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Plays in Hindi, English, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu and Bengali by well-known groups are to be presented on stage. Most theatre troupes who will perform here are from across the country.

Said K. Venkitachalam, deputy director, of Bhavan, "What makes this festival distinctive is its attempt to bring the many voices of Indian theatre together on a single platform. The Bhavan wants to offer Chennai audiences an opportunity to experience the rich and diverse theatre traditions of different parts of India."

The fest is open to all. Below is the schedule:
5.10.2026 - 7pm Bengali Haripodo Gunin Bengal Association
6.10.2026 - 6.30pm Malayalam Chillara Samaram Theatre Kochi
7.10.2026 - 6.30pm Hindi Ladies Compartment Being Theatre
8.10.2026 - 6.30pm Kannada Ushaharana Mysore Natana
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An 'Awareness Meet for Investors' is being hosted free by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) team based in Manapakkam, Porur (6630 9900) at The Mylapore Club on Oct.10, from 4 pm to 6 pm. It is open to all.



Manochitra, SEBI trainer will anchor this meet.

The programme will focus on important aspects of financial and cyber safety for senior citizens, including 1/ Cyber Hygiene Practices for Senior Citizens – precautions to protect themselves from online financial and cyber frauds. 2/ SEBI-Registered Intermediaries and Regulated Investment Avenues – understanding regulated investment channels and the importance of dealing only with authorised intermediaries.

3/ How to Approach SEBI in Case of Capital Market Fraud – information on the appropriate mechanisms available to investors for raising complaints and seeking assistance in cases of suspected investment fraud.

The host says the meet will be of particular interest for senior citizens.

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Bland food, insufficient water, mosquitos infested. Students at Samuga-nithi Hostel in Mylapore protest

By Our Edit Team

College students who are hostelites at the Samuga-nithi Hostel located off Canal Bank Road, Mylapore staged a protest on their campus on Tuesday. This protest was led by AISF (All India Students Federation).

Students raised a few key issues that they say are not being addressed by the department.

One, they have to buy water cans for drinking water. Because the pipes have been dry for ages.

They say lorry-supplied water is used for washing and toilet purposes but the supply is delayed. "Many of us have to leave for day shift classes by 7.30 a.m. so we cannot have a bath when the supply is delayed a student said."

Two, the quality of food cooked and sent to this hostel daily, from a central kitchen in Saidapet is not always good; students then prefer to eat out and have to spend from their purse. They say the tiffin in the evenings is bad and have requested officials to provide rice and curries. But the food has not got better.

Three, fans in many of the nine rooms that serve as dormitories do not function because repairs are not undertaken promptly. And mosquitoes have made life miserable for all.

Said one student who studies at Presidency College, "Many of us remain awake till 2 a.m. and fall asleep. Some of us sleep on



the terrace."

Four, the department has not provided books and play equipment that hostelites can use to unwind.

Close to 120-plus college students stay here; over 90% are from rural areas. They study at different colleges in the city.

AISF leader R. Manikandan, who led the protest, says that the community has presented petitions many times but no action is forthcoming.

He said that if Rotary or Lions Clubs can provide games accessories and light up the large yard in the campus, the boys can play after dusk. This hostel is located off the Buckingham Canal on the road that ends at Thirumayilai MRTS station. Dozens of huts line both sides of this narrowed road.

It is meant for students who hail from economically poor, marginalised families. Since the hostel was recently re-constructed, the basic infrastructure is good.

- Inputs from Parantharami Mani

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VINCENT's JOTTINGS

By VINCENT D' SOUZA

So Shabbir had stepped out to meet a new customer, and so could I wait for ten minutes to discuss my need, and would I like to have some tea? I said I would move around a bit and be back.

Shabbir makes cushions and beds and I turn to him for small needs.

Opposite Shabbir's shop, I spotted two young men working with weights. This was a gym, set in a corner of a playground of Chennai Corporation. I stepped closer and watched a man in his 20s do some pushups, and deep inside the room, a boy preparing to lift weights. The place was neat, not smelly and well lit.

Manikandan appeared beside me, asked if he could be of help and we chatted. He was on a contract job - had to look after the playground and the gym and took some pride in maintaining both places. He used to work for a food delivery agency, liked the earnings but gave up the job when his lower back began to hurt.

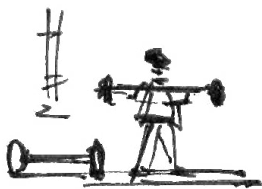
As we spoke, a man came up to Manikandan and asked if he would like to walk with him to his residence and pick up the dumb-bells he promised to give away. This man wanted to donate them to the gym.

Shabbir had returned by then and I walked back to the shop to get my job done.

Across the city, Chennai Corporation has set up compact gyms. Even for women. They are well equipped. But it is left to some knowledgeable gym-users to share a tip or two with the freshers. Clearly, people who choose to use these gyms either do it their way, or do it the way that Insta Gym Tips provide or rely on their neighbour who is sweating it out on a stationary bicycle. And this arrangement is just not right.

In one area in the city, fitness-conscious women were pleased when a gym for women was launched. They posed for happy photos featuring the local MLA and the councillor. Two weeks later, many of them were toying with the equipment here. Eight weeks later, two gym utilities did not feel right - they had not been used the way they should be.

Would the women who like to use the gym want to pool some money, get a veteran gym-user to be their guru and reward her for the effort and time? Only two hands go up. The rest wanted the city's civic body to appoint a trainer. Meanwhile, the gym lost some nuts and bolts.



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This steet needs 'deep' cleaning

Liquor bottles, house and shops' waste is dumped in the street behind Kallukaran Street (this street is alongside Sri Madhava Perumal Temple compound wall). Water stagnates here when it rains and mosquitos breed. Residents here had cleaned up this street many months ago but cannot deal with the violations all the time. Can GCC arrange for 'deep' cleaning now and then?

- K. R. Jambunathan

Flex banners on Durgabai Deshmukh Road pose danger

Political posters and flex banners are put up regularly on the roads near Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, TN Govt. Music College and Dr. MGR Janaki College for Women. This happens because the chief minister's convoy drives down Durgabai Deshmukh Road and events are held at Muthamizh Peravai Manram hall. These hoardings obstruct passage of pedestrians and pose dangers to motorists. Can this practice be checked?

- Sridevi S.

Help to locate a school mate

I wish to locate my childhood friend, M. D. Rajan, aged around 71 years, son of late Maruthanayagam, who lived at No. 2, Karaneeswarar Koil Street, Mylapore. Rajan and I studied at St. Bede's AI High School, San Thome. Please share leads you may have - I am at 9025706712.

- P. K. Arumugam

Key road in Alwarpet has become 'parking' zone

I am a resident of Surya Apartments on Luz Church Road 2nd Street. Very often, we use Desikachari Road to move around. The heavy parking of vehicles by visitors to Anjaneyar Temple and to two hospitals - Kauvery and Trinity - shrinks the road to a third of its width. Why doesn't GCC rename this as Parking Road?

- Ganapathy S. Vibhu

Open plot turns into garbage dump

The plot at No.19, P. S. Sivaswami Salai, Mylapore is that of a demolished house. Because it has been unattended for three years, lots of plants/shrubs have grown and people dump waste/garbage into the plot. This condition affects people living around this plot. The owner's of this plot do not show any interest in cleaning the place. Can GCC officials address this issue?

- L.Sundararaghavan



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MYLAPORE REWIND

This column carries excerpts from Mylapore Times 1997 onwards. This week, we focus on June 1997.

Baby croc spotted in Canal (June 28, 1997)

A baby crocodile was spotted in the Buckingham Canal near the Sai Baba Temple. A group of people from the nearby slums spotted it and started pelting stones at it. When it was pulled up, it had a nasty cut on its snout, where someone had slashed it with a knife. Local police was informed but they were clueless about how to handle the situation. They tried contacting the Fire Station, the Forest Department, and the Guindy Park office, but all their efforts were futile. Finally, Wildlife Department officials were reached, and the croc was eventually pulled out of the water. Unfortunately, it died before it could be taken to a hospital.



Baby crocodile found in Canal

National award for consumer activist Kavitha (June 7, 1997)

Consumer activist and Mylapore Times columnist, M. Kavitha, received the National Youth Award for Consumer Affairs recently. She joined

the Consumer and Civic Action Group (CAG) in 1992. "I thought it would be a 9-5 job and said yes... It turned out to be an exciting career," said Kavitha, who has compiled the Essential Consumers Handbook.

This Mylaporean recalled getting a compensation of Rs. 2,25,000 for a buyer whose flat could not be completed because of a problem the builder was facing. She also talked about a woman who suffered minor burns when her cooker malfunctioned. Kavitha said she sued TTK on her behalf and got the woman a payment Rs. 7,500.

TT player from Indian Bank wins two golds at National Games (June 14, 1997)

N. R. Indu, an Indian Bank employee at its Mylapore branch won two gold medals and two bronze medals in table tennis at the National Games in Bangalore. She won the women's singles title and was part of the gold-medal-winning team. Additionally, she

won a bronze medal in the women's doubles and mixed doubles events. Playing table tennis since her sixth standard, Indu has represented India at the Asia Cup in China and Delhi, as well as the pre-Olympics in Japan.

Petty thefts in Warren Road (June 21, 1997)

Scooter tyres, manhole covers, and light fittings frequently go missing on Warren Road, according to local residents. All thefts take place only at night. Radhamani, a resident, said these incidents have become so common over the last few years that locals no longer bother reporting them to the police.

Retired HM of Lady Sivaswami School passes away (June 14, 1997)

S. Chellammal (89), former headmistress of Lady Sivaswami Girls HS School in Mylapore, passed away on June 7. She was also the president of the Chellammal Education Society that runs Chellammal Matriculation School in Mylapore. She took over as HM of Lady Sivaswami in 1940 and remained with the school until her retirement in 1969.

● This column is curated by Kanaka Cadambi.



Mandavelipakkam residents checked out the stalls at the annual Sadhana Bazaar, the annual sales show conducted by the Ladies Wing of The Kalyana Nagar Association held on Sept,26. Stalls set up for this sale sold clothes, foodstuff, fashion accessories and utility items. The event was held at The Kalyana Nagar Association premises in Mandavelipakkam.

Civic workers busy completing jobs on eve of monsoon



By Baskar Seshadri

Workers of Greater Chennai Corporation are continuing their work to ensure areas are prepared for the monsoon season ahead. They have been given a deadline to complete such works.

Monsoon is expected to start by mid-October.

This week, workers were seen in Mandaveli repairing some drains and cleaning silt-traps.

They are also focussed on completing work on the drains located on Venkatakrishna Road, from the TN Police Quarters campus end to the Devanathan Street junction.

This is one area which gets flooded when the rain is steady. Often, the Police Quarters, when flooded, gets people to pump out all the water onto this busy road.

Workers are also cleaning silt-trap pits and covers built alongside streets which help prevent garden and other waste from running into the drains and clogging them.

WHY ARE SILT BAGS LYING ON PAVEMENTS?

This is the scene in R. K. Mutt Road, Mylapore. S. Gowrisankar of West Circular Road, Mandavelipakkam shot this photo.

He said that these bags contain the muck that workers cleared from the drains. Similar work was undertaken in other areas.

But the bags have not been cleared for days. People fear that if the bags remain and the rain starts, the silt will flow back into the drains.



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Inner Wheel Club of MRC Nagar is hosting the Lanson Toyota Car Rally on Oct.4 (Sunday) afternoon after a lunch for participants at the local park - sponsored by Broken Bridge Cafe. This sponsored event is for MRC Nagar residents and their friends. The rally aims to encourage teams to explore the city and to raise funds for the Club's welfare projects.

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BEAT Choir celebrates their guru, Rajarajeshwari. 40 years of teaching choral music

By Our Edit Team

Members of the BEAT Choir and well-wishers gathered on September 6 at Ragasudha Hall, to celebrate the music and career of guru Rajarajeshwari; for the past 40 years she has been teaching choral music. She resides in Mandaveli.

Pralayan S. Chandrasekaran, a prominent theatre director and writer graced the occasion as a special guest – words poured out of him in his effusive praise for Rajarajeshwari's many contributions to choral music and her skills in composing music.

D. Ramachandran, artistic director of Madras MBS Choir, regaled the audience with warm anecdotes about the guru's career.

BEAT Choir presented a few compositions of their teacher which covered Carnatic, folk and Western music. The Madras MBS choir presented two classical numbers of late choir music guru M. B. Srinivasan.

BEAT Choir has performed across Tamil-



nadu and has also participated in international competitions at Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and Sri Lanka winning awards.

Many 'old' students of the teacher queued up to shower her with affection and gifts, said Nirmala Hariharan, a BEAT member.

BEAT choir can be reached at 9884180311 / 9840363633. People who wish to learn Indian choral music are welcome. But they have to be regular at weekly classes.

TWO NAVARATRI CONTESTS

For this Navaratri season, *Mylapore Times* has presented two contests. The annual Kolu Contest is open to families who reside in the Mylapore zone. The second is the Colouring Contest for children of this area. This year, the judge for the kolu contest will look closely at the central kolu as well as the theme sets around it.

The colouring sheet, to be collected from Mylapore Times office, allows children to imagine and illustrate a festival setting.

Details of both contests are in the adverts featured in this issue of the newspaper.

MYLAPORE TIMES

Navaratri

Colouring Contest

For Mylapore's School Students

- **Paint / Colour the Navaratri Kolu Scene Sheet** we will provide - in the best creative way!
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- Use any form of colouring materials to colour the images in the sheet. Use your creativity and imagination to fill in the blank spaces and partly drawn lines in the sheet. The judge will look for creative flourishes! **Sign the drawing!**
- On the flip side of sheet, write your full name, address, school name and contact phone number (residence)
- **Submit the entry at Mylapore Times office** (11 am - 5.30 pm / Sun. is holiday). You may also post/courier your entry.
- **Contest closes: Oct.17, 5 p.m.** **DO NOT e-mail entries. We need the original sheet, coloured!**

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Dhadi vadhyar's school will be 100 next year. But just now, it has tough challenges



By Our Edit Team

Dhadi vadhyar is a Mylapore legend. Perhaps the best known teacher in the 1950s and 60s. Dharamaraja Iyer was his name but people affectionately called him *Dhadi vadhyar*, for he sported a flowing white beard and looked much like a sadhu in white clothes.

He was a legend because he provided the best foundational education for hundreds of children of Mylapore who hailed from different backgrounds.

The school - Sri Karpagavalli Balika Bala Patasala.

One branch of this school has survived - it is Sree Karpagavalli Vidyalaya located in Mangollai, Mylapore - and the Patasala's centenary is due in 2027.

A few good men, the trustees of this school, are very keen to mark this centenary well. But they have a few serious challenges just now.

The strength of the school is very poor, it being a Tamil medium school; the school stands on lands of Sri Kapali Temple and hence it owes the state big bills long overdue as rentals and only a part has been repaid. And the trustees are wondering how best to use the recently-renovated campus in the circumstances they are currently in.

"We are keen to make the campus a buzzing space," said R. Shivakumar, a trustee. "We now host classes in classical dance and in chess. This is drawing children in. But we need to do more and are open to collaborations."

The trustees are also keen to get the state's permission that allows them to start an English medium school. "Even poor parents are not keen to admit children to Tamil medium nowadays," says Shivakumar.

Their first goal is to clear the rental dues. For this, they need some generous donors. "We are hoping that wellwishers of *Dhadi vadhyar* will step forward to help in our distress," said Shivakumar.

Meanwhile, the trustees keep the faith. And host small events that light up this campus. They hosted an event to mark Teachers Day; wellwishers and close family members of Dharmaraja Iyer attended it.

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Waste collection drive pumps up community spirit

By Our Edit Team

A campaign promoted by EcoKonnectors and Spreco which was called 'Declutter Day' seems to have elicited positive vibes from the community - it was held on Sept.27 in the Mandaveli - R. A. Puram zones.

Many people took the trouble to pack the used goods and bring them to one of the three collection points which were open throughout the day.

Also, the event allowed people to meet volunteers and others who were here to unload and share thoughts. Said Ganga Sridhar, one of the motivators of this campaign, "People didn't just dispose of their waste and walk away. Many spent time appreciating the initiative and some wanted to know what happens to the items that they give away."

A couple who had moved residence to Porur from Mandaveli some months ago drove down all the way to Mandaveli for the drive when they came to know about it.

Many people who reside in places like Adyar and Nandanam and were here to drop off used goods said they wanted to conduct such a drive in their area.

"They wanted tips on how to organise sim-



ilar campaigns," said Ganga Sridhar.

There was a steady stream of people at the collection points despite the stifling weather.

Volunteers offered buttermilk to team-members who had to be at their posts to process the boxes that were handed over.

WANT TO HOST DECLUTTER EVENTS?

The Declutter campaign drew over 250 participants and collected 2382.5 kilos of recyclables, with cloth waste topping the list at 1352 kilos and e-waste at 322 kilos.

Families from north Mylapore and Royapettah, Adyar and Nandanam were keen to know how they could organise such events so that off-loading waste locally made it easy for residents of the area.

Efforts had been made to residents of CIT Colony, Alwarpet and central Mylapore to raise a volunteer group and host a collection point. But they did not fructify.

Said Ganga Sridhar, a prime motivator of this campaign, "Such campaigns need commitment and volunteers. If organised, then the drive succeeds well locally."

Free coding sessions for children. Offered by Mandaveli teacher



By Our Edit Team

Anusha, a coding teacher based in Mandaveli with a degree in MCA and 5+ years of experience teaching children online across India and abroad is offering free, 30-minute coding sessions for children. She says she currently teaches coding to children aged 8 to 12 - online.

Parents of children who wish to make use of this offer can choose from any of the following: Scratch — beginner coding for children aged 8 and above. App Development — build a real Android App using MIT App Inventor. Python — real programming for children aged 11 and above. AI Games — use Artificial Intelligence to build a working game. These sessions are to be held online, completely free of cost, and require no prior experience whatsoever, says Anusha.

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- E-mail them to - mytimesedit@gmail.com
- E-mail the contestant's full name, full address and phone number. Also, mention in two lines the special features of the Kolu and the Theme set/s.
- In your email, mention **KOLU CONTEST 2026** in the subject line
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Obituary



Dr. R. Krishnamurthy sastrigal, a renowned scholar in Advaita Vedanta, Mimamsa and Sanskrit, and former principal of The Madras Sanskrit College passed away on Sept.28. He was 82.

He was decorated with many titles and presented awards for his scholarship. These included the Veda-Bhashya-Ratna (awarded by the

Kanchi Mutt) and Vedanta-Visarada (awarded by the Sringeri Sharada Peetham) and Mahamahopadhyaya.

He spent over three decades teaching at The Madras Sanskrit College – teaching, researching and earning his doctorate in Sanskrit.

Post-retirement, he founded Brahma Vidya Bhavanam and the Mullaivasal Heritage Trust – the focus was on preservation of ancient oral traditions and delivering spiritual discourses.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

His family lives in Sanskrit College Street, Mylapore.
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Three senior school teachers recognised



By Our Edit Team

Three senior teachers of schools in Mylapore were recently honoured for their services by the Mission Guru Devo Bhava group at an event held at the DAV Girls School hall in Gopalapuram.

The three were – Janaki Gururajan, headmistress of Lady Sivaswamy Ayyar Girls Hr. Sec. School, Dr. R. Kala, headmistress of P. S. Higher Sec. School and J R Lakshmi Kanthan, headmistress of Children's Garden School. (seen in the photo used here)

The three were part of 10 city school teachers decorated with the Vidhya Seva Samman award which includes a cash award of Rs.50,000.

Mission Guru Devo Bhava is an initiative of S. Gurumurthy, chartered accountant-political activist to curate events / projects that support work of teachers. He presented the awards to teachers. The collaborators of this event were Lions Club of Meenambakkam and Vedritam Group (formerly the DAV Group)

THIS TEACHER DONATED AWARD MONEY TO HER SCHOOL FUND

Dr R. Kala, HM of P. S. Hr. Sec. School who received the best teacher award from Guru Devo Bhava donated the entire award money of Rs 50,000 to the School Education Fund of the school.

C. V. Krishnan, secretary of P. S. Educational Society said the funds are used to improve the quality of education of the students, to pay for enrolling students free of cost in skills development programmes and to employ additional teachers in critical areas. "Dr. Kala's gesture is very commendable. We formally thanked her for it," said Krishnan.



Centenary of Navaneetham ‘teacher’ celebrated by family and well-wishers

By Our Edit Team

This is the birth centenary year of Navaneetham Kolandai, who spent some 65 years of her life in Abhiramapuram. She was a teacher and retired in 1985 as the headmistress of Chennai Higher Secondary School, Bheemana Street, Alwarpet. Recently, her family hosted a small event to remember her and celebrate her life.

Born in Vandavasi in August 1926, Navaneetham’s family moved to Kanchipuram for her schooling and then to Madras for her higher education. She was married to N. Kolandai, superintendent of police, and also a renowned Thamizh children’s author (pen name N. K. Velan).

Navaneetham completed her undergraduate study in zoology and then completed her bachelor’s degree in teachers’ training and was employed as a government teacher. Her son K. Arulvel says his mother used her talent in drawing and clay modelling to illustrate her classroom lessons - a practice her ‘old’ students vividly recall today.

He says many underprivileged students in schools where she worked received free, text and notebooks she bought for them. “Mom would even pay for the bus travel



pass of children who could not afford it and invite some to a hearty Sunday meal at home,” says Arulvel. He says her passionate teaching practices, stress on discipline and loving nature helped students to score high in their Plus Two exams.

Navaneetham Kolandai passed away on June 3, 2021. Her daughter Uma, lives in the US and son Arulvel is in Chennai.

At the centenary event, held at a private hotel, a shot film on her career was screened, her daughter-in-law Dr. Bharati Arulvel presented a snappy, themed Bharatanatyam tribute and well-known dancer and teacher Roja Kannan, a family friend and neighbour, paid a special tribute by having her students to perform a themed piece.

Subbiah Muthukumaraswamy, MD, The South India Saiva Siddhanta Works Publishing Society graced the occasion and highlighted the contributions from the family and the association with Kazhagam for over three generations.

Ten students of Chennai School, run by GCC in Alwarpet, were given scholarships on this occasion. A book on Navaneetham Kolandai was released at the function.

Contact - K. Arulvel (son) - 9841076964

Secretariat plan: fisherfolk protest



By Our Edit Team

Over 200 people staged a protest at the Srinivasapuram end of Pattinapakkam this past week against the state government’s plans to construct a new Secretariat and Assembly in a plot of land in this zone.

The protestors were local residents and fishers from areas along the coast in the city.

The community of fishers has been against the government’s plans since the day they were made public.

Their leaders say that these plots originally belonged to local fisher communities, that building a complex which will draw hundreds of vehicles and thousands of people daily will affect day to day life and that security measures will thwart fishing operations.

They want the state to build housing blocks for them in these plots.

A cafe in the heart of Mylapore

By Baskar Seshadri

A father-son duo of Mandaveli have recently launched a cafe in the heart of Mylapore. It has an eye-catching name -Thaagaṇḍ - and is located on R. K. Mutt Road, opposite the tank of Sri Kapali Temple.

Bhoopathy and his son Saravanan juggle their roles here. But it is Saravanan who has worked out all the details. “I wanted Mylapore to have a nice, comfy cafe,” he said. “A place where people can even enjoy tea and snacks in comfort.”



So he sourced his cafe furniture after visiting many joints in Bengaluru and he took time to draw the menu. Tea and coffee at dawn, sandwiches, salads and snacks during the day time. Juices at high noon. Pasta and French Fries later. Current special - Aval milk.

“Our food is priced for everybody’s pocket,” Saravanan said. “The cafe must become a hangout.”

The duo currently want to draw clients. And then, Saravanan may rework the menu. Does Chaat work better or is Pasta a big draw? - is what Saravanan wants to observe closely.

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6th Oct - 5:00PM

Inauguration - Padma Shri Dr. Nalli Kuppaswami Chetti

5:20PM

Sri K Giridhara Samma (Inaugural address)

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Vid. Ritvik Y V (Carnatic Vocal Concert)

7th Oct - 5:30PM

Dr. Priya Ramachandran (Discourse on “Sita”)

6:45PM

Dr. R Ganesh & Party (Namasankirtanam)

8th Oct - 5:30PM

Prof. K. Srinivasan (Discourse on “Moksha-Pradayini”)

6:45PM

Dr. Radha Bhaskar & Disciples (Carnatic Vocal Concert)

9th Oct - 6:00PM

Kalarathna Vid. U E. Sindhuja

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N. Swaminathan wins silver medal at national deaf chess tourney



By Our Edit Team

Mylapore resident Swaminathan N. has won the silver medal at the Indian national deaf chess championship held in New Delhi. This was his first-ever tournament in the Persons with Disabilities (Deaf) category. With this achievement, he has been selected to represent India at the world deaf chess championship in Innsbruck, Austria, and the Pan Asian deaf chess championship. Before competing in the PWbD category, Swaminathan had represented Chennai in the Open category, winning silver in the Chennai district championship and securing 6th place in the Tamil Nadu state championship in his age category. Swaminathan was introduced to chess at the age of six by his mother, N. Meenakshi, who runs the Mylapore Chess Academy at 15/8, Musiri Subramaniam Road, Mylapore

Vivekananda College to provide free breakfast to poor students

By Our Edit Team

Vivekananda College (Autonomous), Mylapore, has been providing ‘no cost’ noon meals on all working days since 2004 to students from economically disadvantaged sections of society.

Approximately 600 students are registered as beneficiaries under this scheme. Each beneficiary is issued an identity card to avail of the facility, and an average of 450 students benefit from the scheme.

Now, the college has decided to expand the ‘food for students’ project and will launch in October, the ‘no cost’ breakfast facility.

The breakfast project is supported by the Akshaya Patra Foundation; its kitchen is located in Greams Road, Thousand Lights in the city.

This project will start on October 5, and will be inaugurated at 7:40 a.m. that day at the Vivekananda College campus, by Swami Satyajnanananda, president of Sri Ramakrishna Math, Mylapore.



File photo of a Akshaya Patra kitchen



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