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From Editor's Desk . . .

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Another year has fled past. SYMA ages gracefully learning wisdom through experience. All of us love cricket - watch the game and talk tons about it, some write reams on it. The U19 WC is on and India after the first day debacle came back strongly to inflict a 113 run defeat at Chittagong. The coffers of BCCI which runs the show is swelling but little is done to the game and that explains the fiasco at Kotla. The third edition of IPL was set to be launched with London's antique auctioneer Richard Madley wielding the hammer at a posh hotel. A player who is yet to total 100 runs in T20 was bought for 10.50 crores and another who quite international cricket citing injuries was the next best buy - so much of cash flow to say the least.

At a time of acute paucity of quality education, the Ministry's derecognizing 44 deemed Universities has created lots of apprehension and dimming of prospects for the students. In neighbouring state, political turmoil is brewing up after the hasty midnight announcement of creation of separate Telengana and some backward steps after. The solution appears nowhere in sight. In a laudable move, the Delhi High Court introduced first e courtroom trying to replace paper files with sleek LCD and touchscreen. Not only digitalization but speedy disposal is the need of the hour.

The summit at Copenhagen raised many expectations with delegates from over 190 Nations converging with the aim of reaching a new global agreement to curb the emissions but was impeded due to the difference of stature and opinion between the attending the Nations. There is perceptible feeling of developing countries having to bear more for no fault of theirs, which is worrisome. Meantime, the withdrawal of earlier assertion that the Himalayan glaciers run the risk of being out by 2035 by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has perplexed the environmentalists and has cast doubts on the climate debates. That the Great Himalayan glaciers would not disappear in the next 25 years must rank as a good news ! The Himalayas hold the planet's largest body of ice outside the polar caps which feed the greatest rivers - the Ganges, Indus, Brahmaputra and there has to be accuracy here.

We are gearing for our annual event 'the Child Fest'. Though we had this during Nov every year coinciding with the Childrens day, the regular rains in Chennai made us shift it to later months and this year We will have it on Feb 6th & 7th.

Some details are in page 3

With regards - Editor

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கடற்கரை விளையாட்டு

Triplicane residents have varied interests. There are great Temples, famous Marina beach for getting sea breeze, Chepauk stadiums, many famous Sabhas existed. Most of us grew up playing in the inner road of the beach – sometimes in very hot scorching sun. As old timers would observe Marina's façade has changed a lot. Earlier it had no walkways and no artificial beautification. Plain sands, shops selling conches & sea shells, evening bajji shops, famous radio beach – most of them are non existent now.

For those outside Chennai, this is the beach alongside Bay of Bengal running from near Fort St George to Besant Nagar – a stretch of almost 12 km – a wide sandy expanse enthralling many. History has it that the harbour was built in 1881. Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant-Duff, the governor of Madras from 1881 to 1886, conceived and built the promenade along the beach and christened it the Marina in 1884. Eventually, the north-drifting current widened the beach to its present extent. A place famed for its pristine beauty rich in eco system has become polluted with millions of plastic bags and other waste sewn around.

The prime playing arena was the one between Bharathiyar to Bharathidhasan – two tamil poets. The sessions used to start in the morning around 6 am, some could play another match at 10 – evening session would start around 3 when the sands would have ground nut scorched in no time. That never dithered hundreds of youngsters vying each other for place of play and glory. All that could become a thing of the past. Yes, playing in Marine beach has been banned by the Corporation. This has sent shocking waves to the local teams from which many talent blossomed.

There are not much of grounds in the city of Chennai and literally none in the area from Madras University to IG Office. The beach provided a great place for hundreds

of youth to keep fit and become good athletes and sportsmen. Hundreds would gather around to watch the game also. Many local tournaments have also been held peacefully when great cricketing action was seen. The order of the Govt. appears draconian and crushing the spirits of youngsters.

Every now and then, it has been suggested in some circles that playing cricket impedes the safety of others who use the beach. It is true that huge crowds throng the Beach in summer but there are no reports of any cricket related accidents or crime or disturbance to beach walkers or others. Visitors at Some places have been threatened by unruly anti social elements, especially after dark. Why has the Corporation taken such a step? The reason given is that the playing of cricket is not conducive to the safety of others who use the beach. This is surprising in that we have never heard of a cricket-related accident or fracas or crime on the Marina. Perhaps it would argued that the interests of vehicles parked in marina of those who flock the beach. Generally, people come for a morning walk and crowd surges on Sunday and other holiday evenings. If it is the apprehended damages or allotment of parking space, then regulating the game on holidays and its timings would have been a much viable option. In some ways those who walk their varied sized mongrels some cute and many fearsome also create hurdles for the upkeeps with the animals defecating and polluting the greener space.

Presently Marina wears a great look after beautification and the service road that runs parallel to Kamarajar salai is not a full-fledged thoroughfare. It is here where the game is played. The greatest lung of place in the city has offered youngsters chance to hone their talents and remain physically fit and it is a request to the authorities to leave them the much needed public space for sporting activity.

India has a well-developed tax structure. There were reports that industrialist Mahesh Gordhandas Garodia paid Rs 20 crore for the fiscal 2009 becoming the highest tax payer in the country. Sachin was reported to be highest payer amongst sportsmen. The IPL auctions displayed the amount of money that is flowing. IPL was created by BCCI – the apex governing body headquartered at Mumbai. This board was formed in 1928. On record, it is a society registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act. It has access to government-owned stadiums across the country at a nominal annual rent. In someways, IPL can be compared with legendary Kerry Packer who ran his show 33 years ago making the game fitter for television. He was accused of fighting running battle with Australian Taxation authorities on payment of tax. There are reports that BCCI is being challenged over tax exemptions claimed on the basis that its promotion of cricket is a "charitable" activity.

The end result remains to be observed as many sensitive issues have faded into oblivion. For a commoner, the activities are totally commercial and great amount of money is being generated. Whilst the spectators have paid for the game, for the players and for the administrators – they are not getting back much when one looks at the stadiums and more of the facilities that offer for the spectators – unclean and tidy surroundings. Whilst crowds continue to throng, the facilities or the lack of even the basics continue to hurtle the cricket loving money paying spectator.



GOLD WINNER - SYMA CHILD FEST - 2009-2010

Gold Winner

SYMA all along has been striving betterment of society and for inculcating good qualities in children thereby making them become responsible citizens. Child Fest is one such attempt aimed at imbuing in them the skill sets, confidence and more importantly competitiveness. Child Fest provides a competitive platform for showcasing talent in various fields.

Over the years, this has become immensely popular with schools and with children, as the numbers are growing multifold year after year. The fete is a two day affair with individual participation in Drawing and Fancy Dress – the rest are representation through schools. This year the mega event is sponsored by Gold winner and known as “Gold Winner SYMA Child Fest 2009-2010”.

For long we conducted this during November coinciding with the Childrens Day. The incessant monsoon rains proved to be regular impediment which made us shift the event to January last year. This year the events are on 6th and 7th of Feb. 2009. Here is the programme list and SYMA cordially invites you all to attend.

Venue : N.K.T. National Girls Higher Secondary School, Dr. Besant Road, Chennai-5.

06.02.2010, SATURDAY

8.30 a.m. - Inauguration

**Doctors of Our Medical Centre
and**

**Teachers of Our Tuition Centre GROWTH
FANCY DRESS PRIZE DISTRIBUTION**

5.30 p.m.

Special Guests :

Sri.S.Ve.Shekher, *Cine Actor*

Sri. V. Jayaprakash,

Senior V.P. Star Health and allied Insurance Company Limited

07.02.2010, SUNDAY

5.00 p.m.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Sri. Vivek, *Cine Actor*

Sri. M.Murali *Sri Krishna Sweets*

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

6th February 2010, Saturday

7th February 2010, Sunday

S.No.	Event	Timings	S.No.	Event	Timings
1.	Singing Competition (Classical)	8.45 a.m.	1.	Drawing Competition (LKG to 5th Std)	10.00 a.m.
2.	Drawing Competition (6th to 12th Std)	11.00 a.m.	2.	Instrumental Fusion	11.00 a.m.
3.	Singing Competition (Film Songs)	11.30 a.m.	3.	Dancing Competition (LKG to 5th Std)	3.00 p.m.
4.	Quiz Competition (Preliminary/Final)	1.00 p.m.	4.	Prize Distribution	5.00 p.m.
5.	Fancy Dress Competition				
	- Group - A (LKG, UKG & 1st Std)	3.30 p.m.			
	- Group - B (2nd to 5th Std)	5.00 p.m.			

All are cordially invited

Q : The Nobel Prize instituted in 1901 by the great Alfred Nobel annually honour outstanding contributions in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature and for peace. The awardee is called Laureate as according to the Foundation Nobel Prize is not a competition or lottery and there cannot be any winners or losers. Chidambaram born Venkatraman Ramakrishnan shared this year's award in Chemistry. Do you know who the first indian born Nobel laureate was ? **Ans : in Pg4**

Bhopal Gas Tragedy: Endless nightmare

The Bhopal disaster was an industrial catastrophe that took place at a pesticide plant owned and operated by Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India on December 3, 1984. Around 12 AM, the plant released methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas and other toxins, resulting in the exposure of over 500,000 people. Estimates vary on the death toll. It is pathetic that even after so many years, toxic chemicals abandoned at the plant continue to leak and pollute. There are currently civil and criminal cases related to the disaster ongoing in the United States District Court, Manhattan and the District Court of Bhopal, India against Union Carbide, now owned by Dow Chemical Company, with an Indian arrest warrant pending against Warren Anderson, CEO of Union Carbide at the time of the disaster. No one has yet been prosecuted.

Many who breathed the highly toxic cocktail that night suffered a horrible death with multiple organ failure. Those who survived have suffered multiple diseases for 25 years. Following the disaster, there was an international outcry for relief for the victims and punishment to those responsible for the gas leakage. The pesticide plant from where the gas leaked belonged to Union Carbide India, a subsidiary of the US-based Union Carbide Company. They were asked to pay compensation and arrange for medical treatment. The matter immediately got embroiled in legal controversies. Thus began a long and painful struggle of the victims for compensation, medical attention and rehabilitation that has spluttered along for a quarter century.

On a different plain, the College of Engg, Guindy organized its International Techno Management Festival called 'Kuruksheetra – the battle of brains'. This event was touted to attract participants from over 250 institutions and 40 countries. One of the event sponsors were Dow Chemicals presently owning the Union Carbide Company. Carbide did not clean up the factory where the gas leaked. Its CEO did not show up in Court where criminal case is still pending. Dow wants to stay away from the liabilities of Union Carbide.

The second generation victims of leakage protested and urged the College of Engg to end its association with Dow Chemicals which was prominently reported in the Indian Express and a few other dailies.

Ans : Sir Ronald Ross (13 May 1857 – 16 September 1932) was a Scottish physician. He was the eldest son of General Sir Campbell Clave Grant Ross of the Indian Army and Matilda Charlotte Elderton daughter of Edward Merrick Elderton, a London solicitor. He was born on 13/5/1857 at Almora, a district in Kumaun region in present day Uttarakhand in India. He joined the Indian Medical Service in 1881. His first posting was in Madras. He was awarded Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1902 for his work on malaria, dissecting how it enters organism and laid foundation on the methods of combating the dreaded disease. His Indian assistant Kishori Mohan Bandyopadhyay was awarded a gold medal by the King of the United Kingdom. Ross was the VP of Royal Society for a while and was elevated to the rank of Knight Commander of Bath. During his active career Ross advocated the task of prevention of malaria in different countries. He made many contributions to the epidemiology of malaria. He also had time for other pursuits being poet, playwright, writer and painter. Ross died in 1932 at London. Understand that there is road in Kolkatta linking Presidency General Hospital with Kidderpor Road named after him as Sir Ronald Ross Sarani. The building where he worked and actually discovered the malarial parasite is located in Secunderabad near the old Begumpet airport

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