha Rajagopalan, Shertalai Renganatha Sarma and Palghat Ramprasad. Young artistes are on stage at 5 p.m. daily.

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CELEBRATING CRAZY MOHAN

It is the 70th birth anniversary of this well-known stage and screen person, now no more. To celebrate him and his work, Crazy Creations is hosting a three-day event at Vani Hall, T. Nagar. Oct 14 - 16. The events include staging 'Chocolate Krishna', the big hit play on Oct. 16th, 7 pm and on Oct. 17, awards and felicitations, with Kamal Hassan to be a guest, followed by a concert by Gayathri Girish based on Mohan's composition.

Tickets at bookmyshow.

HERITAGE TALK

Madhuradhvani presents திருவாசக தொடர் இசைப் பேருரை - 03 by Madhusudhanan Kalaiselvan; vocalist Kalai Magan performs.

Oct. 17 6.15pm. At Arkay Centre, Luz. Open to all.

TALK ON THIRUVANNAMALAI

Scholar Dr. Sudha Seshayyan will speak on 'Thiruvannamalai, the Sacred Hill' at Ashvita Art Gallery, 2nd Street, Dr. R. K. Salai, Mylapore. Oct. 20, 6.30 pm. Open to all.

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Fire Service presents demos to show people they are ready for monsoon calls

By Our Edit Team

A monsoon-preparedness showcase drill and demonstration had a mela atmosphere to it; or better, a sports meet spirit wafted around.



Last Tuesday morning, in pleasant weather, a group of students from a Mylapore girls school sat on the steps of the tank of Sri Kapali Temple and observed, watched and cheered, as the TN Fire Service personnel took turns to show them and a few members of the public, ways in which they could deal with SOS calls during the monsoon.

To locate, lift and carry to safety people

wading through waist-high water, to secure people trapped on first and second floors of buildings standing in water and to get to safety marooned aged people.

All these real-time demos were held in the waters in the temple tank, now substantial after the recent spell of pre-monsoon rains. As the inflated boats zoomed across the water, around the mantapam that stands in the middle of this tank, students cheered wildly, as if they were enjoying an acrobatics show.

Fire Service officers say they are fully equipped and ready to tackle emergencies during the monsoon.

Deepavali shoppers and bus commuters moving about on the pavement alongside the tank, and who got curious about the event, assumed it was the police looking all over again for the missing mayil idol of the temple, an issue that has been long drawn in the court, with little progress in sight.

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VINCENT'S JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

Shoppers-watching is education. And food for writing. So the best I like about this Smart City-ed part of Pondy Bazaar is the provision of all kinds of street furniture.

Shoppers do not pause; they are a breathless lot. Some have endless appetites. Credit cards encourage this behaviour.

In Pondy Bazaar, the sidewalks are so wide that you get a mid and some-distant views, to watch and observe. As in art, when you man-watch, distance matters.

And you can also watch fellow-resting souls, enjoying the shade and the seats. The parking lot attendant, a woman, I mistook to be a Urbaser staff, whose tired eyes still alerted her to a young family ready to start their car. "Nowadays, the multi-level parking is full..parungo." she told me.

There was this man, must be in his 40s, three shopping bags at his feet, seated and blank. I wondered if men shopped solo.

And a young sales woman who had chosen to sit under a healthy avenue tree to have her snack at lunch time.

Shopping is a tiring exercise. And it is not just your legs that feel weak, or your armpits smelly. Those seats in Pondy Bazaar help you catch your breath.

On a recent Sunday, after attending a workshop, I took a stroll down the avenue, which was already abuzz to Deepavali shopping.

At the far end of the sidewalk, when I was about to hail an auto and head home, I spotted this sweets shop's faded sign-board carried much in Telugu.

Ah, the fading threads of the grand Telugu connect to Pondy Bazaar / T Nagar.

Ramprasad was packing freshly-made boondhi ladoos in twos, standing between the inner shelf and what looked like a kitchen - store-room.

In the showcases, I took in the halwa of two kinds, ladoos, mysore pak.....mixtures and other bites.....

A 60-plus man stopped, dug into the fold of his vesti at the waist, took out some coins; by this time, Ram had pulled out one piece of Mysore pak, rolled it in a napkin and exchanged it for the coins. It appeared that the regular had come by for his post-lunch high.

Ram told me he set up shop here over 40 years ago. Business was just fine, much from his old customers. I liked the variety the shop offered. Asked him to pack some halwa, ladoos and mixture.

I remembered Aparna Krishna's notes on the rounds of Besant Nagar where she resides - she urges people to patronise local poo-karis, veggie hawkers, cobblers and tailors who work from our sidewalks. More, if what they have to offer is good.



LETTERS FROM READERS

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Need for speed breakers on Srinivasa Avenue

Owing to the Metro-rail work, traffic has been diverted from Sathya Studio through Kamaraj Salai and Srinivasa Avenue. The flow of traffic is so heavy that it is impossible for pedestrians to cross the road, both on Kamaraj Salai and Srinivasa Avenue. It seems the authorities have totally ignored the pedestrians while devising the diversion plan. There is an urgent need to either put up speed breakers at vantage points or paint zebra crossings.

- T. N. Srinivas



The traffic diversion on R. K.Mutt Road has been scrapped

Kamaraj Salai too narrow to take more traffic

This refers to the recent traffic diversion near D.G.S. Dinakaran Salai junction. The road towards Mandaveli is temporarily

closed due to the metro work at the corporation ground. All the vehicles are directed either towards Greenways Road or towards Kamaraj Salai. Kamaraj Salai is too narrow to take this diversion.

- Priya Prem

■ NOTE: This week, the 'diversion' was scrapped. Edit Team

Ragamalika residents also want Mandaveli-Egmore bus connectivity

In last week's issue of *Mylapore Times*, reader Ravikumar had pressed for a bus service between Mandaveli and Egmore, where there are hospitals, schools, colleges and, very importantly, the Egmore Railway Station. Bus routes 23, 23A, and 23B used to run through Egmore but have been discontinued.

We, the residents of Ragamalika Apartments on Thiruvengadam Street, Mandaveli, had given a request to the previous MLA, R. Natraj, who raised the issue in the Assembly but in vain. Our sitting MLA Dha. Velu has promised to look into it now.

- G. Sathiakeerthy

Lady Sivaswamy Ayyar School '76 student wants a connect

This is a call to the alumnae of Lady Sivaswamy Ayyar Girls School. I graduated from Std.11 in 1976. Ms. Sathyabhama was the HM then. Contact me at JS2016AU@gmail.com.

- Jayanthi Raman

Nooks column useful

The NOOKS column on page 2 of the newspaper is very useful. The range of coverage and snappy details come in handy. We suggest you plan a booklet that carries, say, 50 NOOKS. Good work, V. Soundararani who contributes all the Nooks.

- V. Rajeswari

Bus terminus for Mylapore still awaited

The Mylapore MLA's election promise of an MTC bus station at Mylapore is yet to be fulfilled. It may be put up downstream of Dr. Ambedkar Bridge, as before. That is, at Karaneeswarar Pagoda Street, Mylapore.

Also, MTC route 32 A from Fore-shore Estate to Tollgate was a big boon to students, visitors to hospitals and flower vendors. It was discontinued in May 2021. We request the authorities to restore the service.

- R. Kalyanasundaram

MY STORY



Play for the sake of play. In the open.

By G. SHANKER

It was sometime in the summer of 2011 that I got inducted as the Secretary of the Children's Club - a place that was full of nostalgic memories of yore - of jumping over walls for a game of football or clambering up a tamarind tree on a hot sunny holiday!

I took over from my uncle, M. Narayanaswamy, who had ably managed the club for three decades but had to step back owing to his health issues.

first Art Competition that attracted nearly 200 children from schools far and wide.

The club's annual inter-school music competitions were scaled up to include more categories and pre-pandemic there were 400 to 500 children participating across 15 categories. And the club wore a festive look through the month of January!

The two pandemic years and the ensuing

The next few years were quite exhilarating with multi-pronged efforts to step up membership and offer new activities to the children.

There was great excitement when we held our

lockdowns have taken a heavy toll on children's education as well as their play time.

We reopened the club this summer and enrolments have been rather slow. We have added a new discipline in Traditional Archery and more are on the anvil.

In an age of living in concrete structures and coaching classes, children rarely get an opportunity to breathe fresh air amidst sylvan surroundings such as the one that our club offers. Above all, children get to play for the sake of play at the Children's Club, Mylapore!

● Shanker is honorary secretary of The Children's Club Society. He is an alumnus of Madras Christian College High School and IIM, Calcutta. He is a management consultant and currently teaches at the Department of Management Studies, IIT Madras, as an adjunct faculty. Contact - shanker@mcg.in.



Vocalist S. Sowmya honoured with Saraswathi Puraskaram award

The C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation conferred the Saraswathi Puraskaram award for 2022 on S. Sowmya for her contribution to Carnatic music.

Dr. Vyjayanthimala Bali, awardee for 2019, and Justice Prabha Sridevan, retired judge of the Madras High Court, presented the Saraswathi Puraskaram to Sowmya at an event held on Oct.7 at The Grove, Eldams Road.

S. Sowmya, currently the Vice-chancellor of Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University and a visiting professor at The Music Academy, Madras, is one of the leading exponents of Carnatic vocal music. She is the recipient of several prestigious awards and titles, including the Sangita Kalanidhi in 2019.

Dr. Nanditha Krishna and Dr. Sumathi Krishnan, secretary, The Music Academy, Madras and trustee, The C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Founda-

tion, addressed the gathering.

Dr Nanditha gave some background on this award and the music heritage of this campus which is located on Eldams Road.

The Saraswathi Puraskaram has been instituted in honour of Saraswathi Pattabhiraman who, along with her husband C. R. Pattabhiraman, donated the ancestral family property of 'The Grove' situated at No.1, Eldams Road in Alwarpet to the C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation.

An accomplished musician, Saraswathi Pattabhiraman played six instruments: veena, violin, mridangam, harmonium, flute and piano. She was trained in Western and Indian classical music. In 1977, she collected and published a book of traditional music for weddings, festivals and important events, titled Gowri Kalyana Vaibhogame (published by LIFCO), which she set to classical notes.

The Grove, the building

where the Foundation is situated, was once a lively centre of music. Great vidwans of Carnatic music had performed here for the benefit of C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar and his guests. Muthiah Bhagavathar taught C.P.R's granddaughter; T. Mukta taught here rare padams and javalis in the 1970s and many great musicians have performed in the Foundation's famous kalyana koodam.

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CHENNAI METRO

Latest developments: barricading land, taking over public, private spaces, preparing for boring operation

By Our Edit Team

Slow but steady developments are taking place in the Chennai Metro rail projects in the Mylapore zone. And you can see these happening across the zone - from the Marina end, to Alwarpet, across Mandaveli and into R. A. Puram. Here are some key developments in recent times -

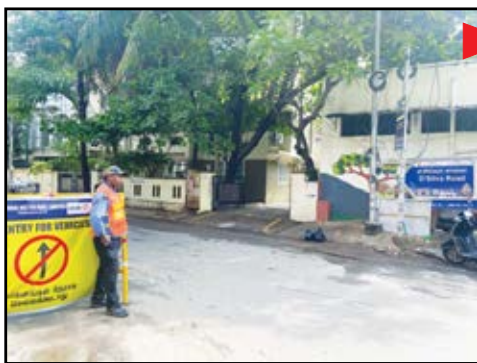


2. Larger slices of land - of the lawns and sidewalk of the Marina in the Gandhiji statue zone have been taken over for heavy duty work. Key trees continue to be re-planted inside the QMC campus. The statue of Gandhi remains where it has been; but it will be moved north.

3. Barricades set up in the area off R K Mutt Road at the Mandaveli MTC terminus junction (east side) have just been removed - near the petrol station. Local shop-keepers say that workers conducted some soil tests for two/three weeks behind the barricades. Meanwhile, the management of a private temple here, obviously an encroachment that has been bypassed even by GCC, is said to be pushing the Metro officials not to disturb the temple. Also, a part of the MTC bus terminus may well be required for preliminary work.



4. Area around M. Ct. M. School (which is cut off for traffic, with diversion into Desika Road on one side) could see work spilling out of the current workspace inside what was a plot where a grand bungalow once stood.



5. A large parcel of land inside the sprawling Police Quarters opposite the Jumma Masjid mosque is being barricaded; all large trees were chopped down. But no built-up blocks were touched.

6. Metro has this week notified the need to take over part of a private property off the south end of TTK Road, for its Boat Club rail station.

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This Lions Club supported Urbaser staff with rations

Lions Club of Arkaynagar along with Mylapore Sengundhar Mahasabha recently honoured local area civic workers.

Some 105+ Urbaser Sumeet staff of GCC wards 124, 125 and 126 were given provisions worth Rs.1000 each.

The function was attended by Dha. Velu, Mylapore MLA - he distributed the gift packs to the beneficiaries.

K. Venkata Krishnan says that this event has been held by Lions Club of Arkaynagar for the last 10+ years as part of its commitment to honour people who keep the city clean.

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Subbulakshmi, one of the mada veedhi hawkers who sold keerai to the union minister

Video of Nirmala Seetharman shopping on mada veedhi goes viral

The mada veedhi video that went viral across Mylapore, the country and perhaps to Mylaporeans outside is still doing the rounds days after it was posted online.

Union finance minister Nirmala Seetharaman was passing through Mylapore; she stopped on South Mada Street, Mylapore, near Vasantha Bhavan restaurant, got out of her car, walked down to some vegetable hawkers, chatted with them and then bought some vegetables, picking some up of her choice.

The two hawker-women who sold veggies to the minister were stunned when securitymen secured the area. Later, Subbulakshmi, who sold some keera, and Padma, who sold yam to the minister, said they were not aware that it was a union minister shopping at their stalls. Passersby said hello to Nirmala Seetharaman while securitymen kept watch.

f WATCH a snappy video on the two Mylapore hawkers, sharing their experience - on the Mylapore Times Facebook page

Chennai Metro: traffic diversion 'trial' dropped

The traffic diversion made at the far end of R. K. Mutt, for traffic from Adyar moving into Mylapore, for Chennai Metro work plans here has been taken off.

Since last Monday, vehicle movement has followed the original route, taking R K Mutt towards Mandaveli, from the Adyar bridge side. Unconfirmed information picked up from local Metro and Traffic Police staff indicates that Chennai Metro wanted to record the reaction to the diversion, in case it needs to employ this diversion later, for bigger work and that the police told their bosses that the dipstick feedback on the diversion indicated 'failure'.

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Interested students must sign up now. Those who work closely on this project will get value certificates and a surprise too. To get more details, read the advertisement in this issue on another page or check out details online - at www.mylapore-times.com

Bharatanatyam arangetram: Adithi Chandramouli



Adithi Chandramouli, a Class 10 student of Vidya Mandir, Mylapore, had her rangapravesham (Bharatanatyam arangetram) on Oct. 9 at the R R Sabha auditorium. She has been learning Bharatanatyam under teacher Dr. Srithika Kasturirangan (founder, Sri Kala Ranga School of Dance) from the age of five. Besides dance, Adithi has been training on the Carnatic keyboard under M. S. Martin for some seven years.



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Chennai Corporation's auction of rented spaces in Alwarpet, R. A. Puram 'flops'. No takers for run-down properties

By Our Edit Team

The auction of renting shops and office spaces of Chennai Corporation at its blocks in Alwarpet and R. A. Puram seems to have been a damp squib. There were hardly any takers.

Held on Oct. 12 at the GCC zone office in Teynampet, there were only five bidders who picked up spaces in the two complexes. Some 40-plus spaces did not even get bids / offers.

The reasons for this are manifold, and they are neither appreciated nor investigated by the GCC senior officers handling its properties, which are located in prime places in the city.

One, while ground floor spaces are grabbed quickly by retailers and food joints if they see great business potential, hardly anybody now wants to rent spaces on the first and second floors.

Here, GCC's rates are still 15 – 20% higher than prevailing rental-commercial rates.

In the current rental auction for its Teynampet zone properties, GCC's base rate was Rs.55 per sft for offices on 2nd floor while the going rate hovers around Rs.42/38 per sft. GCC jacked up its rentals to Rs.80 per sft. some three years ago, saying the area commands good rentals. This drove out some 95% of its renters from both complexes. The spaces decayed the past three years.

This sentiment was shared with the ARO at the Teynampet rentals auction by people who walked off when the options did not appeal to them.

More importantly, these properties are not repaired, white-washed and annually



maintained by GCC. This time (auctions of properties in all zones in Chennai were held on Oct.12) all shops spaces auctioned are in a bad shape. GCC went ahead and offered run-down spaces for a stiff rate – this kept off many people, who said they did not want to be cheated.

The auctions were advertised only in what may be termed small circulation newspapers, so the development was not widely known.

This narrow publicity did not help get more responses.

Already, many existing renters have asked GCC to wave the rent/arrears of the pandemic time when small businesses were badly hit. The state is said to be considering this plea.

- Photos here are of properties in the Alwarpet block of GCC.

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VIGNESH CHANDRASEKRAN

Pursuing IT job and performing Harikatha

By Kanaka Cadambi

Vignesh Chandrasekharan. Luz Avenue resident. Schooled at P. S. Senior Secondary. Did biotech engineering at SRM. Got into a plum job at an IT firm. And then, he took a different turn.

Vignesh chose to take the road less travelled. He trained to become a Harikatha artiste and made his debut at Mahaperiyava's adhithanam in the Kanchi Kamakoti Matham, in the presence of Sri Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamikal, during the Navratri season of 2018. Now, he is busy.

The grandson of Sanskrit pandit P. R. Vaidhyanatha Sastrigal, who used to deliver lectures on the Ramayana and Adi Sankara's works, Vignesh had the initial seed of spiritualism planted in his growing up years; it got reinforced through his growing years.

Vignesh says he first

listened to Vishaka Hari's presentation at his school. Barely ten years old then, he was drawn to her storytelling, deeply. He started attending her programmes closely.

She soon took note of him and his passion and gave him a place on the stage, just like she did for her other students. "I started listening to Krishna Premi Anna, Vellukudi and many others. I was breathing, brushing, eating, and sleeping Harikatha," he says.

Around 2014, Vishaka Hari took him under her wing. After a memorable debut, he has not looked back. Apart from performing for all the prime sabhas, he presented a month-long series for Sankara TV in December 2020.

Vignesh has started teaching. "Harikatha is included as a subject in the NEP. I teach the students of Vivekananda Vidyalaya and

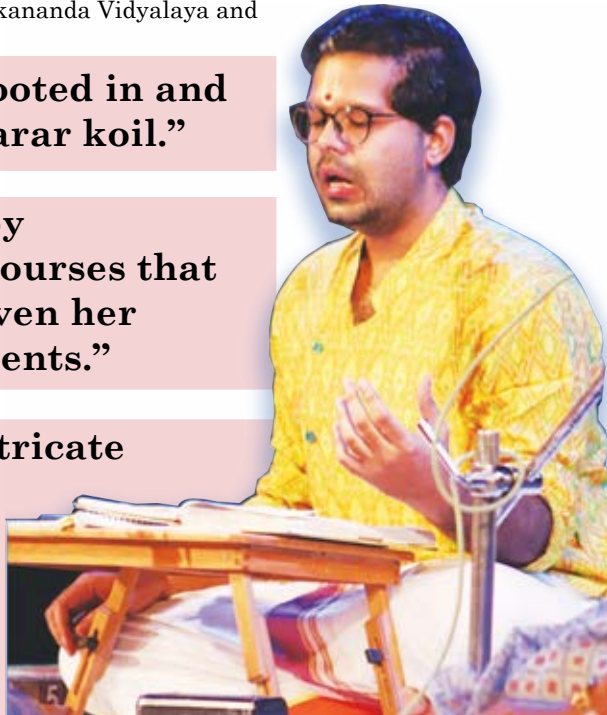
at Vishaka Hari's Vijayashri School of Harikatha." He is also an examiner.

"Harikatha is an intricate art of weaving storytelling and music, keertanais. Like a double-sided saree. There have been stalwarts in every generation. Its reach has been expanding. I hope there comes a day when Harikatha is given a prime slot in music academies."

Is he contemplating becoming a full-time professional?

"Artistes are not paid well. There are some who wonder why Harikatha artistes should even charge a fee! Someday I will. That is every artiste's dream." He is currently learning music from Delhi Muthukumar, a student of music maestro T.N. Seshagopalan.

Vignesh can be reached at 9444958674.



● "My life has been rooted in and around Kapaleeswarar koil."

● "I was so taken in by Vishaka Hari's discourses that I began to attend even her privately-hosted events."

● "Harikatha is an intricate art of weaving storytelling and music, keertanais. Like a double-sided saree!"

This community launches voluntary help services for its senior residents

By Our Edit Team

The R. K. Nagar community in R. A. Puram has set up a Help Group for its seniors: to come to their aid in emergencies and when they have special needs like dealing with Apps. A group of residents, keen to offer their services, has shared the list of residents, contact phone numbers and services they can render voluntarily.

K L Balasubramaniam of R K Nagara association says that though the body has not made a record of all seniors living in this area, he assumed that there could be over 60 people. These are the support services – medical emergency, grocery/banking support, technology assistance, maid / home-assistant



arrangement, safety issues and mobility support. "People often seek medical aid and guidance on how to use some cellphone services," says Balasubramaniam.

Bala, Vasanth, Vasanth Murugan, Jaisimha, Ranga, Revathy R., Sundar and Prabhakar – these are the

volunteers who will take calls. The service is free and available 24x7.

● File photo of a senior with a free bus pass. Used here for representational purpose.

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**Sri Karpagam Technical Institute is on
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By S. Prabhu

It was a decade when demand was high for typists and those with shorthand knowledge. Students thronged typewriting and shorthand institutes soon after completing their Class X exams.



It was this demand that led the then 31-year-old S. Venkatasubramanian to quit his job in a private firm and start a typewriting and shorthand institute in 1984 on Mundagakanni Amman Koil Street next to P. S. High School (North), investing his savings into the eight typewriters that he launched with.

In the initial phase, he charged Rs. 25 per month for typewriting and Rs. 20 for shorthand classes.

It was no surprise that all the seats for eight machines were taken immediately. Venkatasubramanian says that in the early phase of Sri Karpagam Institute "there were at least five other typewriting institutes in this temple zone and over a dozen institutes in Mylapore but I was able to hold my own. There was also a lot of interest in shorthand coaching."

As decades passed by, the Next Gen lost interest in the skills and local institutes shut shop leaving Karpagam Institute as the only one in this zone.

Surprising Revival

It was a fight to survive though. But four decades later, the promoter says he is seeing a revival in interest in typewriting, driven by the government's push in recruitment of typists. The Pre Junior Course introduced by the government has reduced the qualification

to 6th Class pass (from the earlier 8th Class).

Similarly, the qualification for junior and senior typewriting courses have been reduced to 8th Class and 10th Class pass, thus allowing for students to join early.

There are currently over 150 students learning lower and higher in typewriting at this institute. The number of typewriters have now tripled - to 24. "We have to depend on second-hand machines as there is no new manufacturing now," says Venkatasubramanian.

In addition to traditional typewriting and shorthand courses, he also offers the government-introduced Computer Office Automation (COA) course. Demand for this course too has shot up - 15 students joined the first course.

"As many of the earlier institutes had shut down, we have students coming from as far as Triplicane, Pudupet and R. A. Puram," he says.

His wife Jaya Gowri, who retired from a private firm, has joined him at the institute and the couple now manage the institute together.

When the use of computers became widespread, dark clouds hovered in Venkatasubramanian's mind. He says, "We stuck on passionately as we saw this institute as our child." (The couple does not have children).

He is now delighted at the surge in demand with students packing in.

A decade ago, the institute moved to another location on Mundagakanni Amman Koil Street, a hundred yards north of the temple. At 7 a. m., the institute resounds to the clack-clack-clack of students training.

For 69-year-old Venkatasubramanian, it has been a glorious four decades of training several thousands of students who have all graduated in typewriting higher and found well-paying government jobs.

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Each kolu padi featured a god or goddess with a related animal set closeby. All images. For the last nine or ten years, Sangeeta's kolus have been small and theme-based, she tells me.

Trilok on Bhoolak, Swargalok and Naraglok and Kailasa are two examples of her unique concepts for kolu. "Kailasa was in 2017. We had just returned from a trip to Kailasa Manasarovar." she says. Sangeeta believes that there are many messages that Indian culture conveys.

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An independent trainer for corporates, she has 25 years of corporate experience. She is a published author and has penned four books. Her contact – 9176682844.

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