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From President's Desk . . .

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Dear (s)

It is Election Time. When the Nation is buzzing with electioneering, it casts its shadow in SYMA as well. Our AGM will be held on 3.5.2009 and along with it will be election of Office bearers. Be it anywhere, you have the duty to exercise your franchise. Never miss the opportunity to elect the right representative. The AGM Notice is being sent separately.

After dominating the Oneday series totally, it was another amazing test series. Indians dominated the proceedings for the most part, New Zealand showed glimpses of fight. Finally, Dhoni's men completed historic series triumph in Kiwiland 41 years after the achievement of MAK Pataudi's team in 1967-68. After the brilliant win in the 1st test, at the time of crisis, Gambir played 643 minutes, faced 436 balls making 137 which was instrumental in saving the Napier Test. A draining knock played suppressing natural style for more than seven hours showing fierce focus is indeed commendable. In the third test marred by weather Indians were on top and lack of result forced upon by bad light and rain altered the lead but not the result of the series. Indians perhaps played a bit too long and whether there could be plans for weather even when advance forecasts were available is a mood point.

At a time when the nation's premier league is to be played outside, KKR's coach John Buchanan unleashed radical and outrageous concept of multiple captains leading by turns. The creation of collective leadership could be a tool to create a greater sense of ownership in the corporate world but whether the same can be replicated in cricket is debatable.

Whenever terror raised its ugly head, it was linked to the establishment at the neighbouring country, but the recent attack on the Police academy in Manavan has brought a new dimension as this is an attack against the Pak state itself – this is a place situated close to India 12 kms away from Wagah. There are reports of possible infiltrations from across the border especially to disrupt the election process.

The first academic year of Tuition centre has concluded. We have an activity report. There are some important changes in the running of the Medical centre also. We look forward to your continued support and more commitment from our members.

**With regards - T.A. Sampathkumar.**

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## கல்விப் பணியில் சைமா

Education dispels ignorance. It is the only wealth that can be preserved without fear or loss. Liberation from ignorance which shrouds the mind starts with education and the importance of education needs no special emphasis. SYMA has avowed objective of improving the society and transformation of school children with quality education is uppermost in our mind. This ancient land has been a centre of excellence in the field of education. This land had renowned education centres like Nalanda, Vikramshila and Takshashila. For long, we have been discussing making a positive initiation in training school children and guiding them with better education.

Let us recall 6th July 2008 when in the midst of hundreds of school children, the then Police commissioner R Sekar launched "SYMA – Growth" which marked our foray into tutoring and guiding school children for a better future. The centre functioned regularly from July 08 at NKT Boys High School wherein 10th and +2 students were taught Science, English and Maths

Quality education is of utmost importance and our motto is that none should be deprived of it. A successful professional is not born; but is made. Over the years, many institutions have churned out good students by coaching, training and inculcating in them many special talents. Students especially those from the lower strata of society are devoid of opportunities, parental guidance and often lack motivation. There is also substantial evidence that education levels are primordial in determining the job. SYMA realized this imperative need for proper training of students belonging to lower income groups who cannot afford private tuitions at high cost. Triplicane is an area where there are Educational institutions with great past – the students studying there hail from poor strata, of parents struggling to make their ends meet. We selected students on economic criteria and our first year experimentation has taught us very many lessons.

We must thank those responsible for our continued running of this Centre. We place on record our special thanks to the Head Master and Secretary of NKT National Boys High School for providing us the venue and for the support extended. We are grateful to the teaching staff for their dedication and place on record thanks to Mr S Venkatadri, HM, NKT National Boys Higher Sec School

; Mrs KN Vijayalakshmi, Retd. HM, NKT National Boys Higher Sec School; Mrs S Vijaya, NKT National Girls Higher Secondary School ; Mr J Senthil Murugan, SIVET College, Gowrivakkam; Mr T Venkatesah, Hindu Senior Sec School; Mrs A Lakshmi, Hindu Senior Sec school, ; Mrs KS Kanthimathi Govt. Corporation of Mds Middle School, Korrukupet. We also thank Mrs D Vijayashree who coordinated the activities exceptionally well.

We provided note books, conducted regular tests and ensured in development of the individual as a whole. The operations entailed an expenditure of around Rs.1.50 lakhs. This is a small step towards realizing our much cherished desire and we have miles to go. We are confident that with the help and support of philanthropists who have been encouraging us, and by God's unbound grace, we would continue this and improve every year.

The ripening of "Growth" will certainly ensure that students in large numbers reap the benefit of our initiative. In blessing success of the students in the forthcoming examinations and to ensure enhancing their self confidence, a meeting was arranged on 7th Feb 2009. Renowned speaker Ms Bharathi Baskar addressed the students of growth and talked on determination, achievement, secret of reaching the goal. She promised that she will give prizes for the first three students. On 21st of March, another talk was arranged when the teachers advised them on the practical tips for approaching the examinations confidently and the methodical ways of preparations.

We wish the boys all the success in the educational career. In the next academic year, we will continue tuitions for English & Tamil medium 12th students with special emphasis on Physics, Chemistry, Maths and accountancy, while it would English, Science and Mathematics for 10th Std students. The forms are available at our Medical centre. Students are requested to contact us in the Evening hours.

**Q : In our country, Rivers are considered holy and they can be classified as Himalayan rivers and Peninsular rivers. The Peninsular rivers flow through shallow valleys. Do you know the river that originates at Trimbakeshwar near Nasik and flows 900 miles to empty into Bay of Bengal in Andhrapradesh. Do you know its importance ?**

## மருத்துவப் பணியில் சைமா

SYMA is wedded to the cause of serving the society. We have been striving to provide quality health assistance to economically challenged at affordable cost. For many years now, we have been running a medical centre, in association with Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust. The patients are treated at a nominal cost of Rs 2/- per visit. For nearly two years now, we are also running a diagnostic centre named PV Rama Iyengar & Suganthavalli Memorial Lab where blood, urine and other tests are done. Though the cost is very low, we introduced Rs.100/- prepaid cards to develop the awareness and concept amongst the poor.

We have a regular stream of volunteers committed to proper running of the medical centre. We are very thankful to the Doctors who have been rendering medical assistance. Special thanks are due to Dr Sivakumar who has been a great source of strength. The vision and acumen of Dr K Sridhar has been the guiding spirit in our successful running of the centre.

Apart from running medical camps, we have been cherishing In our inner soul, much bigger ambition – the ultimate of setting up of a SYMA Hospital. It might look to be very overtly ambitious dreamy project. Often great targets have been achieved not only by hard tireless work and sacrifice of many but by those who had believed in making them happen. This would take many years to fructify. An organization dedicated to its cause armed with clear ideology and mission – with zealous support of men who work without fear of failure, is certain to succeed.

13th march 2009 would be a day to remember in the annals of SYMA. On this day, a pooja was conducted invoking the blessings of Almighty as SYMA would be independently running the medical centre and diagnostic lab. We will continue to enjoy the support of Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust and the guidance of Dr Sridhar. The medical centre will henceforth be known as “Sri Sankara SYMA Medical Centre”.

For continued running of the Centre, we require dedicated individuals and financial assistance. We look forward to you all in providing them as you have done in the past.

## HOW RICH ARE CRICKETERS?

The Second version of the financial extravaganza which no longer is a cricketing phenomenon is about to begin in an alien land. It rewarded players, administrators, brand owners and many others especially those connected with advertising and media world. The Organisers of IPL flaunted their might against the politicians at the time of country's general elections. In economics, inflation is a rise in the general level of prices of goods and services in an economy whilst recession is a general slowdown in economic activity.

When unemployment and recession are talked all around, the second round of IPL auction astonished many with astronomical prices for KP & Flintoff. Sports especially cricket has changed the perspective of many youngsters. Everyone knows how much money the modern day star with little credential rakes in. Anybody in the national reckoning is an instant celebrity and would endorse many products. If you are fascinated about the money a player can make, please read on this story about a player who rubbed shoulders with the only inductee from kiwiland to ICC Hall of Fame. This hard working, accurate fast medium is named Ewen Chatfield who had an unforgettable Test debut against England at Auckland way back in 1974-75 for all wrong reasons. He represented NZ in 45 tests and in 114 ODIs and took more than 100 wickets in each form. Though overshadowed by the illustrious Sir Richard Hadlee, he nevertheless formed an effective an opening partnership with him for a decade. In 1987-88 against England, Chatfield took 13 wickets at only 15 runs apiece. He was awarded an MBE for his services to cricket. He toured India during 1987 and was infact the final victim of Chetan Sharma's hat-trick and was hit all over for 39 in 4.1 overs in the same match. **This story certainly is not about his exploits on the field but the life he lives today and his maverick approach to life.**

After long years of cricket at the highest level, he retired in 1989, coached some minor teams, was a lawn mower, did odd jobs and now works 13 hours a day driving a taxi. A great cricketer living as a taxi driver? Can that be thought of in this cricket crazy nation?? That is a fact of life at Wellington where he lives. In his playing days he had tresses of unruly hair, long side burns and big moustache.

After some achievements on field, this man is not sad but satisfied man without any complaints. On field he played gently and perhaps lives life the same way. It is truly a story of somebody living an extraordinary life in a normal manner. Cricketers are called gentlemen and men like Chatfield are truly one.

## SYMA AGM AND ELECTIONS

SYMA is founded on the basic tenets of love for mankind, promotion of peace & human brotherhood without any discrimination. The strong and lofty fundamentals have enabled us to withstand the test of time for more than three decades. We at SYMA believe that Duty is not for reward and we serve the society as the rain cloud does to the world without thinking of any recompense. We have always had strong and service minded office bearers who have worked tirelessly for the betterment of the society.

We do not rest on our laurels and seek improvements by young blood and fresh ideas. **Our Annual General Body Meeting is slated on 3.5.2009 at N.K.T. National Boys High School, T.P. Koil Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005** to transact : Presentation of Annual Report ; Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts; Appointment of Auditors; Election of Office Bearers. Separate Notice is being circulated to all members and all of you are invited to actively take part .

Our primary ideals of service to humanity and uplifting the society will continue unflustered irrespective of any change in guard and the elders will continue to guide the youngsters in pursuit of noble goals.

### OBITUARY

Our Member **R. Jagannatha Iyengar** (85) passed away on 19.2.2009. His energy and unbound enthusiasm for social service was enviable. We remember him as a School Master of Hindu High School. Age did not wither him. The untimely death of his only son J Sridhar in a tragic accident in 1985 also did not dither him and he remained active till he breathed his last. He actively organised Scouts, Brahmin Association besides taking part in all our activities. In his passing away, we have lost a dedicated person who has guided us.

**Sri C.V. Parthasarathy** (F/o C.P. Rangarajan and C.P. Sridhar) passed away on 12.01.2009. He was 89. An ex-Burma-shell employee, he distinguished as a player and Umpire. He was part of TCC which won the coveted Palayampatti shield continuously for 5 years. Prior to Independence, this lanky pacer played along side M.J. Gopalan, C.R. Rangachari and Johnston representing the combined Madras city. Though very talented he could not break into national reckoning. He was a very friendly person and Triplicane youngsters benefitted immensely by his analytical views.

**BLISS mourns the death of two doyens of Triplicane.**

**Ans :** It is the river referred as Vriddh Ganga / Dakshin Ganga – Godavari – originates in the Western Ghats, flows eastwardly across the Deccan Plateau through the States of Maharashtra and Andhra. Nearer destination, at Rajahmundry the river splits into two streams forming a very fertile delta. On the banks of this river is located Nasik, Triyambak and Bhadrachalam. Some of its tributaries include Indravati River, Pranahita, Manjira, Bindusara and Sabari kinnerasani. The Asia's largest rail-come-road bridge on the river Godavari linking Kovvur and Rajahmundry is considered to be an engineering feat. The length of the new Railway bridge is 2730 meters, has 28 bow string arch girders with equal spans of 97.5 m. The bridge is considered to be fit for 250 kmph services.

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